

Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)



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- Are you interested in an international career experience where you can both work and travel?
- Would you like to take advantage of your English language skills in the global economy?
- Do you value understanding other cultures, helping local communities where you live and teach, and creating rich and lasting friendships?

The WOU TEFL certificate program creates **professional opportunities** for Western Oregon University students to respond to, and take advantage of, the new challenges of a global economy.

The **TEFL certificate** program prepares undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students for their first international/cross-cultural English teaching position. Its goal is to provide the student with a strong foundation in English linguistics and training in language acquisition/teaching methodologies.

Career opportunities

English is an international language, with its economic, social and political impact continually expanding in the world. While it is a mother tongue in about 20 nations, it is also an official language in more than 70 countries and is widely taught as a foreign language.

For the year 2000, it was estimated that over one billion people were learning English. Not surprisingly, the job market for TEFL teachers continues to grow around the world.



The (26) credits in the **TEFL Certificate** can be applied to the (20) credit Linguistics minor, partnering well with majors in:

English or writing
Communication studies
Modern languages
American Sign Language
Humanities
Business
Computer science
International studies
Social science
Creative arts
Or any major interested in international experiences

Find out more about the TEFL certificate program at Western Oregon University. Contact us at: 503-838-8764, hargred@wou.edu, or wou.edu/las/humanities/english

See the current catalog for a complete list of classes and course descriptions, available online at wou.edu/catalog.

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In fact, the number of learners of English as a foreign language is far greater than the number of native English speakers. Jobs in TEFL remain plentiful around the world.

Employment opportunities for TEFL in China are so abundant that the U.S. Embassy in China has developed a website devoted specifically to FAQs about Americans teaching TEFL in China, describing visa requirements, salaries, working conditions, as well as descriptions of the different types positions in secondary schools, businesses, private schools and universities.

Oxford Seminars, a private ESL training and job placement company from the UK, reports that there are 20,000 ESL teaching positions posted world-wide each month.



Who can enter the TEFL Certificate program?

- Western Oregon University undergraduate students from any major or minor.
- Post-baccalaureate students can pursue the certificate by completing the required courses and fulfilling the residency requirements of a second bachelor's degree.
- The TEFL certificate program is offered through the Department of English, Writing and Linguistics, and focuses on English in international/cross-cultural contexts primarily with young adult/adult learners. It is distinct from the College of Education ESOL/Bilingual endorsement for K-12 classrooms in Oregon and the U.S.

Obtaining the WOU TEFL certificate before seeking employment abroad can increase your **prospective job opportunities**, enable you to seek **higher quality positions** — and build your **competence** and **confidence to succeed**.

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Course no.	Course title	Credits
LING 210	Intro to Linguistics	4
LING 315	Structure of English	4
LING 312	Language and Society or LING 370 Discourse and Text	4
LING 410	Theories of Foreign Language Acquisition with Adult/Young Adult Learners	4
LING 415	Strategies in TEFL Teaching with Adult/Young Adult Learners	4
LING 492	Pedagogical Grammar in TEFL with Adult/Young Adult Learners	4
LING 416	Practicum	2

TOTAL

26

What are the requirements?

The WOU TEFL Certificate program requires 26-credits (six 4-credit courses plus a 2-credit practicum). Courses in the TEFL Certificate program may also be applied towards the English Linguistics major or minor.

Post-baccalaureate students may obtain the certificate by completing the required courses (26 credits), and fulfilling the residency requirements of a second bachelor's degree.

