ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The master of arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program is designed to prepare educators to meet the unique needs of English as a Second Language (ESL) learners in K-12 schools and in colleges/universities in the United States and abroad. Graduates of this master’s program will be eligible for the Michigan Department of Education’s ESL endorsement.

I believe there will be many opportunities for me to practice my skills and apply everything I’ve learned here at WMU.

— Deniz Toker, alumnus

The WMU teacher education unit is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

This accelerated graduate degree program allows qualifying students to begin accumulating credits toward completion of a M.A. while enrolled as undergraduates.
WHY TESOL AT WMU?

→ Program completion leads to a Michigan ESL endorsement for teachers with initial teaching certificate.
→ Provides a comprehensive program to meet the needs of culturally- and linguistically-diverse students in K-12 settings and colleges/universities based on current theory and research.
→ Prepares educators to collaborate and engage in dialogue with content area and general education colleagues to better serve the academic and linguistic needs of ESL students.
→ Equips educators with knowledge of effective instructional methodologies to address ESL students’ academic and linguistic needs.
→ Develops educators who can analyze and modify instructional materials and assessments depending on students’ English proficiency.

FUNDING

A variety of scholarships are available. For a full list of scholarships and how to apply, please visit: wmich.edu/specialed/scholarships.