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The Department of Modern Languages offers the M.A. in modern languages with emphases in French, German, linguistics, Spanish, and teaching English as a second language (TESOL).

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 36

Course Requirements

Students must satisfy the requirements for either the emphasis in French, German, linguistics, Spanish, or TESOL.

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Students who specialize in TESOL learn best practices in the teaching of English as a second language, training, most importantly, for careers as English-language teachers. With its heavy focus on applied and theoretical linguistics, the TESOL specialization within the Modern Languages master's program also prepares its graduates for doctoral work in the discipline.

Course Requirements

Four options for completing the degree are available. All options require 36 credit hours and must include the following courses: Lin 561; 600; 603; 651; 687; and one of Lin 511, 552, 571, or 572. The four options are as follows: (1) 36 hours of graduate-level coursework in Lin; (2) a minimum of 24 hours of graduate-level coursework in Lin and 6-12 hours of coursework in a departmentally approved subfield; (3) a minimum of 24 hours of graduate-level coursework in Lin and 6-12 hours of thesis work; (4) 18 hours of graduate-level coursework in Lin and 18 hours of a supervised internship (Lin 688 and 689). Students must maintain a B average in their coursework or be subjected to probation and/or expulsion from the program.

Students who elect to pursue the thesis option must first pass Lin 690 or 691 with at least a B. All nonthesis students must submit a teaching portfolio with a reflection in their final semester.

Students who elect to pursue the internship option must secure their own internship before the start of their coursework.

Other Academic Requirements

Students must maintain a B average in their course work or be subjected to probation and/or expulsion from the program.

