

On-Campus Certificate in TESL

Purpose: The Certificate in TESL is a professional credential intended to provide a foundation for teaching English as a second or foreign language in non-public school settings. It is designed for undergraduate students and graduate students in UIUC degree programs.

Language Requirement: The candidate must be either a native speaker of English, or a non-native speaker of English who has taken the Illinois English Placement Test and completed all language courses required by the test. See [Illinois English Placement Test \(EPT\)](#).

Program Requirements: The certificate consists of six courses, three of which are required, and three of which are elective, chosen from a pool of EIL and LING options. Except for the introduction to linguistics, only EIL courses satisfy course requirements; no equivalencies with other courses will be considered. Students must maintain a B average or better (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) for all UIUC courses in order to receive the certificate.

Required (3)	Elective (3)
Introduction to Linguistics Ling 100 (undergraduate students only) OR Ling 400 OR EIL 486 (online Summer 2)	Engl Grammar for ESL Teachers EIL 422 (& online Fall 2014)
Theoretical Foundations of SLA LING 489 (& online Summer 2)	Second Lang Reading & Writing EIL 445
Intro to TESL Methodology EIL 411 (& online Summer 2)	Lang in Social Interaction - I EIL 456
	Principles of Lang Testing EIL 460
	Technology for Language Teaching EIL 487 (& online Summer 2, 2014)
	Engl Phon & Morph for TESL EIL 488

Award Conferred: Certificate candidates are awarded a certificate from the Department of Linguistics, signed by the Department Head and the Program Director.

A. Certificate in TESL for Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate students may pursue the Certificate in TESL as a stand-alone certificate, through a Minor in ESL or Teacher Education Minor in ESL, or through a specialization in TESL as part of a Major in Linguistics.

Declaring a Minor: The undergraduate candidate pursuing the Certificate via a Minor in ESL must declare a Minor in ESL at the beginning of course work for the minor. See <http://www.provost.illinois.edu/programs/advising/declare.html> for the form.

Undergraduates pursuing a Certificate in TESL via a **Major in Linguistics** are advised

to contact the Program Director at the beginning of course work for the Certificate.

Total Credit Hours: 18 credit hours. Completion of the three required and three elective courses listed above satisfies course requirements for the stand-alone Certificate. Completion of the Minor in ESL satisfies course requirements for the Certificate. Completion of requirements of the Certificate in TESL satisfies course requirements for a specialization in TESL within the Major in Linguistics.

Course Availability: Required and elective courses listed above are available each fall and spring semester on campus. EIL 486 - *Linguistics for Language Teachers*, offered online during Summer 2 session, will satisfy the requirement for an introduction to linguistics. EIL 411, EIL 422, EIL 456, EIL 460, EIL 487, EIL 488, and LING 489 are also online at different times. To learn more about online courses, follow this link:

<http://www.linguistics.illinois.edu/students/courses/documents/EILCoursesOnline-Master.pdf>.

Applying for the Certificate: The candidate must submit the following to the Program Director (contact information below):

- a. An official UIUC transcript showing the award of the baccalaureate degree and completion of all requirements for the Certificate in TESL
- b. E-mail address
- c. Phone number
- d. Name as the candidate wishes it to appear on the certificate
- e. Address to which the certificate and letter of completion will be mailed
- f. Major department
- g. Advisor for the Minor in ESL (for those who complete the Minor in ESL)

B. Certificate in TESL for Graduate Students

Graduate students in a UIUC degree program may pursue a Certificate in TESL concurrently with their primary degree work.

Total Credit Hours: 20-24 hours. Students who have completed an introduction to linguistics course before starting the Certificate program may offer that course to satisfy the introduction to linguistics requirement. A transcript showing the course (completed within five years of starting the Certificate) and a syllabus of the course must be submitted to the Program Director for consideration before beginning the Certificate coursework. If the course is accepted, five courses (20 credit hours) remain to be completed. Otherwise, students may take either LING 400 on campus or EIL 486 - *Linguistics for Language Teachers*, offered online during Summer 2 session, to satisfy the introduction to linguistics requirement.

Course Availability: Required and elective courses listed above are available each long semester on campus. Many of these courses are also available online. For information about online course offerings, please see [this listing](#).

Program Length: Students can finish the certificate in ten months by taking courses on the UIUC campus in Fall and Spring semesters.

Most UIUC EIL and LING courses completed as part of the certificate (and not used for another degree) may be applied to meet course requirements for the Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language in the Department of Linguistics at UIUC. Contact the Program Director for details.

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