

Teaching English as a Second Language

CONTINUING STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Why learn to teach English as a second language (ESL)?

Our global world is shrinking and today's workplace is international. With Canada becoming increasingly multicultural, there are innumerable opportunities for trained professionals in Canada in both the public and private sectors. Opportunities outside Canada abound.

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If you plan to travel, teaching ESL is a good way to finance and even extend your travel plans. Teaching is a superb way to immerse yourself in new cultures and to meet new people.

If you plan to stay here in Canada, there are many teaching opportunities for qualified professionals. British Columbia has long been a destination for immigrants and while many know several languages, they may need to learn or improve their skills in English.

If you are already a teacher or a community worker, this program provides you with the skills needed to teach English to those who speak other languages.

WHY EARN A TESL CERTIFICATE AT UFV?

UFV's Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) certificate has a number of unique features. You can work towards your certificate while you are completing your bachelor's degree, counting credits from the TESL certificate program towards the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of General Studies, or other degree program at UFV.

UFV's TESL program is recognized by TESL Canada, the national organization for English as a Second Language professionals. As soon as you have completed the TESL program at UFV, you are then eligible to apply for Level II certification by TESL Canada.



“All the different courses I took at UFV help me in my job because beyond just teaching English, I teach my students about Canadian culture, history, economics, business, and technology.”

— JANET LES,
UFV TESL graduate.

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“The TESL program’s approach of combining in-class learning with practical classroom teaching experience prepared me to teach all levels of English to students from all over the world.”

— CAITLIN WILLIAMS, UFV BA/ TESL student.

WHAT TYPE OF CAREER CAN I EXPECT?

The career opportunities are varied, with placements ranging from community services offices to teaching part-time evening classes for new Canadians or international students.

If you choose to travel, you can use your TESL certificate to access many opportunities for short and longer-term teaching positions in a many countries around the world.

WILL THIS PROGRAM BE OF BENEFIT TO ME AS A TEACHER?

Yes, if you are already in the public or private education field, you will find these courses and this program practical and helpful to your current teaching situation.

ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES?

Yes, there is a practicum component following the TESL 300 and TESL 310 classes.

WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?

UFV has highly-qualified TESL instructors who will teach you how to teach English to others.

While studying, you will be taught by qualified, experienced TESL instructors who are also skilled ESL instructors.

It’s important to note that you will also receive valuable classroom practice in your supervised practicum with an actual ESL class.

CAN I TAKE TESL COURSES ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS?

Yes, other than TESL 333, which is a practicum, all of the TESL courses can be taken separately with the instructor’s permission.

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?

To qualify for this program you must have completed 60 credits at UFV with a cumulative GPA of 2.67 or higher, or the equivalent at a recognized post-secondary institution.

WHERE IS THE PROGRAM DELIVERED?

UFV’s TESL courses are offered at the Abbotsford campus on King Road.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

If you are currently enrolled at UFV, there is no formal application process required. You must submit your graduation request form for the TESL certificate upon successful completion of the program requirements and at the same time as you submit your graduation request for your degree. If you are not currently enrolled at UFV, or you already have a degree, please contact Cheryl Isaac at 1-888-504-7441, local 4527, or cheryl.isaac@ufv.ca . You can also visit our website at www.ufv.ca/cs/tesl .

HOW IS THE PROGRAM STRUCTURED?

The courses you will take in the TESL program are as follows:

COURSE #	TITLE
LING 101	Introduction to Language
LING 202	Language Acquisition
ENGL 209	The Structure of English
TESL 300	Foundations of TESL
TESL 310	Methodology in TESL
TESL 333**	Practicum*

* 10 hours teaching in a supervised classroom under the same sponsor teacher, with minimum 10 hours observation according to a pre-arranged plan, 10 hours of sponsor teacher/student debriefing, and four hours of employment orientation.

** Prerequisite for TESL 333 is successful completion of TESL 300 and TESL 310.

You must also take two of the following approved courses to complete your TESL certificate. The courses in category one provide breadth in culture and communication. The courses in category two provide breadth in language and education.

