

# Master of Arts in Teaching in Education -- ESOL

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The M.A.T. in Education with a Concentration in English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is a graduate program beyond the bachelor's degree. Successful candidates will earn an M.A.T. and become eligible for initial certification in English to Speakers of Other Languages in Georgia. Graduates will also earn the English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement for Georgia certified teachers, speech and language pathologists, or school counselors.

## Selected Educational Outcomes

Students will:

1. demonstrate an understanding of the nature of the learner.
2. employ instructional strategies and research methodologies appropriate to the discipline and the learners.
3. demonstrate effective planning skills.
4. employ effective assessment techniques in evaluating learners and programs.
5. maintain an ongoing program of professional development.
6. meet all the standards for initial teacher certification set forth by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), and the James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education and Human Services.

## Selected Outcomes Assessments

Students in the M.A.T. ESOL program:

1. demonstrate content knowledge through passing the state-required GACE content assessment.
2. demonstrate content knowledge, skills in planning, assessment, instructional strategies, use of technology, classroom management, differentiation, advocacy, and self-teaching reflection through the edTPA portfolio.
3. demonstrate pedagogical content knowledge and knowledge of evidence-based strategies through development of lesson plans identifying use of research-validated procedures and effective content pedagogy (edTPA).
4. demonstrate skills in assessment, instructional strategies, use of technology, and monitoring and modifying instruction during observed teaching episodes evaluated by a university supervisor and classroom mentor teacher.
5. demonstrate their ability to positively impact P-12 learning through a teacher work sample.
6. demonstrate appropriate teaching dispositions through self-assessment and university supervisor and mentor teacher disposition assessments.

## Admission to the Program

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University, applicants must first submit a completed application to the Graduate School. A completed application packet includes official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, completed application form, fee, and any additional program requirements submitted by the admission deadline. Students will be eligible to enroll with a completed degree from an accredited program and a 2.75 GPA. To be considered for the preferred term, all required materials must be received by the Graduate School no later than the close of business on the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents.

## Admission Deadlines

Fall Deadline: July 15

Spring Deadline: November 15

Summer Deadline: March 15

## Requirements for the M.A.T. in Education with a Concentration in English to Speakers of Other Languages

Prerequisite: SPEC 3000

Required Core Courses		36
ESOL 2999	Entry to the Education Profession <sup>1</sup>	0
ESOL 6010	Applied Linguistics for ESOL Teachers	3
ESOL 6020	Cultural Perspectives for ESOL Teachers	3
ESOL 6030	Methods and Materials for Teaching ESOL	3
ESOL 6040	Assessing English Language Learners (Ells)	3
ESOL 6050	Teaching English Grammar for ESOL	3

FLED 6000	World Languages and TESOL Methods P-8	2
FLED 6010	P-8 Classroom Laboratory	1
FLED 7000	Curriculum and Instruction of World Languages & TESOL	2
FLED 7010	6-12 Classroom Laboratory	1
FLED 7500	Theory and Practice in Second Language Acquisition	3
ESOL 6780	Supervised Internship – Clinical Practice	9
ESOL 6800	Clinical Practice Seminar	3
<b>Total Hours Required for the Degree</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> ESOL 2999 must be taken the first semester of the degree program.

Note: Up to 9 hours may be transferred into the degree.