

B.A. in ESOL with K-12 Certification

English Department • Fulton School of Liberal Arts

About the Program

The ESOL Program at Salisbury University leads to a Bachelor of Arts in teaching English to speakers of other languages (ESOL) and a State of Maryland K-12 ESOL Certification. The program is designed to prepare educators in instructional and leadership capacities for K-12 school settings. Our ESOL Program is designed particularly for students who wish to enter the teaching profession in K-12 settings. However, with the solid foundation students receive through their training in the program, they could also become one of the following:

- Academic Advisor
- Academic Communications Instructor
- Adult ESOL Teacher
- ESOL Program Director
- Government Agency Advisor
- Speech Instructor
- Translator/Interpreter

Why ESOL Major with K-12 Certification?

Our ESOL K-12 certification major is a unique undergraduate-level program that prepares you to teach ESOL in K-12 settings particularly. While TESOL programs generally operate at the graduate level, our program offers undergraduate-level students an opportunity to seek certification to be public school ESOL teachers without a master's degree.

SU's interdisciplinary oriented program is designed for both native and non-native speakers of English who wish to enter the teaching profession. Our K-12 ESOL Certification Program is aligned with national standards, as established by the National TESOL Organization and AAQEP.

At SU, you will find a personalized program with:

- Up-to-date training that is customized to local and national needs, resources and cultures of our international students
- Experienced, international faculty spanning a diversity of continents, countries, institutions and linguistic backgrounds

- Embedded clinical experiences, including field observation and internship opportunities in Maryland K-12 public schools
- Clinical placements at professional development sites that provide close collaboration and mentoring with highly qualified school personnel
- The option of face-to-face or online instruction
- 100% job placement in recent years, particularly as K-12 ESOL teachers in counties around Maryland
- Close mentorship and advising by the TESOL/Linguistics faculty at the English Department
- Completion of all the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) requirements for initial K-12 certification.
- Eligibility to work as an ESOL teacher in elementary or secondary settings after graduation

With Salisbury, you can expand your experiences beyond our borders. Our ESOL graduates have taught English abroad in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and South America.



TESOL/Linguistics Faculty

All our faculty members hold Ph.D.s in applied linguistics, TESOL and second language acquisition, with extensive years of experience teaching English as a second/additional language in the United States and in countries abroad, such as Turkey and Iran. TESOL/linguistics faculty have extensive international teaching experiences, and they are proficient in several languages, such as Farsi, Turkish and Hindi. They are members of professional associations, such as American Association for Applied Linguistics, TESOL International Organization and Maryland TESOL, and they frequently publish research in scholarly venues such as *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, *CALICO Journal*, *World Englishes*, *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, *TESOL Journal*, among others.

Positions Held By Our Recent Graduates:

- ESOL Teacher at Maryland Public Schools (e.g., Worcester County, Wicomico County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Prince George's County, Montgomery County)
- Fulbright English Teaching Fellow (Panama, Mongolia)
- Master's Degree Student in TESOL/Applied Linguistics and/or Curriculum and Instruction (e.g., Pennsylvania State University)
- ESOL Teacher at Adult Education Centers
- ESOL Teacher abroad (e.g., South Korea)

Selected List of Courses

- ENGL 428 – ESOL Tests and Measurements
- ENGL 432 – Literacy and ESOL Reading
- ENGL 433 – Language and Culture
- ENGL 434 – Literacy and ESOL Writing
- ENGL 430 – Principles of Linguistics
- ENGL 438 – Bilingualism
- ENGL 439 – Second Language Acquisition
- ENGL 442 – English Structure for Educators
- ENGL 447 – Current Approaches in ESOL Instruction

For more information about the program, check out the English to Speakers of Other Languages/ K-12 Certification, B.A. page of the University catalog: catalog.salisbury.edu

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