The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program is available as a major or a minor. An ESL major is for students who plan to teach English to non-native speakers from birth to age 21, in PK through 12th grade. Students must select the Early Childhood through Adolescence ESL major for grades PK through 12th grade. The ESL minor will result in an additional certification at the same level as your initial license.

Students at this level of certification may also add the following licenses while pursuing or after obtaining their ESL licensure as their initial certification:

- World Languages

### Requirements

**University General Education Requirements (GER)**

Required courses for this program fulfill some of the university's General Education Requirements. Consult Program Core for specific courses.

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<td>Oral and Written Communication, Part A</td>
<td>English Placement Test score at level 4 or higher, or pass English 102 (OWC-A approved) with a grade of C or better</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
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Complete one of the following:
- 2 consecutive semesters of college instruction in a single foreign language with passing grades
- 2 consecutive years of high school instruction in a single foreign language with passing grades
- Demonstrate language proficiency on approved exam

**GER Distribution Requirements**

- **Arts** | Select one approved GER-A designated course | 3 |
- **Humanities** | Select two approved GER-HU designated courses | 0-6 |
- **Social Sciences** | Select two approved GER-SS designated courses | 3-6 |
- **Natural Sciences** | Select one approved GER-NS or GER-NS+ designated course | 6 |
- **World Languages** | Select one approved GER-CD designated course | 3 |
- **Cultural Diversity** | Select one approved GER-NS+ designated course, which includes a lab component | 0-3 |

**Program Admission Requirements**

### Program Core

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<td>Public Speaking (GER-HU, fulfilled prior to program admission)</td>
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<td>CURRINS 300</td>
<td>Introduction to Teaching: Colloquium and Fieldwork (fulfilled prior to program admission)</td>
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**Minority Group Relations (Act 31)**

A component of the Human Relations Requirement for Teacher Certification is met by completing one of the following courses.

- **ANTHRO 213** | American Indian Peoples of Wisconsin (GER-CD, GER-SS) |
- **ENGLISH 276** | Introduction to American Indian Literature: (GER-CD, GER-HU) |
- **AIS 203** | Western Great Lakes American Indian Community Life of the Past (GER-CD, GER-SS) |

**HIST 263** | North American Indian History Since 1887 (GER-CD, GER-SS) |

**Total Credits** | 9 |

**Content Area**

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<td>or LINGUIS 350</td>
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<td>ENGLISH 212</td>
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<td>Survey of Modern English Grammar</td>
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<td>Seminar in Rhetoric and Professional Writing:</td>
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<td>CURRINS 659</td>
<td>Teaching and Assessing Grammar to Enrich Writing</td>
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<td>Literacy, Grammar, and Methodologies in ESL Education</td>
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<td>Introduction to Second Language Acquisition</td>
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Advanced to Major

Program Admission Requirements
Application to the English as a Second Language program requires satisfactory completion of the requirements listed below. For more information about the application process, visit our website at: http://uwm.edu/education/academics/second-language/.

- **English Composition**: Achieve a placement level of 4 or higher on the English Placement Test, or complete ENGLISH 102 or an equivalent with a grade of C or better.
- **Mathematics Skills**: Achieve a placement level of 30 or higher on the Math Placement Test, or complete MATH 102, MATH 103, MATH 105, MATH 108, MATH 175, or an equivalent, with a grade of C or better. **Note**: MATH 103 or MATH 105 are recommended as they also meet core curriculum requirements.
- **Completion of CURRINS 300, Introduction to Teaching**, with a grade of C or better.
- **Completion of COMMUN 103** with a grade of C or better.
- **A 2.75 minimum GPA** in all English as a Second Language content courses completed prior to program admission.
- **A 2.5 minimum GPA** in all UWM and transfer courses at time of admission application.
- **A minimum of 48 credits** (UWM and transfer credits) at the time of admission application. It is not required to have all content area courses completed at the time of application.
- The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requires that all applicants to a professional education preparation program pass a **Criminal Background Check (CBC)** prior to admission.

**Benchmarks**

**Student Teaching**
Students must complete an application to request/be assigned a student teaching placement. Deadlines for submission are posted by the Office of Clinical Experiences. (http://uwm.edu/education/academics/clinical-experiences/)

To be approved, students must **ALSO** meet the following criteria:

- Be admitted to the School of Education.
- Complete all required coursework. An exception to allow a student to take a course concurrently with student teaching requires approval by the student’s faculty advisor.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on all undergraduate coursework, including transfer courses.
- Have a content GPA of 3.0 or better, **OR** Pass the Praxis Subject Assessment exam: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages: Content Knowledge #5362.
- Removal of all F and/or I (incomplete) grades in courses that count toward graduation or certification.
- TB test results submitted to the Office of Clinical Experiences (may take up to 6 weeks).
- Criminal Background Check submitted to the Office of Clinical Experiences.

**Undergraduate Advising**
Our purpose is to provide collaborative, mentoring relationships which promote educational, career, and professional development. We value a student-centered, holistic, and ethical approach to advising based...
on strong partnerships with students, faculty and staff, and the larger campus community. We are committed to creating a respectful and supportive environment. We encourage students to be self-reliant through informed decisions and choices based upon dissemination of accurate information. We value our own continuous professional development to enhance the quality of the advising experience.

**How to Prepare for an Advising Meeting**

- Come prepared with questions or topics for discussion.
- Make a list of courses you think you should take.
- Investigate opportunities to prepare for the job you want.
- Keep a record of your academic progress.
- Understand you are ultimately responsible for creating your educational, life, and career plans.
- Maintain honest and open communication with your advisor.
- Take responsibility for choices you make as a student and member of the UW-Milwaukee community.

**Scheduling an Appointment**

Office of Student Services
Enderis Hall, Room 209
(414) 229-4721
soeinfo@uwm.edu

**Walk-In Hours**

Walk-in advising is for current School of Education students and is limited to 10-15 minutes. Offered weekly on Thursday from 1-4 PM, these opportunities allow for you to meet briefly with your assigned academic advisor, or an advisor familiar with your program of study.

**Transfer Student Not Yet Enrolled at UWM?**

If you are attending a different college or university and would like to transfer to UWM to study in the School of Education and have questions, please connect with our Transfer Advisor, Emilee Schultz, at (414) 229-6019 or emilee@uwm.edu.

**Graduate Advising**

If you are a School of Education graduate student, you may schedule an appointment with your faculty advisor by contacting your faculty advisor directly. Faculty contact information can be found in the People Directory (https://uwm.edu/education/people). Your faculty advisor will be listed in your PAWS account. If you are unsure who your advisor is, please contact Graduate Program Admissions Specialist Allison Hochmuth (https://uwm.edu/education/people/hochmuth-allison).

**Honors in the Department of Teaching and Learning**

Departmental Honors are granted to students who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester.

**Honors in the School of Education**

**Dean’s Honor List**

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student’s GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

**Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis**

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/honors-college) section of this site.

**Commencement Honors**

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is not rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

**Final Honors**

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.