



TESOL Certificate Requirements:

This program leads to an M.A. in English with a certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL). In addition to the basic requirements for the M.A. listed below, this program requires additional coursework in TESOL. The program offers tracks that prepare students for one of two opportunities: A) instruction at post-secondary/adult levels, or B) technical communication in corporate/non-profit settings. Either program might prepare a student to pursue doctoral work in applied linguistics or other areas of English Studies. Specific decisions should be reached in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies. The program requires 11 courses (33 hours) for completion. You will need to complete either a Capstone Project or a Thesis in addition to a Practicum Project ([EHL 610](#)). The other course requirements are as follows:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
EHL 505	SURVEY OF GENERAL LINGUISTICS	3
EHL 507	ADV ENGLISH GRAMMAR STUDIES	3
ED 640	DIFD STRGTY RES & TEACH ELL	3
EHL 610	AP EH LI VI:PRACTICUM TESOL	3
Choose one option below		6
Option A: Instruction		

EH 500	COMPOSITION STUDIES TCHRS	
EH 601	ACTION RESCH WRITING STUDIES	
Option B: Technical Communication		
EH 501	THRY & PRACTICE TECHNICAL COMM	
EH 603	EDITING FOR PUBLICATION	
Literature Electives		9
English Electives		6
Total Semester Hours		33

Basic Requirements:

- At least one third of the hours you take toward your degree should be at the 600 level.
- At least 9 hours in your program should be in literature. To count, a course should deal with literature directly, rather than with writing or other topics. Please check to confirm if you have any questions about a specific course.
- You must complete all work toward your degree within thirty semesters of the first course you take (counting summers). Courses taken between eighteen and thirty semesters prior to your degree program completion date may be re-validated by departmental exams negotiated with the specific faculty member who has responsibility for that course; any graduate course more than thirty semesters old may not be used.
- Up to nine hours of graduate work in English may be transferred from other institutions with the approval of the [Director of Graduate Studies](#). At least nine hours in English courses numbered 500 or above must be completed here at UAH (exclusive of thesis hours).
- To be a full-time student, you will need to take a course load of 9 hours per semester. While you are permitted to take up to 13 semester hours per term, you should consult with the [Director of Graduate Studies](#) about doing so.
- You must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all courses taken at the graduate level. If in any semester your cumulative GPA falls below that 3.0 level, you will be on probation. You might also wish to assess your commitment to a graduate program.