Teaching English as a Second Language

Certificate Program

The certificate of completion in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) is offered under the auspices of the Humanities program as an 18credit program of study. It is designed for students who want to teach in situations that **do not** require Wisconsin public school teacher licensure, such as teaching English overseas or in adult literacy programs or tutorial programs sponsored by community service organizations or private companies. It can be a useful complement to training in other areas such as community and regional development, science and technology, or international business — wherever English is an important access language or a medium for training or cross-cultural communication.

This certificate is not equivalent to a professional licensure program for teaching in public elementary or secondary schools in Wisconsin. It can, however, be a first step toward obtaining that qualification. UW-Green Bay does offer professional licensure in English as a Second Language that is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. A full description of the ESL teacher licensure program and requirements at UW-Green Bay is available from the professional program in Education.

To be eligible for the TESL certificate of completion program, students must either be candidates for a B.A. or B.S. degree or have already completed such a degree.

Requirements for the Certificate

Code Required Courses	Title	Credits 15
EDUC 315	Teaching English as a Second Language	
HUM STUD 160	Introduction to Language	
HUM STUD 319	Second Language Acquisition & Assessment	
HUM STUD 321	Sociolinguistics	
HUM STUD 497	Internship	
Choose one elective from the following:		3
COMM 322	Modern Linguistics	
ENGLISH 340	History of the English Language	
HUM STUD 318	Topics in Linguistics/TESL	
Total Credits		18