APPROVAL FORM FOR

DEGREE PROGRAMS

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

NOTE: This form is a cover sheet that must accompany the degree program change proposal. The actual proposal should be prepared in accordance with format requirements provided in the *Guide and Format for Curriculum Proposals* published by the UCCC. Both cover sheet and proposal should be submitted to UCCC Mail Stop 9702 (281 Garner Hall), Phone: 325-9410.

College Arts & Sciences **Department:** English

Contact Person: Megan Smith **Mail Stop:**_____ **E-mail:** Megan.smith@msstate.edu

Nature of Change: New Program **Date Initiated:** 3/3/2025

Current Degree (BS, MS, etc.):_____

Current Major:_____

Current Concentration(s):_____

Current Campus(es): ☑ **Starkville** ☐ **Meridian** ☐ **Distance** ☐ **Gulf Coast***

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New Degree (BS, MS, etc.): Minor in TESOL

Effective Date:

Semester	Year
Fall	2025

**Any new program or modification desiring a starting semester other than fall must include a justification

Proposed Major:_____

Proposed Concentration(s):_____

Proposed Campus(es)

- ☐ Starkville
- ☐ Meridian
- ☐ Distance
- ☐ Gulf Coast*

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Summary of Proposed Changes:

Due to the removal of undergraduate certificates from the curriculum, the Minor in Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is being proposed to replace the previous TESOL Certificate program.

Approved:	Date:
Department Head	3/28/2025
Director of Academic Quality	4/1/2025
Alicia Hall Chair, College or School Curriculum Committee	4/15/2025
Dean of College or School	4/15/25
Chair, University Committee on Courses and Curricula	
Chair, Graduate Council (if applicable)	
Chair, Deans Council	

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- ☐ Substantive Change to SACSCOC
- ☐ Notification to SACSCOC
- ☐ No significant departure

OIRE Representative Initials _____

MINOR in TESOL

1. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

The minor in Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is designed to provide students with the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to begin a career in English language teaching. The program requires 15 credit hours (5 courses) in linguistics and English language teaching methods that introduce students to basic methods of linguistic analysis and principles of communicative language teaching. Students who earn the minor will be prepared to teach English as a foreign language in countries outside the United States and English as a second language in positions inside the United States that do not require a teacher's license. The TESOL minor alone does not lead to a K-12 teaching license, which is required to teach in the public school system in the U.S., but it can be added as an ESL supplemental endorsement to an existing or in-progress teaching license.

2. CURRICULUM OUTLINE

CURRENT Degree Description	PROPOSED Degree Description
Degree: TESOL Certificate Program Major: N/A Concentration: N/A	Degree: **Minor in** TESOL Major: N/A Concentration: N/A
The *certificate* in Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is designed to provide students with the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to begin a career in English language teaching. The program requires 15 credit hours (5 courses) in linguistics and English language teaching methods that introduce students to basic methods of linguistic analysis and principles of communicative language teaching. Students who earn the *certificate* will be prepared to teach English as a foreign language in countries outside the United States and English as a second language in positions inside the United States that do not require a teacher's license. The TESOL *certificate* alone does not lead to a K-12 teaching license, which is required to teach in the public school system in the U.S., but it can be added as an ESL supplemental endorsement to an existing or in-progress teaching license.	The **minor** in Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is designed to provide students with the theoretical and practical knowledge needed to begin a career in English language teaching. The program requires 15 credit hours (5 courses) in linguistics and English language teaching methods that introduce students to basic methods of linguistic analysis and principles of communicative language teaching. Students who earn the **minor** will be prepared to teach English as a foreign language in countries outside the United States and English as a second language in positions inside the United States that do not require a teacher's license. The TESOL **minor** alone does not lead to a K-12 teaching license, which is required to teach in the public school system in the U.S., but it can be added as an ESL supplemental endorsement to an existing or in-progress teaching license.

CURRENT CURRICULUM OUTLINE	Required Hours	**PROPOSED CURRICULUM OUTLINE**	Required Hours
EN 4403 Introduction to Linguistics	3	EN 4403 Introduction to Linguistics	3
EN 4433 Methods in TESOL	3	EN 4433 Methods in TESOL	3
EN 4453 Approaches to TESOL	3	EN 4453 Approaches to TESOL	3
EN 3423 Descriptive English Grammar (College of Education students only) or	3	EN 3423 Descriptive English Grammar (College of Education students only) or	3

EN 4443 English Syntax		EN 4443 English Syntax	
EN 4463 Studies in Second Language Acquisition	3	EN 4463 Studies in Second Language Acquisition	3
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	15

3. **JUSTIFICATION AND LEARNING OUTCOMES**
   Due to the removal of undergraduate certificates from the university curriculum, the Minor in Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is being proposed to replace the TESOL Certificate program. There is no change to learning outcomes as there are no changes being made to the required curriculum.

4. **SUPPORT**
   Please see the attached letter of support.

5. **PROPOSED 4-LETTER ABBREVIATION**
   No change

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE**
   Fall 2025

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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

TO: Andy Perkins
Chair, University Committee on Courses and Curricula

FROM: Megan Smith
Chair, Department of English Curriculum Committee

RE: Program Change for the TESOL Certificate Program

DATE: March 26, 2025

The English Department Curriculum Committee voted on March 5, 2025 to approve the proposed name change for the TESOL Certificate. The change would now call this program the TESOL Minor. This change is in keeping with the elimination of undergraduate certificates across the University. The English department faculty voted to approve these changes on March 26, 2025.

Signed,

Megan Smith, Chair

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