

MEMORANDUM

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To: Graduate Curriculum Committee, IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI

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Subject: Proposed Revisions to the Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL), English Department, IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI

Coinciding with our submission of the proposal for a new M.A. in TESOL, the English Department is proposing revisions to the current Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). This memorandum details the rationale of the proposed changes to the current certificate. We look forward to the committee's feedback.

Rationale

The required coursework for the proposed M.A. in TESOL requires revision of the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in TESL in order to keep them both aligned. While admission requirements to the certificate program will remain the same, several important changes are hereby proposed. These changes are noted and explained below.

- 1) **Title of certificate:** The current title of "Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)" would change to "*Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)*." TESOL is a more inclusive and up-to-date title than TESL and would match the title of the new M.A. degree.
- 2) **Required credit hours:** The number of credits required for the Certificate will decrease from 21 to 19 credit hours. This reduction reflects the change that all of the TESOL courses will now be 3 credit hours, except for ENG-G 500 but including the required course ENG-G 541 (now ENG-Z 541) and the other TESOL elective courses that were previously 4 credits.

The revised certificate will continue to require the completion of six courses:

- ENG-G 500 *Introduction to the English Language* (4 credits)
(no change)
- ENG-Z 520 *Second Language Development* (3 credits)
(previously LING-L 532)
- ENG-Z 523 *TESOL Methods* (3 credits)
(previously LING-L 534)

- ENG-Z 541 *English for Specific Purposes & Materials Development* (3 credits) (previously ENG-G 541, 4 credits)
- ENG-Z 545 *TESOL Practicum* (3 credits) (previously LING L535)
- One approved elective (minimum of 3 credits) (previously a minimum of 4 elective credits)

3) **Course titles:** Course titles and numbers for required and elective courses will change to reflect changes in courses associated with the proposed M.A. in TESOL. A summary is provided below for the required courses.

Eleven “new courses” are being proposed for the M.A. in TESOL, four of which correspond to the proposed changes in the Graduate Certificate in TESL. However, these four courses are in fact not brand-new for the English Department at IUPUI. In 2009, the department began shifting all of its undergraduate linguistics courses from the ENG-G prefix to the ENG-Z prefix in order to realign, rename, and renumber its courses so that they reflect a more coherent and intuitive concentration. The department is now going through this same process for the graduate-level TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) courses. Currently, the department is using an assortment of course numbers that include ENG-G, ENG-L, LING-L, and LING-T prefixes, which are drawn from courses created on other Indiana University campuses. Use of such an assortment of courses is confusing. Consequently, the department is renumbering all of the graduate-level TESOL courses, renaming most, and revising the course descriptions of some. Some proposed courses are completely brand-new, too. In addition, current ENG and LING-prefixed courses vary in credit, with most ENG-G prefixed courses being four credits and most LING-prefixed course being three credits. Revisions to the courses will make all ENG-Z prefixed courses in the certificate three credits. The table below reflects how the new ENG-Z prefixed courses correspond with current ENG-G, LING-L, and LING-T prefixed courses. All of these courses can be used by the proposed M.A. in TESOL, the Graduate Certificate in TESOL, and the current M.A. in English to meet program requirements.

Note: While some of the new courses exhibit some overlap with courses offered through the Indiana University-Bloomington Department of Second Language Studies (SLST), the English Department at IUPUI does not offer any SLST courses. As evidenced in the M.A. in TESOL proposal, the Department of SLST approves of these changes. Additionally, the change in name of both LING-L 532 and LING-L 534 is meant to distinguish the courses from what is currently offered by the Department of SLST.

New IUPUI Course #	New Course Title	“Overlapping” Course # & Title	Comments
ENG-Z 520	Second Language Development	LING-L 532 Second Language Acquisition SLST-S 532 Second Language Acquisition	LING-L 532 taught at IUPUI SLST-S 532 taught at IUB

ENG-Z 523	TESOL Methods	LING-L 534 Linguistic Resources and TESOL SLST-S 534 Methods in Teaching ESL/EFL	LING-L534 taught at IUPUI SLST-S 534 taught at IUB
ENG-Z 541	English for Specific Purposes (ESP) and Materials Development	ENG-G 541 Materials Preparation for ESL	ENG-G 541 taught at IUPUI
ENG-Z 545	TESOL Practicum	LING-L 535 TESOL Practicum SLST-T 535 TESOL Practicum	LING-L 535 taught at IUPUI SLST-T 535 taught at IUB

4) **Enrollment:** The 21-credit TESL Graduate Certificate was first awarded in May 2002. During the last nine-year period, 41 students received the Graduate Certificate in TESL. It is expected that the revised 19-credit TESOL Certificate will increase the number of students who will choose to continue on to pursue either the M.A. in English or the proposed M.A. in TESOL degrees in the English Department at IUPUI. Students who complete the TESOL certificate can use all of those credits toward completion of the M.A. in TESOL:

- 19 credits (TESOL Certificate) + 12 credits TESOL electives = M.A. in TESOL
- 19 credits (TESOL Certificate) + 21 credits English requirements = M.A. in English