TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

With over 500 graduates in the past ten years, UAB’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program guides educators to become skilled and effective at teaching English to speakers of other languages. Within its master’s degree, the traditional and alternative tracks lead to PK-12 certification in ESL as well as dual certification in ESL and either Spanish or French. Its third track, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), prepares candidates for teaching English to adults locally and abroad. Also available is an Educational Specialist degree in TESOL. This program’s learner-centered curriculum features online courses, professional learning communities, blended evening classes, Saturday classes, summer institutes, summer internships, and community outreach.

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**Information Sessions**
Informational sessions are held each Monday at 4:00 P.M. for students looking to pursue graduate studies in English as a Second Language.
All sessions are held in:
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**Application Process**
Application is made through the UAB Graduate School online at uab.edu/graduate

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## Master's Traditional Track

- **Goal:** Effectively teach English Learners
- **Targeted Certification:** Class A
- **Admission Test:** MAT or GRE
- **Concentration:** ESL
- **Prerequisite:** Class B Certification in any Field

### Courses (33 Credit Hours):
- Second Language Acquisition
- Grammar and Linguistics for ESL Teachers
- Phonology for Second Language Teachers
- Teaching English in a Global Context
- Teaching Adult Language Learners
- Methods Teaching English as Int’l Language
- Instruction & Assessment: Reading/Writing
- Instruction & Assessment: Listening/Speaking
- Field Studies, Practicum Seminar, & Practicum

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## Master's Alternative Track

- **Goal:** Enter teaching profession for Grades PK-12
- **Targeted Certification:** Alternative Class A (PK-12)
- **Prerequisite:** UC Degree with 2.75 GPA
- **Concentration:** ESL
- **Prerequisite Courses:** None

### Courses (43 Credit Hours):
- All Courses in Traditional Track (Except Last Two) Plus:
  - Foreign Language Methods
  - 12 Graduate Hours in Spanish or French

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## Master's TESOL Track

- **Goal:** Teach ESL to adults, locally and abroad
- **Prerequisite:** UC Degree with 2.5 GPA
- **Admission Test:** MAT or GRE

### Courses (33 Credit Hours):
- Second Language Acquisition
- Grammar and Linguistics for ESL Teachers
- Phonology for Second Language Teachers
- Teaching English in a Global Context
- Teaching Adult Language Learners
- Methods Teaching English as Int’l Language
- Instruction & Assessment: Reading/Writing
- Instruction & Assessment: Listening/Speaking
- Field Studies, Practicum Seminar, & Practicum

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## Educational Specialist (EDS)

- **Goal:** Enhance teaching and leadership skills
- **Admission Test:** MAT or GRE
- **Concentration:** Teacher Certification
- **Prerequisite:** Class A Certification in ESOL
- **Targeted Certification:** Class AA in ESOL

### Courses (30 Credit Hours):
- Instruction & Assessment: Reading/Writing
- Instruction & Assessment: Listening/Speaking
- Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Instruction
- Intro to Teacher Leadership
- Analysis & Evaluation of Teaching
- Intro to Educational Research Design
- 4 Elective Courses (2 ESL, 1 Research, 1 Other)

### Concentration: Non-Certification

- **Prerequisite Courses (If Not Already Taken):** Second Language Acquisition and ESL Internship

### Courses (30 Credit Hours):
- 5 Courses in ESL
- 2 Courses in Research
- 3 Elective Courses
- TESOL Residency
- Capstone: Thesis, Submitted Manuscript or 6 Additional Credit Hours

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## Master's TESOL Track

- **Goal:** Teach ESL to adults, locally and abroad
- **Prerequisite:** UC Degree with 2.5 GPA
- **Admission Test:** MAT or GRE

### Courses (33 Credit Hours):
- Second Language Acquisition
- Grammar and Linguistics for ESL Teachers
- Phonology for Second Language Teachers
- Teaching ESL in a Multicultural Society
- Methods & Materials for Teaching ESL
- Teaching ESL Through Reading & Writing
- Research in ESL, Internship
- Language Development, and an Elective

## Master's TESOL Track

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- **Admission Test:** MAT or GRE

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