

**Program:** TESL      **Dept:** English  
**Major:** Teaching English as a Second Language      **College:** Liberal Arts  
**Degree:** Master of Arts (M.A.)      **Major Code:** 5730

**TESL, M.A.**

Students seeking the master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language pursue an interdisciplinary program of studies integrating TESL theory and practice. The program offers courses on TESL theory, methodology, and language structure, as well as a TESL practicum.

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**Admission Requirements**

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies  
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404  
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission ([www.uco.edu/graduate/](http://www.uco.edu/graduate/)).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Transcripts must show:
  - A minimum of 3.0 undergraduate GPA (overall) or 3.0 undergraduate GPA (last 60 hours completed); and 15 hours of undergraduate English with a 3.0 GPA.
  - Students may gain conditional admission by achieving a score of 150 (verbal) and 4.5 (analytical writing) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.15\)](#).

*\*Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admissions to Graduate Studies \(p.13\)](#).*

**Other Requirements**

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
  - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
  - No more than six hours of "C".
  - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
  - At least 20 of 32 total hours must be in Graduate English courses
- Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of one foreign language in one of the following ways:
  - Pass a foreign language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies.
  - Earn a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at the University of Central Oklahoma. These hours will not count toward the MA degree.
  - Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at an approved college or university. These hours will not

count toward the MA degree.

- Capstone Experience. Complete ENG 5803 (TESL Portfolio).
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

**Graduation Requirements**

**Language Courses .....6 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5343	Linguistics
ENG	5413	TESL Grammar

**Pedagogy Courses .....12 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5900	Practicum in TESL
TESL	5313	Testing/Eval in the Bilingual/ESL classroom
TESL	5763	Second Language Acquisition
TESL	5783	Teaching English as a Second Language

**Research Course.....3 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
PTE	5013	Foundations of Educational Research

**General Electives.....9 Hours**

Nine hours of English (ENG) coursework, with advisor approval

**Capstone Experience .....3 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5803	TESL Portfolio

**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED .....33 Hours**