

Teaching English as a Foreign Language



Career Development Center

college to career major map

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
Academics	<p>Explore the foundations of Teaching English as a Foreign Language along with some LASC courses.</p> <p>Still not 100% certain of your major? Take the FOCUS2 and explore all your options.</p> <p>Need a little help in your classes? Look into tutoring with the Academic Support Center.</p>	<p>Take a deeper dive into the discipline of Teaching English as a Foreign Language and begin considering a minor and/or certificate.</p>	<p>Schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor to ensure you're on track for graduation.</p> <p>Take inventory of your professional goals and decide if your future will need to include graduate school. Take the necessary exams and begin submitting applications to programs that will help you achieve your goals.</p>	<p>Participate in the Student Academic Conference to showcase research and connect with employers and to boost your resume.</p> <p>Ensure you submit your application for graduation on time.</p>
Get Relevant Experience	<p>Get involved with your residence hall and join a major specific student organization.</p> <p>Participate in Student Life Pathways to continue growing your skills/knowledge outside of the classroom. We recommend starting with the Community Life Pathway.</p>	<p>Find an on-campus job or a part-time position in the community. Visit DragonJobs powered by Handshake, or one of the many other online job boards to find opportunities.</p> <p>Continue working on your Student Life Pathways. Try working your way through the Personal Wellness and the Equity and Inclusion paths.</p>	<p>Begin your leadership journey by applying for a student leadership position or run for an officer position in a student organization.</p> <p>During your third year, we suggest focusing on the Professional Success and Contribution and Influence Student Life Pathways. These will help connect you to potential employers and develop skills necessary for success post graduation.</p>	<p>Assess what experiences or skills are areas of growth for you and fill in gaps with volunteering, organizations, internships, or part-time employment.</p> <p>Finish up your pathways and be sure to add your accomplishments to your LinkedIn and resume.</p>
Connect to the Community	<p>Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations such as Cultural Diversity Resources, National Welcoming Week, New American Consortium for Wellness & Empowerment, or Childrens Legacy Foundation.</p>	<p>Join LinkedIn to begin building your professional network and online presence. Think of your profile as a virtual resume and make sure to update it regularly to reflect new jobs, research, coursework, volunteering, involvement, and skills.</p>	<p>Attend off-campus events such as StartUp Brew, Ladyboss, Chamber of Commerce events, or TedX to connect with others and gain exposure to the community.</p> <p>Attend the on-campus Meet the Employer and Featured Employer events as often as possible. Make sure to engage with the representatives and collect contact information to follow up.</p>	<p>Join professional organizations such as TESOL International Association to gain access to research, continuing education opportunities, job boards, and message boards. Make sure to join prior to graduation to receive the discounted student rate (when applicable).</p>
Understand Your Career	<p>Start researching potential career paths on O*Net. Here, you will be able to find valuable information such as typical tasks associated with the profession, skills and knowledge needed, education and licensures needed, wages and employment trends, professional organizations, and related occupations. We suggest you search for careers such as English as a Second Language Instructor.</p>	<p>Find related part-time employment such as America Reads Tutor positions. This position allows you to develop the real-world skills you need for your career. Connect with the Career Development Center to learn more.</p> <p>Attend Career Development Center events and workshops to develop professional skills such as interviewing, negotiation, and more.</p>	<p>Continue attending professional development-related events on-campus, and connect with faculty and teachers in your classrooms to learn more about the field and gain insights on how to be successful in your job search.</p> <p>Find an internship or part-time job with a local or regional organization to learn the ins and outs of your chosen career. Prior to applying, schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center to help you prepare.</p>	<p>Network relentlessly! Attend the spring Career Fairs to get connected to employers looking to hire soon-to-be grads. Check the Career Center with TESOL International Association to see openings.</p> <p>Schedule appointments with a Career Coach to go over your professional documents and to prepare for upcoming interviews. And remember, once a dragon always a dragon. You have access to these services for life.</p>

Where can you go?

A degree in **Teaching English as a Foreign Language** can take your career in many directions. Most students choose to enter the workforce right after graduation and many continue their education after a few years in the workforce. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for a career as a(n):

- School teacher outside the U.S.
- Private intensive English language programs
- Adult ESL teacher in Adult Basic Education programs

What skills will you need?

To be successful in the world of **Teaching English as a Foreign Language**, you will need the following skills:

- Language
- Communication
- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Interpretation
- Empathy
- Cultural Competency

Thankfully, through your coursework, on-campus involvement, part-time employment and/or internships, and other self-guided learning, you will be prepared for life post-graduation.

This page is interactive. Click on the **color coded** phrases to be taken to a correlating website.

This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences and constraints are different. Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach to discuss your individual goals and to create a personalized map.