ESL Teacher Education
Certificate and Licensure Endorsement Programs

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ESL Certificate Program & Licensure Endorsement

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ESL Teacher Education & Certificate Programs
For Current Teachers & Teachers to Be
Arkansas State University

English as a Second Language

Licensure Endorsement & Certificate Programs

The purpose of the English as a Second Language Certificate and Licensure Endorsement programs is to prepare current teachers and teachers-to-be to teach English as a second language in secondary schools in the US or at institutions abroad.

The program focuses on:
- developing a knowledge base related to current and traditional methods of second language instruction,
- designing and delivering effective language and culture instruction for all students in a productive learning environment,
- integrating technology and professional standards into curriculum and instruction, and
- developing professionally.

Select the Option That Is Right For You:

ESL Licensure Endorsement

The ESL Licensure Endorsement program is offered to provide current teachers and teacher education students with the opportunity to obtain additional an licensure endorsement to teach English to speakers of other languages at K-12 levels. This program is for:

- Students admitted into the Teacher Education Program at ASU
- Practicing teachers who hold a current teaching license.

Required course work: 12 credit hours

- EDLA / WLAN 4633 Methods and Materials for Teaching Second Languages
- EDLA / WLAN 4643 Second Language Assessment
- EDLA / WLAN 4653 Second Language Acquisition
- EDLA / WLAN 4663 Teaching People from Other Cultures

ESL Certificate

The ESL Certificate Program provides non Teacher Education students the opportunity to obtain a certificate from Arkansas State University for teaching English to speakers of other languages.

- This program is designed for individuals seeking to teach abroad or at institutions that do not require a licensure endorsement from the Arkansas Department of Education.

Required course work: 24 credit hours

See complete course listing on next panel.

REQUIRED COURSES

ESL Certificate / Endorsement

EDLA / WLAN 4633 Methods and Materials for Teaching Second Languages
- Instructional strategies and techniques associated with a proficiency based approach. Theoretical bases of language learning and acquisition, innovations in curricula, resources, materials, and technology.

EDLA / WLAN 4643 Second Language Assessment
- Study of second language assessment techniques and procedures. Construction and critiques of instruments for assessing proficiencies in listening, speaking, reading, writing.

EDLA / WLAN 4653 Second Language Acquisition
- Explores theories and research in the field of second language acquisition, with emphasis on the application of concepts to classroom instruction in language learning.

EDLA / WLAN 4663 Teaching People from Other Cultures
- Study of concepts and strategies that help teachers employ culture and language of ESL students as vehicle for language acquisition.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ESL Certificate

ENG Comparative Modern Grammars
- Major grammatical systems traditional, structural, and transformational.

ENG 4083 Introduction to Linguistics
- Phonetics, phonemics, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

ILA 4836 Practicum in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- A focus on learner behavior, classroom dynamics, teacher/student interactions, techniques used in the ESL classroom, with emphasis shifting from theory to practice.