

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MA)

This program is offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. It is available online, at the St. Louis main campus and at select international campuses. ^ Please see the Campus Locations and Offerings section of this catalog for a list of campuses where this program is offered.

Program Description

The master of arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages (MA in TESOL) at Webster University is designed for individuals who seek to develop the English skills of non-native and multilingual speakers living in either English-speaking or non-English-speaking communities. The program allows candidates to develop a solid theoretical background in critical aspects such as culture, language structure, first and second language acquisition theory, curriculum and materials development, teaching methodology, assessment and research, while preparing them to become effective language teachers.

The MA in TESOL has three emphases:

- **ESL/EFL education emphasis** – designed to meet the needs of future educators of adults in the United States and/or teaching English as a foreign language overseas. In this case, prior teaching experience is not required.
- **International education emphasis** – designed for current and future teachers of English in settings outside of the United States. In this case, prior teaching experience is not required.
- **K-12 English language learner (ELL) education emphasis**

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MA)

- TESL 5220 Lesson Planning and Curriculum Development for Language Classrooms* (3 hours)
- TESL 5311 Language Assessment* (3 hours)
- TESL 5350 Sociolinguistics* (3 hours)
- TESL 5710 Teaching English Grammar
or TESL 5720 Teaching English Pronunciation (3 hours)
- Three credit hours of Practicum selected from:
 - TESL 5040 Practicum in English Language Classrooms (taken at the end of the program)* (1-3 hours)
 - TESL 5041 Tutoring in English (1 hour)
 - TESL 5042 Initial Practicum in English Language Classrooms (1 hour)

***Course contains a summative assessment for data collection purposes.**

Electives (9 credit hours)

- TESL 5710 Teaching English Grammar (3 hours)
- TESL 5720 Teaching English Pronunciation (3 hours)
- TESL 5730 Materials Development in Language Classrooms (3 hours)
- TESL 5750 Special Institute in TESOL (3 hours)
- TESL 5200 Independent Study (3 hours)
- TESL 6250 Thesis (3-12 hours)
and TESL 6900 University Thesis Requirement (0 hours)
- COMM 5199 Teaching Writing (3 hours)

International Education Emphasis

33 Credit Hours

Required Courses (24 credit hours)

- TESL 5030 Linguistics for Language Learning and Teaching* (3 hours)
- TESL 5230 Theories of Foreign and Second Language Acquisition* (3 hours)
- TESL 5139 Instructional Methods for Language Classrooms* (3 hours)
- TESL 5220 Lesson Planning and Curriculum Development for Language Classrooms* (3 hours)
- TESL 5311 Language Assessment* (3 hours)
- TESL 5350 Sociolinguistics* (3 hours)
- TESL 5710 Teaching English Grammar (3 hours)
- Three credit hours of Practicum selected from:
 - TESL 5040 Practicum in English Language Classrooms (taken at the end of the program)* (1-3 hours)
 - TESL 5041 Tutoring in English (1 hour)
 - TESL 5042 Initial Practicum in English Language Classrooms (1 hour)

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Electives (9 credit hours)

- TESL 5730 Materials Development in Language Classrooms (3 hours)
- TESL 5740 Teaching English for Academic Purposes (3 hours)
- TESL 5750 Special Institute in TESOL (3 hours)
- TESL 5760 Teaching English for Specific Purposes (3 hours)
- TESL 5200 Independent Study (3 hours)
- TESL 6250 Thesis (3-12 hours)
and TESL 6900 University Thesis Requirements (0 hours)

K-12 ELL Education Emphasis

33 Credit Hours

Required Courses (24 credit hours)

- TESL 5030 Linguistics for Language Learning and Teaching* (3 hours)
- TESL 5230 Theories of Foreign and Second Language Acquisition* (3 hours)
- TESL 5139 Instructional Methods for Language Classrooms* (3 hours)
- TESL 5220 Lesson Planning and Curriculum Development for Language Classrooms* (3 hours)
- TESL 5311 Language Assessment* (3 hours)
- TESL 5350 Sociolinguistics* (3 hours)
- TESL 5730 Materials Development in Language Classrooms (3 hours)
- Three credit hours of Practicum selected from:
 - TESL 5040 Practicum in English Language Classrooms (taken at the end of the program)* (1-3 hours)
 - TESL 5041 Tutoring in English (1 hour)
 - TESL 5042 Initial Practicum in English Language Classrooms (1 hour)

***Course contains a key assessment for data collection purposes.**

Electives (9 credit hours)

- COMM 5199 Teaching Writing
- TESL 5710 Teaching English Grammar (3 hours)
- TESL 5720 Teaching English Pronunciation (3 hours)
- TESL 5730 Materials Development in Language Classrooms (3 hours)
- TESL 5750 Special Institute in TESOL (3 hours)
- TESL 5200 Independent Study (3 hours)
- TESL 6250 Thesis (3-12 hours)
and TESL 6900 University Thesis Requirements (0 hours)
- COMM 5820 Foundations in Reading Instruction (3 hours)
- SPED 5318 Global Issues in Special Education (3 hours)

Missouri ELL Certification

21 Credit Hours

All students pursuing the Missouri ELL certification or the Webster TEFL certificate will be considered degree-seeking students and will have the option to pursue one of the MA in TESOL tracks within 5 years from the start of their TESOL coursework.

Missouri English Language Learner (ELL) Certification is granted by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Webster University is authorized to provide coursework required for ELL Certification, but students must submit their transcripts to DESE upon completion of coursework to request their ELL Certification. In addition to the 21 credit hours listed below as required courses, DESE also requires the completion of three prerequisite courses, which Webster University offers as SPED 5860 Psychology of the Exceptional Child, CMAT 5380 Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Areas, and CMAT 5390 Differentiated Reading and Writing in the Content Areas. Students pursuing Missouri ELL Certification will have their transcripts reviewed to determine if they need to complete any of these three prerequisite courses. Beginning September 1, 2024, DESE will begin to require that teachers who seek Missouri ELL Certification also present a passing score on the Praxis (test code 5362).

Required courses (21 credit hours)

