TEACHING ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE - M.A.

Description
The Master of Arts degree in Teaching English as a Second Language is grounded in linguistic principles, language learning theory and empirical research on language learning and teaching. The program enables students to teach effectively in varied learning contexts. Students gain experience through a supervised practicum and have the opportunity to teach in a variety of English-as-a-second/foreign-language contexts. Graduates are prepared for international teaching and research, adult education, and advanced study in applied linguistics, literacy positions.

The Teaching English as a Second Language major comprises the following optional concentration:

- The TESL Education concentration prepares students for P-12 school educators. Students’ practicum takes place in area schools, and students prepare for the state licensure requirements.

Fully Offered At:
- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
Applicants will be assessed holistically, considering academic credentials; academic or professional references; non-academic criteria; and other specific program criteria.

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement (1-2 pages)
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of different associated fields within teaching English as a second language, including linguistics, language acquisition, pedagogy and practice.
2. Demonstrate what knowledge of the field and disciplines making up teaching English as a second language.
3. Demonstrate skills in teaching.
4. Demonstrate understanding of different cultural norms and practices and the ability to accommodate teaching practices based on these differences.

Professional Licensure Disclosure
This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State’s website for professional licensure disclosure.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Additional Requirements or Concentration

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 36-48

1. Students declared in the TESL Education concentration must complete field/clinical hours in P-12 schools.

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

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One hundred hours of field work as teacher assistants in area schools enable students to gain collaborative clinical experience as P-12 teachers.

### Graduation Requirements

- All students in the M.A. degree complete a capstone project with options of a thesis or portfolio or exams.
- All students in the M.A. degree cannot be concurrently enrolled in the Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language certificate. Students who hold either certificate may be permitted to apply 12 graduate credit hours earned in the certificate toward the M.A. degree.

### Licensure Information

Candidates seeking Ohio licensure are required to pass specific assessments in order to apply for licensure. Students should consult their advisors for specific program requirements and refer the Ohio Department of Education-Educator Preparation website for more information on assessments specific to licensure type.