Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TSL) - Courses

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Courses

+TSL 200 Cr.1

Introduction to English Language Learners and Advocacy
In this course, students develop their understanding of and sensitivity to cultural diversity in the United States through the study of English learners (ELs) in public schools. Course topics include discovery of who ELs are, their educational rights, special challenges they may face in schools, and how to address those challenges. Students engage in inquiry-based learning as they ask essential questions about linguistic diversity, education, and educating a multilingual society. Students also learn to evaluate school environments for ELs, and practice skills needed to advocate for ELs. Students apply their knowledge through case studies, role plays, and online and face-to-face discussions. Seven-week course. Prerequisite: EDS 203 or EDS 206 recommended. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring.

TSL 340 Cr.3

The Study of Language
This course offers an introduction to the study and nature of human language. Students investigate the structure of languages in general. They apply that structure to English and compare it to other languages. Prerequisite: ENG 110 or ENG 112; MLG 204 or a foreign language at the 102 level or higher. Students cannot earn credit in both ENG 331 and TSL 340. Offered Fall.

TSL 345 Cr.3

Intercultural Interactions
In this course, students learn about cultural influences in education and develop their ability to successfully navigate intercultural interactions while working with diverse populations within the United States or internationally. Course topics include definitions of culture, its deep structure and surface level expressions, relationships between culture and language and individual identity, how culture is expressed and transmitted in education, culturally responsive teaching, and intercultural competence. Students compare their own cultural values across diverse groups and learn to apply culturally responsive pedagogy to diverse teaching contexts where they are likely to work in the future. Depending on individual focus, students create a case study or a unit plan focused on teaching culture and improving intercultural interactions. Students leave this course with greater cultural awareness, an understanding of how cultures are learned and taught, especially in educational settings, and the intercultural competence to live and work with those from cultures distinct from their own. Prerequisite: sophomore standing and one of the following: AP foreign language score of 3 or higher; placement into 201-level or higher foreign language course; score 70 or higher on La Crosse Battery (non-native speakers of English); grade "B" or better in 102-level or higher foreign language course taken at UWL (taught in foreign language). Consent of department. Offered Spring.

TSL 350 Cr.1-6

ESL Program Development
This course is designed for teachers or prospective teachers working toward teacher certification or re-certification in ESL. Program topics, which focus on special needs of ESL learners and teachers, include methods, curriculum development, culture, language acquisition, applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, and sociopolitical concerns. Repeatable for credit – maximum 12. Offered Spring.

TSL 400/500 Cr.4

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Policies and Program Models
An introduction to the teaching of English to speakers of other languages (ESOL) in the United States, topics include the history of bilingual and ESOL educational policies and practices in the U.S., historical and current program models for teaching English language learners (ELLs), and content-based instruction. Students learn how to plan for ELL instruction in general education and ESOL classes. In addition, students develop skills to advocate for ELLs in educational settings. This course is taught largely at an undergraduate level. Graduate students will have additional course requirements/expectations. Prerequisite: TSL 345 or ENG 331; junior standing. Offered Fall.

TSL 425 Cr.3

Global Issues in TESOL
The study of global English, cross-cultural second language proficiency standards, and sociopolitical issues related to educational practices. Students explore relationships between teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) and current events in three or more world regions. Prerequisite: admission to teacher education or completion of one course from the following: ANT 196; CST 332; MLG 340; ENG 331, ENG 332, ENG 334; PHL 311; PSY 282, PSY 436; TSL 400. Offered Occasionally.

TSL 450/550 Cr.1-3

TESOL National/International Internship Program
Through the TESOL Internship, TESOL minors gain practical experience tutoring or teaching non-native speakers of English in a variety of settings, including adult literacy programs, after-school enrichment programs, university-level ESL programs, and EFL programs abroad. This course is taught largely at an undergraduate level. Graduate students will have additional course requirements/expectations. Repeatable for credit - maximum three. Prerequisite: junior standing; consent of TESOL director. Consent of instructor. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

TSL 463/563 Cr.3

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Methods
This course increases students’ understanding of techniques and methods to teach English to speakers of other languages (ESOL). Students identify the historical development of approaches and methodologies for teaching ESOL, understand foundational principles of teaching ESOL, and explore individual English language learner (ELL) differences and how to account for these in instruction. Students also further develop the skills to plan instruction, including lesson and unit plans, and master teaching techniques for each of the four skills and grammar. Additionally, students explore materials and technology available for teaching ESOL. This course is taught largely at an undergraduate level. Graduate students will have additional course requirements/expectations. Prerequisite: TSL 345 or ENG 331; junior standing. Offered Spring.
TSL 498 Cr.1-3

Independent Study
Field work, research, individual projects in a specific area related to teaching English to speakers of other languages. Repeatable for credit - maximum six. Prerequisite: junior standing. Consent of instructor. Consent of instructor. Offered Occasionally.