

ESL Endorsement

The ESL Endorsement program provides teachers and other educational professionals with specialized training in teaching English as a Second Language. The program focuses on methods of improving and facilitating a teacher's interaction with K-12 and adult students whose native language is not English in:

- public and private schools
- professional language schools
- colleges and universities (with master's degree)
- international corporations and organizations
- cultural exchange programs
- curriculum development
- adult education



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**NEW COHORTS OPEN
EACH FALL TERM**

- The English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement is a 20-credit cohort program, approved by the Michigan Department of Education.
- All courses may be applied toward Oakland University's Master of Arts in Linguistics degree.
- The entire endorsement program can be completed in one year. Ten credits (four courses) are offered online.



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Oakland University's ESL Endorsement program is approved by the Michigan Department of Education. The program consists of 20 credit hours, taken in sequence over 12 months with a cohort group.

Courses in the program help K-12 teachers understand the linguistic and cultural problems that students have when English is not their native language. ESL teacher training gives teachers tools to deal with these challenges so that students who speak other languages can become more integrated into classroom activities.

Need for expertise in ESL

According to the 2000 census, 18.4 percent of school-age children in the United States — nearly one out of every five — speak a language other than English at home.

Locally, increases in foreign-born populations have generated some astounding data. Statistics obtained from Oakland Schools indicate that more than 100 languages are spoken by residents in Oakland County. It is not unusual to have more than a dozen different languages spoken in a single K-12 classroom!

Program benefits

- **Apply credits toward an M.A. in Linguistics.** All courses listed under the requirements for the ESL Endorsement can be applied toward the Master of Arts in Linguistics degree with a Teaching of English as a Second Language (TESL) specialization.
- **Complete the requirements for professional teacher certification in Michigan.** Courses are approved as a planned program.
- **Convenience.** Classes are held in the early evening during the fall semester and online during the winter and summer S01 session semesters. Summer S07 session classes are held during the day. Classes are scheduled to be held off-campus.



Admission

Applicants must be certified to teach in Michigan. Admission is competitive. Full requirements are available on the Department of Linguistics website at oakland.edu/linguistics.

Course sequence and schedule*

Semester	Number	Title and credit hours
Fall	LIN 501	Linguistics Structures, 4
Winter	ALS 570	Language, Culture and Society, 2; online
Winter	ALS 630	Language Pedagogy, 4; online
Summer S01	ALS 631	Curriculum Material Design, 2; online
Summer S01	ALS 632	Assessment and Compliance, 2; online
Summer S07	ALS 530	Language Acquisition, 2
Summer S07	ALS 640	ESL Practicum, 4

*Course sequence and scheduling are subject to change

Application process

Applications are currently being accepted for the ESL Endorsement program scheduled to begin in the fall semester. Admission is selective. Enrollment in the cohort is limited to the first 25 qualified applicants.

Apply online to Oakland University Graduate Admissions at oakland.edu/grad/.

Once Graduate Admissions and Student Services receive all necessary materials, application files are forwarded to the Department of Linguistics for faculty review. Recommendations are made to Graduate Admissions and Student Services, where a final decision on the application for admission is made. Applicants are then notified.

Application Deadline

Admittance is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Early application is recommended.

Questions

Responses to frequently asked questions are available online at oakland.edu/?id=15696&sid=379.

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