Master of Arts in English with a TESL Concentration
(30-36 hours)

Admission requirements
In addition to Graduate Studies requirements, applicants must have completed a minimum of four undergraduate English courses beyond general education requirements, at least two being upper-level literature courses. Academically defensible alternatives may be acceptable. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 or better in undergraduate English classes and a score of at least 4.0 on the GRE Analytical Writing section. Students seeking Rank II or Rank I certification for grades 8-12 must possess a secondary school teaching certificate and must include a copy with the application for admission.

Program Requirements
No more than 12 hours of 400/G graduate courses are allowed.

Students seeking Rank II or Rank I certification are required to incorporate pedagogy into their research papers in the six hours of American and six hours of British literature.

1. English 520 Introduction to Graduate Study 3 hours

2. American literature classes 6 hours
   504 Studies in American Literature
   534 Studies in Genre (with appropriate topic)
   596 Seminar in American Writers
   597 Special Topics in English (w/ appropriate topic)

3. British literature classes 6 hours
   514 Studies in British Literature
   524 Studies in World Literature
   534 Studies in Genre (with appropriate topic)
   586 Seminar in British Writers
   597 Special Topics in English (w/ appropriate topic)

4. 407G Linguistics (should be taken in the first semester) 12 hours
   408G Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
   565 Integrated Teaching English as a Second Language
   566 Teaching and Testing English as a Second Language Grammar

5. 471G TESL Practicum 3 hours

6. English elective for those students using ENG 520 as the research tool 3 hours
   (Students may meet the research tool requirement by demonstrating reading proficiency in a foreign language or by completing English 520 with a grade of B or better. If English 520 is counted as the research tool, an additional 3 hours are required.)

7. Thesis (optional) 6 hours
   (Note: 3 of the thesis hours may count toward #6 above.)

Oral Examination
An oral examination will cover course work, the M.A. Reading List for TESL, and the thesis if there is one. Those students seeking Rank II or Rank I certification will also be required to submit a portfolio containing a selection of their students’ papers, two of their papers in American literature or British literature classes, lesson plans, a statement of philosophy of teaching, and an essay on their strengths, weaknesses, and goals as teachers.