

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Department of English ~ Graduate Program
Plan of Study for
M.A. in English ~ TESOL Concentration

Student: _____ Semester admitted _____

The requirements for the M.A. in English with a concentration in TESOL are listed below. Please see the table of courses on the back of this sheet for fulfillment details.

Degree requirements: The M.A. with a concentration in TESOL requires 33 hours beyond the B.A.. See the *English Graduate Student Handbook* for further clarification of requirements if needed.

1. **1) General coursework and degree requirements:** The following are required of M.A. students with a concentration in TESOL:
 - a. a) You are required to take each of the five core courses (15 hours): ENGL 506, 452, and 561, 562, and 563.
 - a. b) You may select three elective courses from among the three following areas:
 - i. i) linguistics (ENGL 405, 425, 455, 458, 553)
 - ii. ii) an appropriate graduate course in CODI, Modern Languages, or EDCI
 - iii. iii) one elective may be a non-linguistics graduate course (4/5/600 level) in the English Department (literature, composition, folklore, criticism, creative writing)
- i. **2) Thesis or Non-thesis option:** Students concentrating in TESOL can choose to focus on their teaching practicum or complete a Master's thesis.
 - a. **a) Non-thesis option:** You will take one additional elective course and 6 hours of ENGL 564, TESOL Practicum, in which you will teach ESOL for a semester and produce a paper or project that reflects on your experiences as a teacher. Various ESOL placements are available within the University or the community, or students might take advantage of internships or jobs available around the world.
 - b. **b) Thesis Option:** Students preparing to attend a Ph.D. program in TESOL may prefer to write a thesis. They will complete 6 hours of ENGL 599, Thesis Research, and be supervised in a research project by the TESOL faculty. See the Graduate School website for information regarding formatting and submission deadlines for the thesis. The English Department Graduate Student Handbook will have additional information about planning a thesis, getting a committee, and what to expect at your thesis defense.
- a. **3) Candidacy and other requirements:** Submit the degree candidacy form to the Graduate School after passing 12 hours of graduate coursework. Students must also certify reading knowledge in a foreign language other than English. See the *English Graduate Student Handbook* for specific guidelines.

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- a. **4) K-12 Teachers:** K-12 teachers from Louisiana who have a prior education certification can take the ESL add-on certification (12 hours) as a part of this M.A. concentration. The School of Education should be consulted for the current list of courses required for that certification.

Table of Courses

Requirement	Cours e Taken	Sem	Grad e	Credit	Notes
506 (first semester)					
452 (first semester)					
561 (first semester)					
562					
563					
405, 425, 455, 458, 553, CODI, ModL, EDCI					
405, 425, 455, 458, 553, CODI, ModL, EDCI					
4/5/600 level course, possibly non-linguistics					
Non-Thesis:					
4/5/600 level course, possibly non-linguistics					
564 Practicum (6 hrs)					
Thesis:					
599 (6 hrs)					

Suggested Timeline: Non-thesis

1st Semester: 452, 506, 561

2nd Semester: 562, 563, elective (ENGL 501 suggested for those on assistantship)

3rd Semester: elective, elective, elective

4th Semester: 6 hrs. 564 Practicum, possibly off-campus

Suggested Timeline: Thesis

1st Semester: 452, 506, 561

2nd Semester: 562, 563, elective (ENGL 501 suggested for those on assistantship)

3rd Semester: elective, 3 hrs. 564 Practicum, 3 hrs. 599 Thesis Research [begin work on thesis]

4th Semester: 3 hrs. 599 Thesis Research [complete thesis]