APPLIED LINGUISTICS AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

The Applied Linguistics and International Education Department houses graduate and undergraduate programs focusing on the teaching and learning of languages, with a particular focus on the profession of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). TESOL is a multifaceted discipline demanding the highest form of professional competence and expertise in a number of specialized areas. As a department our goal is to develop Christian professionals who are skilled in theory and practice for culturally relevant service in a constantly changing world.

The Applied Linguistics and International Education Department consists of the following programs which deal primarily with cross-cultural adult and higher education -- a somewhat different focus than the Education Department’s K-12 identity.

- **The MA in TESOL and Intercultural Studies** – Our primary graduate program, which is currently offered in residential, field-based, and “TESOL Flex” (Summer/Online) formats with students who take courses on Wheaton’s campus, online, and in Thailand every January.

- **Institute for Cross-Cultural Training (ICCT) programs** in second language acquisition, language coaching, cultural adaptation, and TESOL which serve the global Church through online training programs and various workshops and courses on campus.

- **The TEFL Certificates (ELIC and TeachBeyond)** offered in the summer for new teachers heading to the field, with 50+ students. We are approved by the Colorado State Board of Education to offer the TEFL Certificate for ELIC on the campus of Colorado State University every July. We also offer online classes in applied linguistics for 2nd-year ELIC teachers in the fall and spring.

- **Undergraduate and Graduate ESL and Bilingual Endorsements.** 18-credit-hour endorsement programs for undergraduate and graduate students earning teaching licensure. Our endorsements are approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and meet the standards for ESL and bilingual endorsements in most states. Graduate students can earn these endorsements by enrolling in either the M.A. in TESOL and Intercultural Studies or in the 24-credit-hour graduate Certificate in TESOL.

For graduate students, the Billy Graham Center offers special scholarships to international students, furloughing international workers, and candidates who are committed to overseas service under an established agency, and those who are committed to service in urban settings. Close proximity to culturally-diverse churches and public and private English as a Second Language (ESL) programs in the metropolitan Chicago area enables students to relate classroom experiences to real-world contexts.

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- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Intercultural Studies, MA (https://catalog.wheaton.edu/graduate/applied-linguistics-international-education/tesol-intercultural-studies-ma)
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate (https://catalog.wheaton.edu/graduate/applied-linguistics-international-education/tefl-certificate)