CATEGORY ONE

- Anthropology: 102, 130, 220, 490
- Communications: 235, 345, 385
- Criminology: 211, 311, 411
- Child and Youth Care: 260, 360, 490
- Economics: 352
- English: 210, 214, 227, 245, 370, 371, 372, 374, 375, 376, 379, 490
- Geography: 140, 443
- History: 115, 235, 236, 261, 262, 385, 489, 490, 499
- Kinesiology and Physical Education: 170, 268, 400
- Latin American Studies: 100, 102, 200, 312, 402, 498
- Media and Communication Studies: 110, 210, 212, 490
- Philosophy: 220, 362, 364, 490, 491
- Political Science: 190, 195, 230
- Psychology: 250, 303, 325, 351, 367, 491, 493A, 493B

- Religious Studies: 202
- Social Cultural and Media Studies: 310, 363, 388, 463, 470
- Sociology: 250, 333, 450, 490
- Any related course with approval of TESL coordinator

CATEGORY TWO

- Any ADED (Adult Education) course
- Any EDUC (Education) course
- Any ESL (English as a Second Language) course (must be a qualified ESL student)
- Any MOLA (Modern Languages) course
- Any SLA (Speech and Language Assistant) course
- Any TEP (Teacher Education Program) course
- Any CYC (Child and Youth Care) course
- Any ECE (Early Childhood Education) course
- Any TESL course, for example TESL 302, TESL 303, TESL 311, not previously listed in the certificate program. (See the listing of other TESL courses on our website at www.ufv.ca/cs/tesl)
- Any related course with approval of the TESL coordinator

Once you have completed the program, you will then be eligible for TESL Canada certification. You are responsible for applying to TESL Canada for your certification.

For a current schedule, and up-to-date information, it's best to check the website at www.ufv.ca/cs/tesl.

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

To be eligible for the UFV TESL certification you must have:

- Completion of degree program with cumulative GPA of 2.67 or higher.
- LING 101: Introduction to Language (three credits)
- LING 202: Language Acquisition (three credits)
- ENGL 105-170: Two 100-level English courses (six credits)
- Two approved UFV courses with GPA of 2.67 or higher (six credits)
- ENGL 209: The Structure of English (three credits)
- TESL 300: Foundations of TESL (four credits)
- TESL 310: Methodology in TESL (four credits)
- TESL 333: Practicum.
Ten hours teaching in a supervised classroom under the same sponsor teacher, with minimum 10 hours observation according to a pre-arranged plan, 10 hours of sponsor teacher/student debriefing, and four hours of employment orientation (two credits)

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

While it is always best to consult UFV's calendar at www.ufv.ca/calendar for up-to-date information, the fees for most TESL courses currently cost \$300 to \$550 each (based on 2007/2008 tuition).

Books and materials will cost approximately \$80 for each TESL course. The graduation fee is \$25.

Please keep in mind that all costs and fees may change.

IS THERE ANYBODY I CAN TALK WITH ABOUT MY PLANS?

For further information, please contact Cheryl Isaac in our continuing studies department at 1-888-504-7441, local 4527, or cheryl.isaac@ufv.ca. You can also visit our website at www.ufv.ca/cs/tesl.

Along with its many Continuing Studies courses, UFV offers more than 80 degree, diploma, and certificate programs. There are also opportunities for high school students to earn certificates through the Career Technical Centre, based at Abbotsford Collegiate.

For more information about programs at UFV please visit www.ufv.ca or contact Student Services at 1-888-504-7441 to connect with an educational advisor, or arrange for career counselling.



About UFV

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, in B.C., UFV is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls more than 11,000 students each year. UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is committed to exceptional post-secondary instruction and a nurturing learning environment. We are large enough to offer variety, yet small enough to offer the personal attention that our students need to thrive. Our small class sizes and focus on teaching allow our students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on setting.

We offer more than 80 programs, including 13 bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. We believe that anyone who wants to go to university should be given the chance, so our admission policies are flexible, and we provide university prep courses and high school completion options. There are many options for learning: full-time, in class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored specifically to your interests.

Many of our programs "ladder" into one another, allowing students to keep their options open. Our international programming makes for a culturally diverse student body and great opportunities to study abroad, while our continuing studies offerings make learning a lifelong experience.

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with our local communities.

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