



FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMS



TESOL, WORLD LANGUAGES, AND BILINGUAL EDUCATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The TESOL, World Languages and Bilingual Education programs are designed for teachers and prospective teachers in the areas of teaching English to speakers of other languages, bilingual education, and K-12 World Language teaching. GSEAP programs prepare teachers to meet the needs of students in grades K through 12 who are learning a second language. Fairfield is the only university in Connecticut with an NCATE and TESOL accredited graduate TESOL MA program with initial certification. GSEAP offers MA and SYC (Sixth Year) degrees with or without cross-endorsements in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and in secondary and elementary bilingual education. Cross-endorsement-only programs without the MA or SYC are also available. The World Languages K-12 initial certification and elementary cross-endorsement programs are NCATE and ACTFL accredited. The programs benefit from the University's proximity to schools with long-established ESL, bilingual, and World Language programs, as well as from extensive collaboration with communities and local schools.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA AND SYC DEGREES

Applicants interested in a concentration in bilingual education must demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one other language in accordance with current Connecticut State Department of Education regulations. Required courses are outlined below. Some courses may be substituted at the discretion of the program coordinator.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA WITH INITIAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE (TESOL) (66 CREDITS MAXIMUM)

Note: Based on transcript evaluation, some prior coursework may apply toward the TESOL certification and cross-endorsement requirements.

FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION (60 CREDITS)

1. Complete 39 credits General Education Requirements
2. Complete Praxis Core Pre-Professional Skills Test (or waiver)
3. Complete the following required professional education courses (12 credits)
 - ED 429 Philosophical Foundations of Education
 - MD 400 Introduction to Educational Technology
 - ED 442 Educational Psychology
 - SE 405 Exceptional Learners in the Mainstream
4. Complete 10 TESOL/Bilingual courses (5 required and 5 elective for a total of 30 credits)
 - SL 423 Principals of Bilingualism OR
 - SL 467 Second Language Acquisition
 - SL 436 TESOL Methods and Materials Development

- SL 441 Teaching and Learning Within Multicultural Contexts of Education
 - SL 451 Infusing Content Language Instruction into TESOL/Bilingual Programs
 - SL 527 Testing and Assessment in TESOL and Bilingual Programs
 - Elective Courses (5) to be determined with advisor and include one course in English Language Syntax and Composition
5. Complete three courses in areas of bilingualism (9 credits - may include undergraduate courses)
 6. Complete SL 581 TESOL Directed Observation and Supervised Student Teaching (6 credits) with 7-8 weeks in an elementary and 7-8 weeks in a secondary TESOL education placement
 7. Complete SL 582 TESOL Student Teaching and DSAP 1 Seminar (3 credits)

ADDITIONAL MA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (6 CREDITS)

- ED 499 Introduction to Educational Research
- ED 512 Contemporary Schooling in Society
- Complete SL 99-01 Comprehensive Examination or a Master's Thesis (3 credits)

Note: Students whose first language is other than English may be required to pass the ACTFL tests in English.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA WITH ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY BILINGUAL CROSS-ENDORSEMENT (33 CREDITS)

(Competence in a second language such as Spanish or Portuguese is required)

1. Complete the following required education courses (12 credits)
 - ED 429 Philosophical Foundations of Education
 - ED 552 Participatory Research and Advocacy in School and Community Settings OR
 - ED 499 Intro to Educational Research
 - ED 512 Contemporary Schooling in Society
 - MD 400 Introduction to Educational Technology

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2. Complete the following required TESOL/Bilingual courses (18 credits)
 - SL 423 Principles of Bilingualism
 - A state approved bilingual education methods class to be determined with advisor
 - SL 436 TESOL Methods and Materials Development
 - One state approved culture course
 - SL 527 Testing and Assessment in TESOL and Bilingual Programs
 - One course in the area of Strategies for Modifying English Content Area Instruction (3 credits)
3. One elective (3 credits)
4. Pass the American Council of Foreign Language Teachers (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Written Proficiency Test with a minimum score of "Advanced Low" in the world language of instruction
5. Complete one of the following options:
 - Pass SL 99-01 Comprehensive Examination
 - Complete a Master's Thesis
 - **Requirements for Cross-Endorsements Only**
Bilingual Elementary and Secondary Cross Endorsements: 18 hours of approved coursework including study in each of the following areas: first and second language acquisition, including language and literacy development; linguistic and academic assessment; cross-cultural sensitivity and communication, and implications for instruction; strategies for modifying English content area instruction; methods of teaching English as a second language; and methods of teaching bilingual education.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA IN TESOL

