

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL) COLLEGE/ADULT

Boston University School of Education Graduate Programs



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATE OFFERED:

MASTER OF EDUCATION (ED.M.)

CERTIFICATE IN TESOL

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY (CAGS)

Boston University's TESOL graduate program produces innovative teachers who are well versed in theoretical and applied teaching principles. Our program prepares you to work in college and adult language programs in the United States or to work for college, adult, primary, or secondary school programs abroad.

Graduates of our program teach in a variety of settings, and particular emphasis is placed on the development and evaluation of materials appropriate to the students in a class. As a result, many of our graduates have published extensively and have developed new materials for a rapidly expanding field in education. Several of our TESOL graduates have also published their syllabus projects as textbooks.

In the TESOL program at Boston University, the course of study includes linguistic theory, applied English grammar, language acquisition, methodology of teaching English to speakers of other languages, and cross-cultural communication. You will also complete a semester of supervised teaching in a field setting that matches your particular interests.

Admission to our program is competitive, and international students must submit a TOEFL score for admission. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is administered and co-sponsored by the Educational Testing Service and the College Entrance Examination Board. Detailed test information is available at www.toefl.org.

Courses

SED TL 509	Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
CAS EN 518	Linguistic Problems in TESOL
SED LS 565	Introduction to Language and Linguistics
SED LS 626	Intercultural Education OR
SED TL 512	Computer Assisted Language Learning
SED LS 658	Second Language Acquisition
SED RS 600	Perspectives on Inquiry
SED TL 835	Seminar in TESOL

Students select from the following courses appropriate to the degree program and their level of concentration:

SED TL 612	Student-Teaching TESOL: College and Adult
SED TL 614	Field Observation for International Students

Certificate in the Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

The TESOL program offers a four-course, 16-credit graduate certificate that offers a theoretical base and practical training in methodology. Students who pursue the TESOL certificate may already hold a master's degree and do not

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wish to pursue another degree at this time. Some are making mid-career changes while others are already volunteering or working in this field.

The certificate consists of the following courses:

SED LS 565	Introduction to Language and Linguistics
SED LS 658	Second Language Acquisition
CAS EN 518	Linguistic Problems in TESOL
SED TL 509	Methods of TESOL

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the qualifications for admission?

A: Graduate degree applicants are considered on the basis of their total application. Your statement of qualifications and objectives should be carefully prepared and should make clear why you wish to study in and pursue a career in the field of teaching English as a second language. A Graduate Record Exam (GRE), or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), taken within the last five years, is also required. International students who have not earned a degree from an English speaking institution should instead submit a TOEFL score that is less than two years old. The TOEFL code for Boston University School of Education is 3066 and the minimum score is 100 on the Internet Based TOEFL or 600 on the Computer Based TOEFL. Transcripts from all schools attended and two letters of reference complete the application.

Q: May I attend the program as a part-time student?

A: Yes. Our TESOL program accepts both part-time and full-time graduate students. Most classes are scheduled in the evening to accommodate students who work during the day.

Q: How long will it take to earn my degree?

A: Our program can be completed in 12 months of either full-time or part-time study, an advantage that attracts students from around the world.

Q: Do part-time graduate students pay a reduced tuition rate?

A: Yes. Part-time graduate students enrolled for School of Education classes offered after 4:00 pm are able to pay for tuition at a reduced rate per credit (up to 11 credits).

Q: Do I need to have prior teaching experience to be accepted into the TESOL program?

A: No. We have students who have professional experience in many different areas.

Q: Am I required to have a degree or background in linguistics or English?

A: No. One of the many strengths of the TESOL program is that our students have very diverse backgrounds.

Q: Is financial aid available?

A: Each academic year, the School of Education awards approximately \$3.5 million in scholarship money to its full-time graduate students. Merit-based scholarships are currently available to many full-time students, including international students. Students with financial need may also qualify for federal loans and Federal Work-Study. Students who enroll in summer classes pay part-time tuition and may be eligible for loans.

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