TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES, MINOR

Program Description

The minor in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) provides students, regardless of academic major, with basic professional knowledge and skills in the teaching of English as a second language (ESL) in adult programs in the United States and English-as-a-foreign-language (EFL) in settings abroad. It is also excellent preparation for graduate work in TESOL and Applied Linguistics.

The program of study includes an introduction to the study of language use, culture, and social interaction from a variety of perspectives, to the role of English in globalization processes and to how globalization changes the structure, norms, and usage of English. It also provides students with an overview of current theories and practices in the teaching of English language and culture, and practical experiences in and basic tools for planning, delivering, and evaluating instruction.

Individuals who obtain a minor in TESOL may participate in one of the teaching exchanges sponsored by the Department of Applied Linguistics upon graduation. They may also find teaching positions in private language institutes or as private language tutors in the United States and abroad as well as through organizations such as the Peace Corps and the Fulbright Exchange.

This minor does not duplicate other undergraduate degree programs within the department, college or University. It may be pursued concurrently with any undergraduate major.

Program Requirements

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The minor consists of 18 credit hours. All students are required to take four three-credit courses, for a total of 12 credits in the study of language use, culture and interaction, English as a global language, functional grammar and teaching methods.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You enjoy working with people from other cultures and language backgrounds.
- You want to go abroad, join the Peace Corps, apply for a Fulbright Exchange Program or Critical Languages Scholarship.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information need to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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Career Paths
The TESOL Minor provides you with foundational knowledge, skills, and experiences for teaching English with adult English language learners in programs in the U.S. and around the world. These programs may be offered by literacy councils, non-profit or government organizations at the local, state, national or international level, public and private schools, faith-based groups, and other community-based organizations. The TESOL Minor is also excellent preparation for graduate work in TESOL and Applied Linguistics.

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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (http://aplng.la.psu.edu/programs/m-a-tesl-degree)

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