

LINGUISTICS: TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL) GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: LA-CERG-LITE

Academic Advising

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Website: english.gmu.edu/programs/la-cerg-lite

This graduate certificate prepares students to teach non-native speakers of English in the United States or abroad. Certificate courses fulfill, in part, requirements for an endorsement in English as a second language to the Virginia state teaching credential. Students who want to earn this endorsement should consult with an advisor.

The certificate may be pursued concurrently with any of several degree programs offered through the College of Education and Human Development (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/>), the English Department (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/english/>), and the Modern and Classical Languages Department (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/>). Part of the coursework toward the certificate may be applied toward degrees in those departments.

This certificate program qualifies for Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>). For information specific to the graduate certificate in teaching English as a second language, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<https://english.gmu.edu/programs/la-cerg-lite/application/>).

Policies

Students pursuing this certificate must complete 18 credits, earning a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

Requirements

(Formerly: LA-CERG-TESL)

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 18

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
LING 520	Introduction to Linguistics ¹	3
LING 521	Applied Linguistics: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	3
LING 522	English Grammar and Pedagogy	3
LING 523	English Pronunciation and Pedagogy	3
LING 582	Second Language Acquisition	3
LING 625	Practicum in TESOL	3
Total Credits		18

¹ This course may be waived if student is concurrently pursuing the English, MA with a concentration in linguistics.