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!
Your Road Map to Language Teaching Endorsements for Education Majors

**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**
- Minor: TESOL Teaching
- Double Major: Your major + TESOL Teaching
  - Your major + TESOL/Spanish Teaching

**K-12 ESL, S-12 French, S-12 Spanish**
- Minor: TESOL Teaching
  - Spanish Teaching
- Credit Hours: French
- Double Major: Your major + Spanish Teaching
  - Your major + TESOL/Spanish Teaching

**S-12 French, S-12 Spanish**
- Minor: Spanish Teaching
- Credit Hours: French
- Double Major: Your major + Spanish Teaching

**GRADUATION**

Your future / Tu futuro / Ten 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 S-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.

**French**
- The S-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 specialty 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!
Any questions?

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