TSL: Teaching English As a Second Language Courses

Courses

TSL 4080   ESOL Principles and Practices
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

The course provides an overview of information and skills concerning the education of students who are English Language Learners (ELL). The course focuses on cross-cultural understanding and methods of teaching English to speakers of other languages, as well as curriculum and materials to support such work. It provides an introduction to linguistics and builds capacity with regard to working with families of students learning English. Offered concurrently with TSL 5085 and graduate students will complete additional higher-level work.

TSL 4081   Teaching English to ESOL Students
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: TSL 4080

This is the second in a sequence of two courses designed to provide students with knowledge and skills related to the education of English Language Learners (ELLs). The course addresses cross-cultural communication and methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) with emphasis on second language acquisition theories, the role of applied linguistics in second language teaching and learning, and the assessment of ELL students.

TSL 4140   ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: TSL 4080

This course builds on knowledge and skills developed in the prerequisite course. It will extend understanding of various ways that language and culture affect second language learners’ participation and learning in K-12 classrooms. This course covers the study of curriculum and materials development for English Language Learners (ELL), reviews the educational theories of language acquisition, learning and literacy, and provides class participants with knowledge of ESOL methodologies. This course will introduce ESOL program models and materials and will cover the integration of language and content. Instruction of second language learners and practical application of course material will be emphasized throughout the class. Offered concurrently with TSL 5142; graduate students will be assigned additional work.

TSL 4251   Applied Linguistics
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: TSL 4080

This course aims to provide the basis linguistic knowledge of phonetics, semantics, pragmatics, syntax, and grammar considered necessary to teach English to English Language Learner (ELL). Students will study the evolution of language, its forms and stratification, and review the theories of first and second language acquisition. Students will participate in the process of applying the linguistics, psycholinguistics, and sociolinguistics to teaching English as a second language with emphasis on pronunciation, intonation, structural analysis, morphophonemic, and decoding from print to sound. In addition, students will apply the knowledge gained to perform contrastive analysis and will use error analysis on the interference problems found with the ESOL students. The course addresses cross cultural understanding and methods of teaching English to speakers of other languages but focuses on the role of applied linguistics in second language teaching and the assessment of ESOL students. Offered concurrently with TSL 5250; graduate students will be assigned additional work.

TSL 4340   Methods of Teaching ESOL
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: TSL 4140

Based on the fundamentals acquired in the prerequisite course, students will learn the history of approaches in language learning and teaching, transitional methods and the most current methods and approaches in teaching English as an additional language. Students will also examine the approaches that are believed to be most effective in teaching English Language Learners (EELs) with and emphasis on the four language modes as well as the development of vacaulary in L2. Offered concurrently with TSL 4345.

TSL 4441   Testing and Evaluation
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: TSL 4080

Provides a general review of the various theories of testing, and knowledge of the nature of testing, its parameters and its pitfalls. Class participants will evaluate widely used language tests, construct and administer language tests, and examine how test scores are used in educational settings. The use of authentic assessment for English Language Learners and the unique role of language will be a focus. Offered concurrently with TSL 5440; graduate students will be assigned additional work.

TSL 4520   Cross Cultural Communication and Understanding
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: TSL 4080

Develops awareness and understanding of the cultures represented by the different language minorities within Florida and the nation; provides an emphasis on research that will enable participants to plan and implement curriculum, instruction, and assessment activities to meet special needs of linguistically and culturally diverse students.
TSL 5085  ESOL Principles and Practices
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Designed to provide students with information and skills concerning the education of students who are ELL (English Language Learners). Addresses the 25 ESOL standards. Focuses on methods of teaching ESOL, curriculum and materials, cross cultural understanding, applied linguistics, and testing and evaluation of ESOL students. Offered concurrently with TSL 4080; graduate students will be assigned additional work.

TSL 5142  ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Covers the study of curriculum and materials development for second language learners. It reviews the educational theories of language acquisition, learning and literacy. It provides class participants with knowledge of the various types of curricula, and the problems and solutions inherent in standardized curricula. Will also introduce ESOL program models currently used in Florida. Students will receive the necessary skills to select and use appropriate ESOL instructional strategies, materials, and classroom use, and to develop their own ESOL instructional units, materials and technologies. Offered concurrently with TSL 4140; graduate students will be assigned additional work. Credit may not be received in TSL 5142 and either TSL 6145 or TSL 5145.

TSL 5250  Applied Linguistics
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Aims to provide the basic linguistic knowledge of phonetics, semantics, pragmatics, syntax, and grammar needed to teach English to second language learners. Students will study the evolution of language, its forms and stratification, and review the theories of first and second language acquisition. The participants will apply the knowledge gained to do contrastive analysis and will use error analysis on interference problems found with ESOL students. This will take place during a practicum in EFL or ESOL environment. Offered concurrently with TSL 4251; graduate students will be assigned additional work. Credit may not be received in both TSL 5250 and TSL 6250.

TSL 5345  Methods of Teaching ESOL
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Prerequisite: TSL 5142
Based on the fundamentals acquired in the prerequisite course, students will learn the history of approaches in language learning and teaching, transitional methods and the most current methods and approaches in teaching English as an additional language. Students will also examine the current approaches that are believed to be most effective in teaching English Language Learners (ELLs) with an emphasis on the four language modes as well as the development of vocabulary in L2. Offered concurrently with TSL 4340 (Methods of Teaching ESOL); graduate students will be assigned additional work. Offered Fall and Spring semester only.

TSL 5440  Testing and Evaluation
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Provides a general review of the various theories of testing, and knowledge of the nature of testing, its parameters and its pitfalls. Class participants will evaluate widely used language tests, construct and administer language tests, and examine how test scores are used in educational settings. The use of authentic assessment for English Language Learners and the unique role of language will be a focus. Offered concurrently with TSL 4441; graduate students will be assigned additional work. Credit may not be received in both TSL 5440 and TSL 6440.

TSL 5525  Cross Cultural Communication and Understanding
3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)
Develops awareness and understanding of the cultures represented by the different language minorities within Florida and the nation; provides an emphasis on research that will enable participants to plan and implement curriculum, instruction, and assessment activities to meet the special needs of linguistically and culturally diverse students. Offered concurrently with TSL 4520; graduate students will be assigned additional work.

TSL 5905  Directed Study
1-12 sh (may be repeated indefinitely for credit)