ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, MA

A candidate for admission to the MA-TESOL degree program must satisfy the minimum conditions for regular admission to the Graduate School (including a grade point average of 3.0 overall and an acceptable score on the general test of the Graduate Record Examination). Each applicant must also submit a sample of his or her academic writing. In addition, those who are not native speakers of English must submit a TOEFL score of at least 100 (iBT) or 600 (PBT); and must submit an audiotape demonstrating their speaking proficiency in English. For those who took the PBT TOEFL, scores on the Test of Spoken English (TSE) and Test of Written English (TWE) are also desirable as part of the application. Students may be required to take appropriate courses in speaking and writing at the English Language Institute. Application materials should be received by January 2 to ensure full consideration for admission for the following fall term; applications received after January 2 will be reviewed for admission, but they may not meet the deadlines for fellowship or assistantship consideration.

Students will be required to complete 30 semester hours for the degree: 24 hours of required courses and 6 hours of department-approved electives or of thesis research.

Students will be required to pass a comprehensive examination at the end of their coursework; the examination is normally given once a year, in February. The examination will cover all the major areas of study.

An optional thesis may be written under the guidance of the TESOL faculty. Please see the Graduate School’s general requirements for the master’s thesis, outlined under Degree Requirements earlier in this catalog.

To earn the degree, native speakers of English must demonstrate proficiency in a second language; students whose native language is not English must demonstrate satisfactory proficiency in spoken and written English.

For further details about the program, visit the departmental website and contact the coordinator of the Applied Linguistics/TESOL program.