

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a 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.

What is Teaching English To Speakers of Other Languages?

The Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Minor prepares you to teach adult English language learners (ELLs) in the U.S. and abroad. Through the coursework and hands-on experiences, you get the practical knowledge and skills you need to work with culturally and linguistically diverse adults in entry-level teaching and tutoring opportunities. As a speaker of English, regardless of where you go or why you go there, you may be asked to teach or tutor ELLs. The TESOL Minor can be a valuable addition to any major as you can from this list of majors our TESOL Minor students represent: Anthropology Arts and Architecture Asian Studies Community, Education and Development Communication Sciences and Disorders Education and Public Policy English Journalism Psychology We would like to add your major to our list!

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.

- You want to work with adult English language learners in the U.S. or overseas.