1.
 - Complete a minimum of 33 credits (MA only)
 - Complete a minimum of 36 to 42 credits (MA with cross-endorsement)
2. Complete the following required education courses (12 credits)
 - ED 429 Philosophical Foundations of Education
 - ED 552 Participatory Research and Advocacy in School and Community Setting OR ED 499 Introduction to Educational Research
 - MD 400 Introduction to Educational Technology (or an advanced technology course, depending on background in technology)
 - ED 512 Contemporary Schooling in Society
3. Complete 4 required courses (12 credits)
 - SL 423 Principles of Bilingualism OR SL 467 Language Acquisition
 - SL 436 Methods and Materials for Second Language Teaching
 - SL 475 Sociolinguistics
 - SL 527 Testing and Assessment in TESOL and Bilingual Programs
4. For the MA-only, complete nine credits selected from program offerings with permission of advisor
- 4a. For the cross-endorsement, complete six elective courses 12 to 21 credits selected from program offerings with permission of advisor
5. Complete one of the following options:
 - Pass the Comprehensive Examination, SL 99-01 OR Complete a Master's Thesis
 - Complete ED 511: Capstone Seminar

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SYC IN TESOL OR BILINGUAL EDUCATION

1. Complete a minimum of ten courses (30 credits)
2. Complete 12 credits from the following required courses:
 - ED 540 Ethics for Educators
 - ED 534 Theories of Learning
 - ED 565 Principles of Curriculum Development and Evaluation OR SL 528
 - SL 590 SYC Advanced TESOL/Bilingual Practicum
3. Complete 18 credits in area of concentration and/or approved program electives

STATE CERTIFICATION IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION (CROSS-ENDORSEMENT ONLY)

The Elementary and Secondary Bilingual Cross-Endorsements are for teachers who already have or are completing their Initial Educator certification requirements. To receive a Bilingual Cross-Endorsement with initial elementary or secondary teacher certification, the candidate must have completed the institutional requirements for initial educator certification in elementary education or a middle school/secondary academic subject (other than a World Language) and complete an additional 18 hours of Bilingual Education coursework.

CROSS-ENDORSEMENT IN TESOL

The candidate must have minimum of 30 credits in TESOL, including at least one course in each of the following areas: English syntax and composition, language theory, culture and intergroup relations, linguistic and academic assessment, and curriculum and methods of teaching ESL.

TEACHER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS (PAID INTERNSHIPS)

The internship for certified and non-certified teachers provides an opportunity for novice teachers and those considering re-entry into the profession to have a year's experience in a public school setting while pursuing either a master's degree or a certificate of advanced study. During the internship year, interns assume a variety of responsibilities that vary according to their placement. Each semester, interns attend a weekly seminar that focuses on issues pertinent to their internship experiences. In return for the intern's service, the school district deposits up to \$15,000 with Fairfield University. The amount is banked for interns to draw upon for courses taken at Fairfield University toward their degree. The intern gains valuable hands-on experience while helping to defray a major portion of his or her tuition costs for the degree being pursued.

For more information about applying for an internship please contact internship@fairfield.edu.

WAIVER OF STUDENT TEACHING

Candidates who have completed 10 school months of successful teaching within 10 years prior to entry into an approved program (at the grade level, subject or field appropriate to the endorsement area, excluding substitute teaching) may apply to the State of Connecticut for a waiver of the student teaching requirements. The waiver must be recommended by the candidate's department. Candidates who qualify should request a waiver immediately upon admission to the program.

They should submit their requests in writing to the certification officer in the dean's office (Dr. Anne Campbell), with a copy to their advisor, along with a completed copy of State Department of Education form ED 126.

GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Anne Campbell

Phone: 203-254-4000 ext. 2873

E-mail: acampbell@fairfield.edu

For a complete faculty listing, see www.fairfield.edu/gseapfaculty.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for a master's degree must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent) and give promise of meeting the standards set by the school. For all initial certifications, a minimum of 39 semester hours of credit in general academic courses in five of the six following subject areas is required:

- English
- Natural science
- Fine arts
- Social studies (including a survey course in U.S. history)
- Foreign language
- Mathematics

Candidates without prerequisite coursework may be asked to fulfill this requirement before formal admission or before student teaching, depending on the number of missing credits.

FORMAL ADMISSION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed when they are fully complete. Submit application and all supporting materials well in advance of the semester for which you are applying to allow time for application review and program availability.

Students seeking admission must complete and submit the following online:

1. A completed application. (Apply online at www.fairfield.edu/geapp.)
2. A non-refundable \$60 application fee.
3. A professional résumé. Applicants are required to submit a current résumé that includes employment and educational history.
4. A personal statement. Students should describe why they want to undertake graduate studies in the program for which they are applying.
5. Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended. We generally expect applicants to have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0. Any applicant whose undergraduate GPA is lower than 2.67 must request and receive a GPA waiver from the department. Waivers are granted on a case by case basis and may require supplemental undergraduate coursework to increase the undergraduate GPA and/or earning a B or better in two or more approved graduate-level courses. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved evaluating service. A list of approved evaluators is available at www.fairfield.edu/eval. Students may be required to take one or more English writing courses if their writing skills do not meet graduate level standards. Upon the granting of a GPA waiver, an approval form signed by

the Department and the Dean's office will be placed in the student's file. Candidates who are granted a GPA waiver and are admitted must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be permitted to continue in the program. Candidates applying for admission to a certification program should note that Connecticut State certification program standards for formal admission to an approved initial educator certification program require candidates to possess a minimum undergraduate cumulative grade point average of B- (2.67 on a 4.0 GPA scale), unless an approved GPA waiver form documents that a waiver was granted.

6. The Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions requires passing scores for the Praxis Core Test or a waiver of the requirement based on appropriate SAT, ACT, GRE or PAA scores. For a waiver, provide an electronic copy of your test scores from ETS uploaded to the application file. If students provide their social security number to Educational Testing Services (ETS) www.ets.org/praxis when registering for the Praxis Core exam, the reported score will automatically be uploaded to their Fairfield application file. Our code is 3390.
7. Candidates seeking cross-endorsement in Bilingual Education must verify fluency in English and in the second language of instruction by passing the ACTFL OPI exam in English and the OPI and WPT in the second language at the Intermediate High level, and must hold current Connecticut State certification in either Elementary Education or Secondary Education.
8. Two recommendations, one of which must be from a current employer or supervisor.
9. Participate in an admissions interview.
10. All international students whose native language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by taking either TOEFL or IELTS exams. For admission to the graduate school, a TOEFL composite score of 550 for the paper test, 213 for the computer-based test, 84 on the internet-based test with a minimum score of 21 in reading and 23 in writing is required. An IELTS score of 7.5 is required. Scores must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (TOEFL) or www.IELTS.org. Fairfield's ETS code is 3390.

Submit transcripts and any other documents that cannot be uploaded to:

Fairfield University
Office of Graduate Admission
Kelley Center
1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

BACKGROUND CHECK AND FINGERPRINTING

In compliance with Connecticut state law effective July 1, 2010, applicants whose programs of study will require participation in school-based field experiences (e.g., observations, practica, student teaching, internships, etc.) must undergo State and National criminal history background checks before beginning their program of study. The regional educational service centers (RESCs) that are authorized to conduct fingerprinting services and provide the background check results to the Connecticut State Department of Education and local school districts are listed at www.fairfield.edu/documents/admission/ga_fingerprinting.pdf. University students who have a history of a federal or state conviction may be barred from participating in school-based field work and may be exited from their degree program, depending

on the nature of the conviction. Confirmation of fingerprinting at a RESC must be received by the Dean's office (Canisius 102) prior to course registration.

