

# TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE - UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of English  
www.kent.edu/english

## About This Program

The Teaching English as a Foreign Language undergraduate certificate immerses students within another culture while at the same time giving them the structure and support that allows them to succeed as teachers of English. With the world's growing need for individuals who speak English, the demand for people who can teach English as a foreign language has grown rapidly over the past few decades.

## Contact Information

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### Adult basic education, adult secondary education, and English as a Second Language instructors

- -10.4% decline
- 59,300 number of jobs
- \$55,350 potential earnings

### Tutors and teachers and instructors, all other

- 7.4% faster than the average
- 406,200 number of jobs
- \$40,590 potential earnings

## Additional Careers

- Teacher of English as a foreign language
- Language school instructor (in the U.S. or abroad)
- Assistant language teacher
- Educational materials writer/editor
- Language assessment writer/editor

- Curriculum designer
- Educational consultant

\* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

**First-Year Students on the Kent Campus:** First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

**First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses:** First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

**International Students:** All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE Academic score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

**Transfer Students:** Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

**Former Students:** Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog's Academic Policies.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the program's Coursework tab.

## Program Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ENG 31001	FUNDAMENTAL ENGLISH GRAMMAR	3
ENG 31003	LINGUISTICS	3
ENG 31007	PEDAGOGY FOR TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE	3

ENG 31008	GRAMMAR FOR TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND/FOREIGN LANGUAGE	3
ENG 41292	TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRACTICUM (ELR) <sup>1</sup>	6
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students also enrolled in the B.A. Teaching English Second Language [TESL] major with a minor in Education should take 3 credit hours of ENG 41292 in Florence and 3 credit hours of ENG 41192 in Ohio.

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours at Kent State.