

M.A. IN TESOL

The TESOL degree prepares students for teaching English to speakers of other languages in a variety of settings both here and abroad: a) English as a Second Language (ESL) in community colleges, b) ESL in adult programs, c) ESL in community-based organizations (e.g., refugee programs, job training), d) ESL or English for Specific Purposes (ESP) in college undergraduate programs or intensive English programs, e) ESP in industry, f) English as a Foreign Language (EFL) for foreign students, and g) EFL overseas. In addition, students may go on to pursue further degrees in TESOL or applied linguistics.

Requirements for Admission to Conditionally Classified Standing

Students holding an accredited Baccalaureate degree and who otherwise satisfy the admissions requirements for the Graduate School of San José State University are eligible for admission as a "conditionally classified student." In the case of students with Baccalaureate degrees from a university where English is not the principal language of instruction, this includes a minimum TOEFL score of 90 IBT (or 577 in the paper and pencil test). Students must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units.

Students admitted as "conditionally classified" may complete the requirements for classified standing after admission to the program; however, no more than twelve (12) units completed before the semester in which classified standing is attained may count towards the M.A. degree.

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Requirements for Admission to Candidacy

In addition to the Academic Requirements in the Graduate Catalog, candidates must have demonstrated competency in written English. This is a university requirement for candidacy which must be satisfied by successfully completing LLD 250W with a grade of "B" or better (one of the core courses).

Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree in TESOL

Students are required to complete a total of 30 units, and must pass a comprehensive examination or complete a MA Thesis. Units to be counted toward the M.A. degree may not include more than nine (9) units transferred from other institutions or taken through Open University. Students have the option of completing the M.A. TESOL under one of two plans.

Plan A: (Thesis Option). Completion of 30 units (27 core units; 3 units of 298/299). The thesis option allows a student to pursue research in an area of common interest to the student and a faculty member. A thesis proposal may grow out of a course or be developed in a LLD 298, and must be approved by the student's Thesis Committee. LLD 299 then serves as an opportunity to implement the thesis proposal. See Catalog for details.

Plan B: Completion of 30 units (27 core units; 3 elective units); passing of a comprehensive examination.

Degree course requirements are as follows:

LLD 250W	Advanced Academic English	3 units (required for advancement to candidacy)
LLD 260	English Structures for Teaching I	3 units (LING 107; LING 101-prereqs)
LLD 261	English Structures for Teaching II	3 units (LLD 260-prereq)
LLD 270	Second Language Acquisition	3 units
LLD 271	Intercultural Communication and SLA	3 units
LLD 280	Methods and Materials for TESOL	3 units
LLD 282	Practicum in TESOL	3 units
LLD 283	Curriculum and Assessment in TESOL	3 units
LLD 293	Teaching College-level Reading and Writing	3 units
1 elective or		
LLD 298/299	Individual Studies/Thesis	1-3 units

The 3 units of elective may be selected from the following:

LING 111	Introduction to Phonetics
LING 112	Introduction to Syntax
LING 113	Introduction to Phonology
LING 114	Introduction to Semantics and Discourse
LING 125	Introduction to Historical-Comparative Linguistics
LING 161	Psycholinguistics
LING 162	Introduction to Morphology
LING 166	Sociolinguistics
LING 201	Phonology: Theory and Application
LING 202A	Advanced Syntax
LING 203	Semantics
LING 213	Linguistic Field Methods

Courses from other departments may be used as electives, with graduate advisor approval.

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