# TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE MINOR

**Banner Code:** TESL

**Academic Advising**

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Fairfax Campus

Website: english.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-engl-tesl

This minor helps prepare undergraduate students to teach non-native speakers of English in the United States or abroad. This course of study combines linguistic theory, second language acquisition theory, and ESL teaching methodology.

The minor may be pursued concurrently with any undergraduate major. English majors concentrating in linguistics can apply up to nine credits in LING used for the major to the TESL minor.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

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<th>Core Courses</th>
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<tr>
<td>LING 306</td>
<td>General Linguistics (Mason Core) 3</td>
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<td>LING 307</td>
<td>English Grammar 3</td>
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<td>LING 521</td>
<td>Applied Linguistics: Teaching English as a Second Language 3</td>
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<td>LING 523</td>
<td>English Phonetics 3</td>
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<td>LING 582</td>
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<td><strong>Total Credits</strong></td>
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### Elective

Select one elective course from the following: 1

- Any course in a foreign language beyond the college requirement for the BA degree
- ANTH 114 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core)
- COMM 305 Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core)
- ENGH 318 Introduction to Cultural Studies
- LING 450 Introduction to Sociolinguistics

2. Other relevant courses may be applied to the minor with the prior written approval of the director.

3. Students must have approval from the linguistics director to register for 500-level courses.