



English as a Second Language Minor

The English as a Second Language minor is designed for individuals who wish to earn a Wisconsin teaching certification to teach English to non-native speakers. Students wishing to pursue the ESL minor must be in the process of obtaining or already have an initial certification.

- Primary certification:
- Early Childhood
 - Early Childhood through Adolescence
Indicate Language Major: _____
 - Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence
 - Early Adolescence through Adolescence
Indicate Major: _____
 - Other: _____

To obtain an English as a Second Language minor certification, students must meet the following requirements.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- () 3 CURRINS 503 Assessment Issues in Language Education
- () 3 CURRINS 541 Principles and Methods of Teaching ESL
- () 3 CURRINS 542 History and Politics of Second Language Education
- () 3 CURRINS 543 Developing Bilingualism
- () 3 CURRINS 546 Language, Content, and Comprehensible Input
- () 3 CURRINS 655 Applied Educational Linguistics
- () **Program Portfolio**
Complete a program portfolio based on the 10 Wisconsin Teacher Standards in CURRINS 445 taken during student teaching.

Student Teaching

- () 3 CURRINS 443 Student Teaching in ESL: Minor
- () 3 CURRINS 445 Seminar in Language Education

Note: Students completing a major in another program concurrently do not register for CURRINS 445. You will be completing a portfolio in your major program.

Students must complete paperwork in order to be assigned a student teaching placement. Student teaching deadlines (February or April) are posted on the Office of Clinical Experiences Web site:

<http://www4.uwm.edu/soe/academics/clinical-experiences.cfm>

To be approved for placement, you must meet the following criteria:

- () Admitted to the School of Education
- () Completion of all course work. An exception to allow a student to take a course concurrently with student teaching requires approval of the student's faculty advisor.
- () Cumulative GPA of a minimum 2.5
- () A minimum 2.75 in all your content area and professional education courses
- () Passing scores reflected on your transcript for the PRAXIS II exam: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages: Content Knowledge #0361
Score of 143 required _____
- () Removal of all F or I (incompletes) grades.
- () TB test results submitted to the Field Experience Office
- () Criminal Background Check submitted to the Field Experience Office

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

- () Minimum cumulative grade point average of **2.75** in all content area and professional education courses, including any transfer courses.