

Requirements: M.A. in TESL

A minimum of 33 semester hours (excluding credits earned to satisfy the language requirement or optional teaching certification) is required for the Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language.

Of the minimum of 33 semester hours required for the degree, at least 24 must be earned while enrolled in residence at UI.

Of the 33 credits, 21 credits are to include:

- ENGL 510: Second Language Acquisition
- ENGL 510: Descriptive Linguistics
- ENGL 513: ESL Methods I
- ENGL 515: ESL Teaching Practicum
- ENGL 517: Introduction to Applied Linguistics
- ENGL 518: English Grammar
- ENGL 544: Sociolinguistics

Additionally, 12 credits are to be taken from approved electives in English. At least 21 credits must be earned in courses numbered 500 and above. These can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ENGL 442: Introduction to English Syntax
- ENGL 448: Psycholinguistics
- ENGL 496: History of the English Language
- ENGL 505: Composition Pedagogy and Practice
- ENGL 506: Rhetoric and Composition
- ENGL 516: Intercultural Communication
- ENGL 507: Phonetics and Phonology
- ENGL 598: Internship ALCP
- ENGL 599: Internship - Research

TESL students will write either a thesis in addition to 27 credits of classes or take 33 credits of classes. Students who do not elect to write a thesis must complete a non-thesis option.

Native speakers of English in the TESL program must complete or have completed two years of college work (or its equivalent) in a modern foreign language. They must have studied a foreign language for at least one semester (or equivalent) within the preceding five years. Non-native speakers of English are excused from this requirement.

In the second year, candidates who elect to not write a thesis will take a comprehensive examination.