

# TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The globalization of English and demand for English language instruction worldwide has created need for skilled practitioners who can address the widely variant educational needs of English learners.

Opportunities for teaching English learners overseas and at home are abundant. According to Education First's 2016 English Proficiency Index (EPI) for both schools and companies worldwide, English language proficiency correlates with higher incomes, improved quality of life, more dynamic business settings, superior connectivity, and more innovation. Recognizing this return on investment, countries such as Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Japan, Panama, South Korea, and Uruguay have launched government-sponsored initiatives to expand English teaching and learning. In the U.S., the Pew Research Center reports that the proportion of immigrants who speak English "less than very well" increased from 43% in 1980 to 50% in 2013.

Through comprehensive certificate-level training, SRU graduates will be prepared to teach English as a foreign language (TEFL) abroad and English as a second language (TESL) at home. Facilitating lifelong TESOL development, the Certificate helps graduates realize their dreams of living abroad and assisting others in acquiring English proficiency.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Slippery Rock University's Graduate TESOL Certificate is 13 credits, can be earned in 2-3 semesters, and offers:

- The basic graduate-level requirement to qualify for overseas and domestic English teaching jobs
- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule – 2 once-weekly evening classes and remaining courses online
- Expert faculty with earned doctorates
- A pathway to Master's degree – all 13 credits apply to the MA TESOL, leaving only 17 online credits remaining to obtain the full degree ([www.sru.edu/tesol](http://www.sru.edu/tesol))

## CURRICULUM (13 CREDITS)

SRU's Graduate TESOL Certificate offers the entry-level position requirement for TESOL careers when combined with a bachelor's degree. In 2-3 semesters, you can earn the Graduate TESOL Certificate by taking 5 courses.

### Required Courses (5 courses, 13 credits)

MODL 602: Principles of Language Learning and Teaching	3 credits	Fall: Tues 6-8:30 pm f2f/synch OL
MODL 604: Methods of TESOL	3 credits	Spr: Tues 6-8:30 pm f2f/synch OL
MODL 608: Grammar for TESOL	3 credits	Spr: Wed 6-8:30 pm f2f/synch OL
MODL 699: Practicum in TESOL	1 credit	Fall: Online asynchronous
<b>Choose one:</b>		
MODL 606: Second Language Acquisition	3 credits	Spr: Online asynchronous
MODL 612: Sociolinguistics	3 credits	Fall: Wed 6-8:30 pm f2f/synch OL

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 in English, modern languages, linguistics, applied linguistics, education, or a related field. Other major/minor areas of study considered. A 2.5 GPA is considered for conditional admission.
2. Official undergraduate transcripts from the applicant's baccalaureate granting institution and any graduate transcripts (if applicable).
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Statement of Intent (1-2 pages typed essay explaining personal and professional goals for TESOL)
5. GRE not required. International students should check with the Office for Global Engagement to review all international documents and visa status. For more information, visit

The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.

**DELIVERY METHOD**  
Blended - Online/Onsite

**START TERMS**  
Fall or Spring

**COMPLETION TIME**  
2-3 semesters

**NUMBER OF CREDITS**  
13 credits



### FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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