The background check is valid for 3 years if the student remains an active student. It is the student's responsibility to maintain documentation of current fingerprinting on file with the dean's office. Students whose background check has expired will not be permitted to register for courses. Note, too, that school districts and other clinical sites may have more stringent requirements and may mandate a new background check prior to students beginning a placement.

MANDATORY IMMUNIZATIONS

Connecticut State law requires each full-time or matriculated student to provide proof of immunity or screening against measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox), meningitis and tuberculosis. Certain exemptions based on age and housing status apply. Matriculating students are defined as those enrolled in a degree seeking program. More detailed information and the required downloadable forms are available online at www.fairfield.edu/immunization. Completed forms should be submitted directly to the Student Health Center. Although this is not required to complete an application, you must provide proof of immunity/screening prior to course registration. Please consult your private health care provider to obtain the necessary immunizations. Questions may be directed to the Student Health Center: 203-254-4000 ext. 2241 or e-mail health@fairfield.edu.

NON-MATRICULATED STUDENT STATUS

Under our Non-Matriculated Status option, qualified students may take two or three courses (depending on the program of study) before gaining admission to a degree or certification program. This option provides a wonderful opportunity for qualified students to explore degree options and to confirm personal goals and readiness for graduate study. Qualifications to be considered include a bachelor's degree (required) and other qualifications related to your preparedness for graduate-level studies in the field of interest to you. Successful completion of coursework does not guarantee formal admission.

Individuals enrolled as non-matriculated students are not eligible for any tuition and/or financial support.

NON-MATRICULATED ADMISSION

Qualified applicants who have not completed the formal admission process may apply for permission to enroll as a non-matriculated student and earn up to 6 credits in a certification program and up to 9 credits in a non-certification program.

For non-matriculated admission, use the following procedure:

1. Please call the GSEAP Dean's office at 203-254-4250 to be directed to the advisor for the program that interests you.
2. Schedule an appointment.
3. Obtain a copy (official or unofficial) of your transcripts that shows the degrees you have earned. You will need to bring your transcripts with you to the University to be reviewed. International students must submit certified English translations and course-by-course evaluations, done by an approved evaluator (found on our website at www.fairfield.edu/eval), of all academic records.
4. Complete the online admission application at least 24 hours in advance of your appointment and pay the \$60.00 application fee at www.fairfield.edu/applynow.

MAXIMUM CREDITS ALLOWED BEFORE FORMAL ADMISSION

The total number of credits earned before formal admission to a program (i.e., the total number of transfer credits plus any credits earned as a non-matriculated student) may not exceed 6 (six) credits for applicants to certification programs or 9 (nine) credits for applicants to non-certification programs.

TUITION/FINANCIAL AID

Academic Year 2016/2017

Tuition: \$725 per credit hour

A graduate education can provide countless professional and personal rewards in the future. However, the costs associated with earning a master's degree may be challenging. Many students need to look beyond their own financial resources or the resources of their employer for assistance. There are many ways to finance a graduate education, including graduate assistantships, federal direct loan programs and our Veterans Pride Program, which are all discussed at www.fairfield.edu/gradfa.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Advisors from the Office of Financial Aid are committed to helping students find the options that best suit each of their needs. We encourage all Fairfield University graduate students to contact the Financial Aid office with any questions or to make an appointment to speak with a counselor.

FINANCIAL AID CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 203-254-4125

Fax: 203-254-4008

E-mail: finaid@fairfield.edu

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE OPERATIONS

Days: Monday-Friday

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location: Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center

MORE INFORMATION

ADMISSION QUESTIONS

Questions about the application process should be directed to the **Office of Graduate Admission**.

Phone: 203-254-4184

Fax: 203-254-4073

E-mail: gradadmis@fairfield.edu

OFFICE OPERATIONS

Days: Monday-Friday

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location: Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J. Center

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND ALLIED PROFESSIONS WEBSITE

www.fairfield.edu/gseap

ONLINE CATALOG

For detailed course descriptions and other University information, please refer to our online catalog www.fairfield.edu/catalogs.

For gainful employment disclosures, see www.fairfield.edu/gainfulemploy.