

# Help students navigate culture and language.

## Online master's in Curriculum & Instruction with an emphasis in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

The University of Kansas School of Education and Human Sciences offers both a teacher track and a non-teacher track in its [online master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages \(TESOL\)](#) program. The teacher track of the program satisfies the requirements for the state-approved endorsement in the state of Kansas for teachers with existing licensure. Neither the teacher track nor non-teacher track lead to initial licensure.

These programs train individuals to help students navigate language and culture in various educational settings; including English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) in U.S. schools, and multicultural learners across the world in English as foreign language (EFL) or English as a lingua franca (ELF) settings.

Whether you want to add an endorsement to your initial license, want a career shift, or just want to better support students in your school or district, our online master's in TESOL will prepare you to help students from many culturally diverse backgrounds succeed in early childhood, PK-12, or adult education classrooms.

### Program Structure

- 10 courses
- 30 credit hours
- 8 weeks per course
- Complete in as few as 2 years
- Practicum required for teacher track

### Admissions Requirements

- Completed [online application form](#)
- Professional resume or CV
- Completed bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- Personal statement that indicates your specific interest in the program and how it relates to your career goals
- Three letters of recommendation from professional or academic references
- Application fee: \$65 for U.S. residents, \$85 for international applicants
- [Proof of English proficiency](#) (for non-native English-speaking applicants)

### Program Benefits

- Learn from renowned faculty with extensively published research and diverse real-world experience
- The teacher track includes an opportunity to apply practical approaches grounded in pedagogical theory through interactions with children and youth in your own community
- Complete your coursework anytime, anywhere, through our [innovative online format](#)
- Track your research and share with classmates in the online [Reading Room](#)
- No GRE required for admission

## The Curriculum

**C&T 709:** Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction

**EPSY 715:** Understanding Research in Education

**C&T 745 (non-teacher track):** Reading and the English Language Learner in PreK-12

**C&T 807:** Multicultural Education

**C&T 820:** Methods of TESOL

**C&T 821:** Assessment in TESOL

**C&T 822:** Second Language Acquisition for TESOL Educators

**C&T 824:** Problems in Second Language Acquisition

**C&T 826:** Linguistic Analysis for TESOL Educators

**C&T 825 (teacher track only):** Advanced Practicum in TESOL

**C&T 898:** Master's Project

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## What You'll Learn

In the online master's in TESOL, you'll delve deep into the theories and foundations of second language acquisition, explore how to support children and adult learners in their English language acquisition, and confront the cultural and linguistic challenges that second language learners face. You'll also explore the unique knowledge and perspectives English language learners bring to the classroom.

Your studies will prepare you for a culminating master's project that reflects your successful achievement of the seven learning outcomes:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Delivery
- Standards
- Assessment
- Technology
- Identities, Communities, and Inclusive Learning Contexts
- Professional and Leadership

## Career Outcomes

Graduates of the online master's in TESOL have many varied experiences and career goals. Often, they are experienced teachers who want to better support English language learners. They may teach English as a second language at the PreK-12 level or among an adult population. They may also serve as program directors for TESOL programs, consultants for companies that produce educational ESOL materials, or tutors at English language centers. Some are currently teaching abroad or hope to pursue teaching English abroad in the future. Other graduates pursue careers that support speakers of other languages outside of a PK-12 classroom environment. They may tutor students of any age, consult for companies who produce educational ESOL materials, or advise government agencies.

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