TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES
MASTER OF ARTS
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Curriculum (30-33 credits)

Core Courses (24 credits)
COMM 617: Intercultural Communication (3 cr)
ENGL 620: Linguistics and Writing (3 cr)
MODL 602: Principles of Language Learning and Teaching (3 cr)
MODL 604: Methods of TESOL (3 cr)
MODL 606: Second Language Acquisition (3 cr)
MODL 608: Grammar for TESOL (3 cr)
MODL 612: Sociolinguistics (3 cr)
MODL 699: Practicum in TESOL (3 cr)

Electives (3 credits each)
MODL 590/690: Experimental/Advanced Experimental (1-6 cr)
MODL 595/695: Workshop/Advanced Workshop (1-6 cr)
MODL 598/698: Selected Topics/Advanced Selected Topics (3 cr)
MODL 614: Computer-Assisted Language Learning (3 cr)
MODL 616: Language Testing and Assessment (3 cr)
MODL 700: Independent Study (1-3 cr)
ELEC 608: Historical, Psychological, and Linguistic Foundations of Literacy (3 cr)
ELEC 614: Foundations of Instructional Coaching (3 cr)
ENGL 602: Rhetorical Theory (3 cr)
ENGL 642: Digital Writing and Publishing (3 cr)
SEFE 607: Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners (3 cr)
SEFE 679: Psychology of Learning and Instruction for Diverse Learners (3 cr)

End Projects for Experiential Track:
MODL 750: Internship (1-3 cr)
MODL 799: Capstone TESOL Project (1-3 cr)
MODL 800: Thesis (1-3 cr)

Admission Requirements
All applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed application form and non-refundable application fee:

1. Bachelor’s degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 2.75 in English, modern languages, theoretical linguistics, applied linguistics, education, or a related field. Other areas of undergraduate study, including minors in the above disciplines, will be considered. (Prior coursework in linguistics will be strongly recommended but not required)
2. Official transcripts
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Statement of Intent (including personal and professional goals)

GRE not required

International students should check with the Office for Global Engagement to review all international documents and visa status. Please visit the Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate for more information.

Program Highlights
Slippery Rock University’s Master of Arts in TESOL is 30 to 33 credits, depending on which track you select, and offers:

- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule—online, blended, and once-weekly evening courses
- Two tracks, experiential and general, that can be completed in 16-24 months
- Interdisciplinary instruction from five academic departments
- Expert faculty with earned doctorates

The globalization of English as the world’s lingua franca and a national and regional increase in non-native English speaking populations creates a need for highly-trained practitioners who can address the widely variant and specialized educational needs of adult English language learners at home and abroad. While the number of immigrants is increasing, evidence suggests that the English language barrier is becoming more common. According to the Pew Research Center, the proportion of U.S. immigrants who speak English “less than very well” (i.e. they are not proficient in English) increased from 43% in 1980 to 50% in 2013.

Labor markets project that the language school industry in Pennsylvania is set to grow by 22% between 2015 and 2025, much faster than the average growth of 7.4% in Pennsylvania alone. Accordingly, the region is seeing an exploding need for language school services and, by extension, for a well-trained language educator workforce. The MA TESOL will help the region meet this urgent need.

Slippery Rock University’s MA TESOL prepares graduates for the challenges of an increasingly interconnected world, enabling the acquisition of world languages, and aiming to educate world citizens who acquire linguistic skills through intellectual acculturation. Through challenging, quality, and interdisciplinary training, SRU graduates will be prepared to work in dynamic and pivotal roles by providing adult ELL instruction in higher education, community literacy, and multicultural global settings, as well as instructional media and materials development in the TESOL publishing industry, thus facilitating their lifelong skill development in the increasingly vital area of TESOL.

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