

# LINGUISTICS & TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, BALAS (TESL)

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Linguistics & Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

The BALAS in Linguistics + TESL introduces students to two overarching questions: How do speakers of different languages learn and use English as an additional language? How to teach and assess English learners across different developmental stages and proficiency levels in different contexts? Linguistics + TESL majors Students will learn about how linguistic, cognitive, cultural, and societal factors contribute to second language acquisition, and how these can account for second-language developmental trajectories across individual learners of different backgrounds and characteristics in varying instructional and naturalistic settings. Linguistics + TESL majors make use of developments from a range of disciplines that include anthropology, English, global studies, psychology, and curriculum and instruction, as well as various disciplines housed in the School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics.

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**General education:** Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

**Minimum required major and supporting course work:** Minimum required course work equates to a total of 41 credit hours of Linguistics and TESL courses, including at least 8 hours of foreign languages. Please see your academic advisor. A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses must be taken on this campus.

**Minimum hours required for graduation:** 120 hours. Students will complete 40 hours of upper-division coursework (these hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree).

## Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Minimum hours required major and supporting course work. Minimum required course work equates to a total of 41 credit hours of Linguistics and TESL courses, including at least 8 hours of foreign languages. Please see your academic advisor. A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours) Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

## University Requirements

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/>) (§

3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

## General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition	3
	fulfilled by LING 301	
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
	fulfilled by LING 100 and any other course approved as Social & Behavioral Science	
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)	6-10
	Language Requirement (Completion of the fourth semester or equivalent of a language other than English, or completion of the third semester in two different languages other than English is required)	0-20

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>LING Core Courses</b>		<b>15</b>
LING 100	Intro to Language Science	
LING 222	Language in Globalization	
or LING 250	American Voices: Linguistic Diversity in the US	
LING 301	Elements of Syntax	
LING 302	Elements of Phonology	
LING 307	Elmnts Semantics & Pragmatics	
<b>TESL Core Courses</b>		<b>15</b>
EIL 411	Intro to TESL Methodology (AND)	
Choose four (4) courses from the following list:		
EIL 422	Engl Grammar for ESL Teachers	
EIL 445	Second Lang Reading & Writing	
EIL 488	Phonology for Second Language Teachers	
EIL 456	Lang and Social Interaction I	
EIL 460	Principles of Language Testing	
LING 450	Sociolinguistics I	
LING 489	Theoretical Foundations of SLA	
Capstone Course		
EIL 465	TESL in the Community	3
Foreign Language Requirement		8

In addition the LAS foreign language language requirement, students must complete at least 8 hours in a second foreign language. One of the languages must be a non-Western language.

**Total Hours 41**

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## Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

### First Year

First Semester	Hours
Free Elective course	1
LING 100	3
Composition I or General Education course	4
Language Other than English (3rd level)	4
General Education course	3
<b>Total Hours 15</b>	<b>15</b>

### Second Semester

Second Semester	Hours
Free Elective course	3
LING 222 or 250	3
General Education course or Composition I	3
Language Other Than English (4th level)	4
General Education course	3
<b>Total Hours 16</b>	<b>16</b>

### Third Semester

Third Semester	Hours
Free Elective course	3
LING 301	3
EIL 411	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
<b>Total Hours 16</b>	<b>16</b>

### Fourth Semester

Fourth Semester	Hours
Free Elective course	3
LING 302	3
Advanced TESL Elective course from list	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
<b>Total Hours 15</b>	<b>15</b>

Free Elective course	4
<b>Total Hours 16</b>	<b>16</b>

### Second Year

Second Semester	Hours
LING 302	3
Advanced TESL Elective course from list	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
<b>Total Hours 15</b>	<b>15</b>

### Third Year

First Semester	Hours
LING 307	3
Advanced TESL Elective course from list	3
Second Language Other Than English (1st level)	4
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
<b>Total Hours 16</b>	<b>16</b>

### Second Semester

Second Semester	Hours
Advanced TESL Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Second Language Other Than English (2nd level)	4
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
<b>Total Hours 16</b>	<b>16</b>

### Third Year

First Semester	Hours
Advanced TESL Elective course from list	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	2
<b>Total Hours 14</b>	<b>14</b>

### Fourth Year

Second Semester	Hours
EIL 465	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
<b>Total Hours 14</b>	<b>14</b>

Free Elective course	3
	<b>12</b>

**Total Hours 12**

**Total Hours: 120**

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1. Students will receive grounding in core areas of Teaching English as a Second Language.
  2. Students will receive grounding in linguistic theory.
  3. Students will gain grounding in language pedagogy and assessment.
  4. Students will learn to apply linguistic, pedagogical, and assessment knowledge and skills to solve real-world problems.
  5. Students will receive grounding on multi-cultural and multi-lingual practices amongst their potential student populations.
  6. Students will gain academic written and oral communication skills.

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## Department of Linguistics (<https://linguistics.illinois.edu/>)

Linguistics Faculty (<https://linguistics.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/>)

Linguistics Advising (<https://linguistics.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/undergraduate-advising/>)

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)

**overview of college admissions & requirements:** Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)