
TESOL at UNI

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What is TESOL?

- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- TESOL practitioners in the US are sometimes known as English Language Learner (ELL) teachers
 - n.b. We like to use the terms “multilingual student” or “emergent bilingual” to emphasize these individuals’ strengths rather than deficits.
- TESOL researchers focus on how second and additional languages are learned, best practices in language classrooms, and language teaching policy

What can TESOL graduates do?

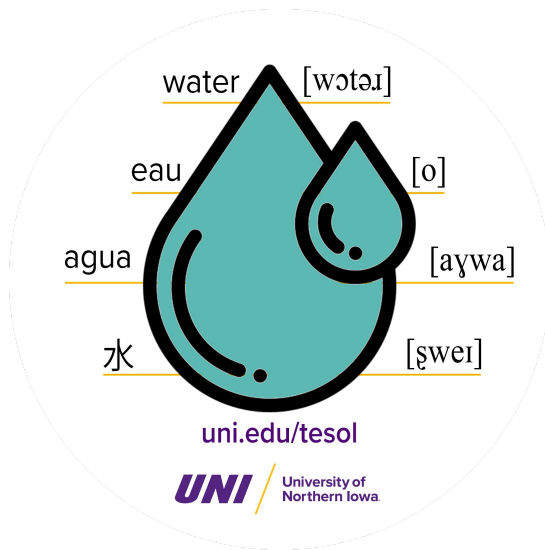
- Work as English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers in the US
 - State licensure is only needed to teach in the US in K-12 settings.
- Work as English as a Foreign Language (EFL) teachers abroad
- Serve in non-profit organizations that focus on immigrants
- Work in language testing and assessment
- Go into administration/educational leadership
- Go to graduate school in a variety of areas in education and applied linguistics

Who is a good fit for TESOL?

- A passion for teaching is a given. TESOL may be a good fit for those who
 - like studying Language
 - like learning languages
 - are fascinated by other cultures
 - like to learn about the rest of the world
 - want to travel the world while teaching English
 - care about human rights and advocacy
 - feel passionate about immigrant children

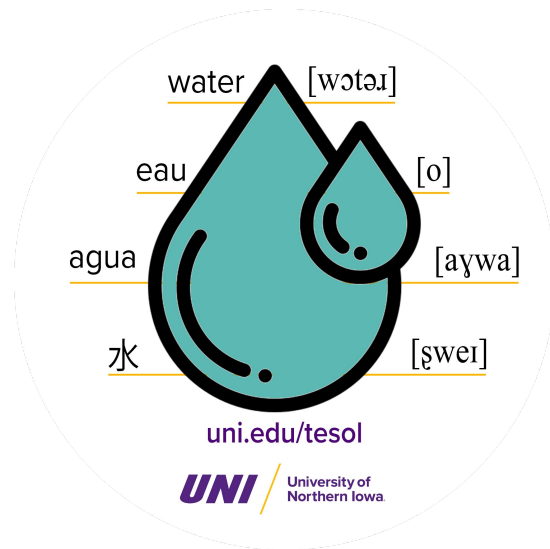
The TESOL Program - Undergraduate

- Majors
 - TESOL
 - TESOL-Teaching
 - TESOL/Spanish Teaching
- Minors
 - TESOL
 - TESOL-Teaching (ESL endorsement; more on coming up)
- Certificates
 - TESOL
 - Linguistics



The TESOL Program - Graduate

- In-person
 - MA TESOL/Applied Linguistics
 - MA TESOL/Spanish
 - MA TESOL/French
- Online
 - MA TESOL/Applied Linguistics
 - ESL Endorsement



A sneak peek into the content

- Some undergraduate courses I have taught
 - TESOL 2015 Language Today
 - TESOL 4340 English Grammar: Form and Function
 - TESOL 4510 Language Development
 - TESOL 4520 Cultural Aspects of Language and Language Teaching
- Some graduate courses I have taught
 - TESOL 5350 Phonetics, Phonology and Language Teaching
 - TESOL 6100 Introduction to Graduate Study in Applied Linguistics/TESOL
 - TESOL 6289 Graduate Seminar: Interlanguage Pragmatics

**Teaching majors who want to focus on something else
can get endorsements from us!**

START HERE

I want to teach English Learners.

All schools in the U.S. enroll students who are learning English and speak other languages. Iowa currently has a shortage of teachers who specialize in teaching these students.

I want to teach in a Dual Language School.

There are many programs in the U.S. where curriculum is taught in two languages. The most common programs in Iowa are Spanish/English Dual Immersion Schools. These programs require teachers to have an elementary education certification and be able to communicate in two languages (e.g., English/Spanish).

I want to teach a World Language.

World language teachers work with students who are learning languages like Spanish and French as an additional language.

Roads to Endorsement K-12 ESL

Minors:
TESOL Teaching

Double Major:
Your major + TESOL Teaching
Your major + TESOL/Spanish Teaching

Roads to Endorsement K-12 ESL, 5-12 French, 5-12 Spanish

Minors:
TESOL Teaching
Spanish Teaching

Credit Hours:
French

Double Major:
Your major + Spanish Teaching
Your major + TESOL/Spanish Teaching

Roads to Endorsement 5-12 French, 5-12 Spanish

Minors:
Spanish Teaching

Credit Hours:
French

Double Major:
Your major + Spanish Teaching

GRADUATION

Your future / Tu futuro / Ton avenir

TESOL Teaching

The K-12 ESL endorsement is acquired through the TESOL Teaching minor, TESOL Teaching major, and TESOL/Spanish Teaching major.

The TESOL Teaching minor must be added to a teaching major in another content area.

Spanish Teaching

The 5-12 Spanish endorsement is acquired through the Spanish Teaching minor, the Spanish Teaching major, and the TESOL/Spanish Teaching major.

The Spanish Teaching minor must be added to a teaching major in another content area.

TESOL/Spanish Teaching

Both the K-12 ESL endorsement and the 5-12 Spanish endorsement are acquired through the TESOL/Spanish Teaching major.

French

The 5-12 French endorsement is acquired by -

- Pursuing a teaching major in another content area
- Completing 24 credit hours of French
- Completing 1 TESOL/World Languages methods course (which can also be applied towards majors and minors in TESOL or Spanish)

Heritage Speakers of French & Spanish

Did you grow up speaking French or Spanish? This means you are a heritage speaker!

Heritage speakers can take specially designated 3000-level courses in French or Spanish and receive 15 retro credits toward the Spanish major/minor or French endorsement.

CONTACT US



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There's a scholarship currently available to teaching majors who'd like to get an ESL endorsement!

ESL Endorsement

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

SCHOLARSHIP

Full tuition - TESOL Teaching Minor

\$6800

18 credits



10 scholarships will be awarded. Priority for this scholarship will be given to elementary and secondary teacher education students who would like to add an ESL endorsement for the State of Iowa by completing the TESOL Teaching Minor. Recipients must complete TESOL Teaching Minor coursework between Fall 2024 - Spring 2026. This scholarship can ONLY be applied to the courses in the [TESOL Teaching Minor](#).

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DEADLINE

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Any questions?

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