Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language

Purpose:

The objective of this program is the preparation of professionals in applied linguistic and literature in the field of Teaching English as Second Language (ESL)

a. The program prepares professionals capable of applying concepts of modern linguistics to the teaching and teaming of ESL; capable of analyzing literary aspects of a written text to foster understanding and enjoyment of literature in English in students of all ages.

b. It also prepares supervisors of ESL programs.

c. In addition, it provides students with the academic preparation needed to continue studies at the continue graduate studies and do research in TESL.

d. It prepares professionals who have the desire to continue lifelong learning.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to the MA. Program in TESL must satisfy the requirements for admission to graduate studies. In addition, applicants must have a firm phonological and structural command of English which they demonstrate in a write essay and interview with the Chairperson of the Department or a representative.

Degree Requirements for the Master in Arts in TESL

Thirty-nine credits of course work are required, with a grade point average of at least 3.00. In addition, Students may choose a Comprehensive Examination, an Integrative Seminar (Engl 6970 or an Investigation Project Engl. 6992).

Required Courses (30 credits)

Part A Required (30 credits)

ENGL 5040 The Phonological System of English
ENGL 5050 English Syntax and Morphology
ENGL 5220 Writing Academic Texts
ENGL 5240 Writing Theories and their Application
ENGL 6090 Reading in L2
ENGL 6100 Theory and Principles of TESL
ENGL 6113 Materials & Techniques for Elementary to Upper Levels
ENGL 6170 Assessment of Linguistic Abilities
ENGL 6530 Research Methods
ENGL _____ Literature course (5210, 5230, 5110, 6260, 6310, 6350)
Part B  [6 credits]  Prescribed Required Distributives

ENGL 5030  Principles of Linguistic
ENGL 5110  Reading Lit. in the ESL Classroom
ENGL 5210  Dramatic Literature
ENGL 5230  Literature for Young Readers
ENGL 5290  Psycholinguistics
ENGL 5320  Sociolinguistics
ENGL 5330  First & Second Language Acquisition
ENGL 6120  Sociocultural Aspects of PR and the US
ENGL 6130  Fundamentals of Bilingual Education
ENGL 6150  Translation
ENGL 6180  Computer Assisted Instruction in ESL
ENGL 6260  Contemporary US Literature
ENGL 6310  Contemporary Fiction
ENGL 6350  Representative Works of English Literature
ENGL 6600  Supervision in TESL
ENGL 6610  Curriculum Development
ENGL 6140  Teaching Spanish as a Second Language

As soon as students complete the courses of study (36 credits) they can apply for the Comprehensive Exam, the investigation Project (6992) or the Integrative Seminar (Engl 6970)

Courses are not offered every trimester. Courses are offered on a Rotation basis every two or four trimester.

Students should be extremely careful when selecting courses by checking their transcript or by consulting with the Director of the English Department, the Department of Orientation or any English Graduate Faculty.

Course Schedule

Courses in the program are offered in the evenings during the week and occasionally on Saturdays, allowing participants to hold full-time jobs during the day.

Financial Assistance

Information about loans is available through the Financial Aid Office.

Campus Location

The Inter American University Campus in San Juan is located in the Metropolitan area next to the Las Americas Expressway, which allows easy access from the city, as well as from the surrounding area. The University has become a cultural center for the island, promoting many diverse intellectual and cultural activities. Its student body is drawn from a broad spectrum of society reflecting varied origins and interest.
Faculty

The faculty is composed entirely of professors who hold doctorates in English or in TESL. The excellent three to one faculty-ratio allows the Student to work closely with faculty members, giving him/her the opportunity for individual attention and supervision.

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