

**OVERVIEW**

The graduate certificate in teaching English as a second language (TESL) is an 18-credit hour program that focuses on the applied aspects of English linguistics. This program offers courses in phonetics, grammar, second language acquisition, teaching ESL, and a practicum. If you are not enrolled in a GMU program, be aware that only 6 credit hours of coursework taken before you enroll in this certificate program may be counted toward this certificate.

*Please note: This certificate is not and does not lead to certification through the county or state. Additional information on this certificate program, courses, and graduate student policies, is available at: [linguistics.gmu.edu](http://linguistics.gmu.edu).*

**PLANNING YOUR COURSE OF STUDY**

**You must minimally complete 18 credit hours** of coursework in this program.

**You must minimally complete 33 credit hours** if you are completing both the MA and the TESL certificate programs concurrently.

**You must complete 36 credit hours** if you were advised to take LING 520 and you are completing both the MA and the TESL certificate programs concurrently.

Consult the schedule of classes each term to see which courses in linguistics are offered. Consult the University Catalog for a complete listing of English courses.

**LINGUISTICS COURSES 18 CREDIT HOURS**

LING 520: Descriptive Linguistics (*This course is not meant for or required for students earning an MA in English: Linguistics unless otherwise advised.*)

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LING 521: Applied Linguistics: TESL (*Prerequisite: LING 520, 690, or 786*)

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LING 522: Modern English Grammar (*Prerequisite: one course in linguistics or permission of instructor*)

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LING 523: Descriptive Aspects of English Phonetics and Phonology

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LING 525: Practicum in ESL

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LING 582: Second Language Acquisition (*Prerequisite: LING 520, 690, or 786; or permission of instructor*)

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