



Are You Interested in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)?

Start Your Journey Here!

TESOL Certificate at SOU

Who should consider this TESOL certificate?

Our TESOL certificate was designed for *all majors* at the *undergraduate* and *graduate* levels. It is also available to community members as a stand-alone certificate from SOU.

How will this certificate prepare you to teach English to speakers of other languages?

The TESOL certificate promotes global engagement, awareness, and cultural competency through exploring the world, teaching in global contexts, and interacting with people from culturally and linguistically diverse populations. In earning this high quality TESOL certificate, you will:

- Examine the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse learners
- Devise lesson plans with clear, developmentally appropriate goals
- Learn methods for teaching reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- Explore best practices for teaching in a linguistically and culturally diverse world
- Engage in hands-on field experiences

What can you do with a TESOL certificate from SOU?

The TESOL certificate from SOU will prepare you to teach English in multicultural settings, engage in volunteer opportunities in the US and abroad, and teach in literacy programs.

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SOU TESOL Certificate

Program of Study (28-29 credits)

Next offered

ENG 395 or ENG 492/592	Spring 2022	Principles of English Grammar or Structure of the English Language	4
ENG 487 / 587	Winter 2022	TESOL: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	4
ED 444 / 544A	Fall 2021	English Language Development: Curriculum and Pedagogy	4
ED 445 / 545A	Winter 2022	1st and 2nd Language Acquisition and the Impacts of Culture	4
ED 450 / 550	Spring 2022	Teaching and Working in Global Contexts	4
ED 409 / 509	Any Term	Practicum/Field Experience	1
		Electives (see below)	7-8
TOTAL			28-29

Undergraduate-level electives (7-8 credits) from:

Designated courses in English, Education, Communication, International Studies, Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology, History or Spanish. See advisor for a comprehensive list of course titles.

Graduate-level electives (7-8 credits) from:

ENG 572- Introductory Methods for Teaching Writing, ENG 590 - The English Language, ENG 591 - History of the English Language, ED 515 Critical Issues in Education, ED 560 Diversity, ED 522 Curriculum Design and Educational Change, ED 595 Models of Professional Ethics and Leadership, ED 528B Special Methods: Foreign Languages.

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SOU TESOL Certificate: Frequently Asked Questions

1) I took some of the required courses at SOU in the past. Can those courses be retroactively applied to this certificate?

Yes. Current students and alumni who took some of the required courses in the past can have those courses retroactively applied to this certificate. Undergraduate courses can always be retroactively applied; graduate courses must have been taken within the last ten years.

2) I already hold a BA (or an MA). Should I apply for the TESOL certificate at the undergraduate or graduate level?

It's up to you. However, all courses in your certificate program must be taken at the same level (graduate or undergraduate); you may not "mix and match" course levels.

3) Where will this certificate qualify me to teach?

This certificate will help you develop skills, knowledge, and confidence to teach and work in a variety of multicultural settings both here in the US and overseas. It is not a teaching license, so it does not qualify you to teach in public schools in the US.

4) What is the difference between the ESOL endorsement and the TESOL certificate?

Both programs provide you with tools to successfully work with people from diverse cultures and languages. An ESOL endorsement prepares teachers to teach students whose language is other than English, and is attached to an Oregon K-12 teaching license. This TESOL certificate is not officially part of a teaching license and is designed more for teaching English internationally. If you have earned the ESOL endorsement, you have already completed much of the TESOL certificate coursework. Likewise, by completing the TESOL certificate you will have a good start on the ESOL endorsement. (For more information about ESOL endorsement, contact Dr. Gerald McCain: mccaing@sou.edu.)

5) Do I have to take the courses in a particular order?

You can take the courses in any order you choose. The practicum should be completed toward the end of the certificate program.

6) Is the certificate externally accredited?

SOU's TESOL certificate has been officially approved by Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission. It was designed to align closely with the standards of the TESOL International Association, but it is not accredited by that organization.

7) Am I eligible for financial aid to earn this certificate?

If you're pursuing the certificate while enrolled in a degree program, you may be eligible for financial aid. Financial aid is not currently available for the stand-alone certificate.

8) Do I have to apply for admission at SOU?

If you are not currently enrolled in a degree program, you will need to apply and meet SOU's basic admissions requirements. When you apply for admission, select the TESOL Certificate Program, at the undergraduate or graduate level.

9) How much does the certificate cost?

Regular per-credit undergraduate and graduate tuition rates apply to all courses in this certificate program.