



# TESOL Minor Requirements

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As the world becomes more interconnected, it is increasingly important to build connections through language. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is a six-course minor that provides essential training for the challenging task of teaching the English language at home or abroad in private language schools, community centers or bilingual programs, and in other contexts that do not require state certification. A minor in TESOL incorporates important pedagogical training that prepares students to teach English with both cultural and linguistic sensitivity. This minor opens doors to opportunities to travel, live, and work around the globe. While completion of a TESOL minor does not certify students to teach English as a second or foreign language, it does offer undergraduate students numerous professional and volunteer opportunities. TESOL can be combined with any number of majors or minors and enhances students' applications for fellowships such as the Fulbright. The coursework also provides general background for related graduate study and equips students to serve as English language teachers in the United States and in other countries.

## Minor Requirements

A TESOL minor consists of 6 courses (18 credits) including the following:

LIN 201 English Grammar for TESOL

LIN 301 Teaching Language At Home and Abroad

LIN 490 TESOL Internship (except in exceptional cases, students must complete 4 LIN courses (including LIN 301) before enrolling in this English language teaching internship)

And 3 additional courses selected from the following options:

Course	Cross listing	Also approved as
LIN 101 Introduction to Linguistics		GEP Art/Lit; COM Major ILC; COM minor course
LIN 150 Language, Communication, and Culture		GEP FY Seminar
LIN 150 Language, Linguistics, & the Real World		GEP FY Seminar; Autism Studies Major/Minor course

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LIN 201 English Grammar for TESOL		
LIN 280 Language Acquisition and Learning		
LIN 301 Teaching Languages at Home and Abroad		
LIN 317 Sociolinguistics	SOC 317	GEP Social Science; GEP Diversity
LIN 320 Phonetics		IHS and Autism Studies Major/Minor course
LIN 340 Communication in Social Contexts		GEP Social Science; COM Major ILC; COM Minor course
LIN 401 Bilingualism and Language Diversity		GEP Diversity
LIN 490 TESOL Internship		
EDU 246 Literacy, Language and Culture		
EDU 345 Writing Fellows, Theory & Practice		GEP Writing Intensive

**What is TESOL?** Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is a six-course minor that provides essential training for the challenging task of teaching the English language at home or abroad in private language schools, community centers or bilingual programs, and in other contexts that do not require state certification. The TESOL minor is housed in the Linguistics Program in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

**Could a TESOL minor go on to pursue graduate degrees in TESOL and an English teaching career?** Yes. After completing a TESOL minor, a student could pursue certification in ESL (check with the SJU Education Department for more information regarding state requirements) or apply to graduate level MA and PhD programs in TESOL.

**Could a student double minor in both TESOL and another discipline (e.g., English, Linguistics, Education, Psychology, Biology, Spanish, International Business, etc.)?** Absolutely. Check with Dr. Jennifer Ewald ([jewald@sju.edu](mailto:jewald@sju.edu)) for more information.

**What do all the related acronyms represent?** The field of English language teaching uses many acronyms including the following:

- TESOL Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- TESL Teaching English as a Second Language
- TEFL Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- ESL English as a Second Language (specifically in an English-speaking context such as Australia, Great Britain, the United States, etc.)
- EFL English as a Foreign Language (specifically in a context where English is not a native language such as Chile, Japan, Thailand, etc.)

- SL Second Language (any language a person learns after his/ her first language)
- FL Foreign Language (a language not native in the country in which it is learned)