

# TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE MINOR

**Banner Code:** TESL

## Academic Advising

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Website: [english.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-engl-tesl](http://english.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-engl-tesl)

This minor helps prepare undergraduate students to teach non-native speakers of English in the United States or abroad. This course of study combines linguistic theory, second language acquisition theory, and ESL teaching methodology.

The minor may be pursued concurrently with any undergraduate major. English majors concentrating in linguistics can apply up to nine credits in LING used for the major to the TESL minor.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

### Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
LING 306	General Linguistics (Mason Core)	3
LING 307	English Grammar	3
LING 521	Applied Linguistics: Teaching English as a Second Language <sup>1</sup>	3
LING 523	English Phonetics <sup>1</sup>	3
LING 582	Second Language Acquisition <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Credits		15

<sup>1</sup> Students must have approval from the linguistics director to register for 500-level courses.

### Elective

Code	Title	Credits
Select one elective course from the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
Any course in a foreign language beyond the college requirement for the BA degree		
ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core)	
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core)	

ENGH 318	Introduction to Cultural Studies
LING 450	Introduction to Sociolinguistics
LING 485	Semantics and Pragmatics
LING 486	Syntax I
LING 490	Generative Phonology
LING 499	Independent Study
LING 525	Practicum in ESL <sup>2</sup>

Total Credits 3

<sup>1</sup> Other relevant courses may be applied to the minor with the prior written approval of the director.

<sup>2</sup> Students must have approval from the linguistics director to register for 500-level courses.