Pathway to the M.A. TESOL

The program is for international students who would like to obtain their M.A. TESOL from SU’s Fulton School. Through the M.A. TESOL Pathway, students may be provisionally admitted to the M.A. TESOL program as they satisfy English language competency admission requirements and any other admissions prerequisites. Students are eligible to apply without TOEFL, GRE or Praxis I scores by enrolling in the University's English Language Institute (ELI) and completing the M.A. TESOL Pathway track. The M.A. TESOL Pathway allows students to begin taking M.A. TESOL courses toward their graduate degree while improving their English abilities and developing important communication skills that are necessary for admission to the full-time SU M.A. TESOL program.

Benefits of Enrolling

- Students are not required to submit a TOEFL score for application – Instead students can complete the required English language program for success on the Institutional TOEFL as part of the Pathway Program.
- Praxis I Preparation or Waiver – Most students admitted to the M.A. TESOL program must submit adequate Praxis I scores; however, Pathway students receive their provisional admission and can begin taking M.A. TESOL course work before taking the Praxis I exam. Those students who do not intend to teach in a K-12 environment in the United States can have their Praxis I requirement waived by providing the appropriate documentation during the Pathways application process. Students who do need the Praxis I can participate in a preparation course on standardized testing that includes TOEFL and Praxis I, enabling the students to improve their English skills and testing success.
- English courses that apply directly to your program – M.A. TESOL Pathway students are able to begin their graduate studies (six credits) while being fully supported in English courses in the ELI. To help ensure student success in full-time M.A. TESOL course work, the ELI provides writing, reading, listening and speaking courses that support the needs of students engaged in graduate-level studies.

Personalized Program

- Customized, sequenced EFL-oriented training.
- Training that is timely, relevant to local contexts, and customized to local and national needs, resources, and cultures of our international students.
- A sequenced program of study transitioning students from courses in linguistic theory, which provide the foundation for courses in TESOL methodology.
- Face-to-face instruction rather than online coursework and training.
- A program of study offering a unified, cohesive practicum experience.
- A pragmatic program not relying on thesis work or final qualifying examinations.
- A realistic program of study that can be completed in four semesters.
- A program of study deriving from a nationally accredited program.
- A graduate degree program that offers the potential for further doctoral study.

“The M.A. in TESOL from Salisbury University has allowed me to teach English in Eastern Europe, South America and the former Soviet Union while also providing me with a solid foundation for further study as I pursue my doctorate in applied linguistics at Northern Arizona University.”

— Deirdre Derrick

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What Can You Do With This Degree?
SU’s interdisciplinary-oriented program is designed for both native and non-native speakers of English who wish to enter the teaching profession, and prepares candidates for employment as teachers, program directors, curriculum consultants, and/or publishing and materials development agents while also providing the foundation for those seeking further doctoral study.

Adjustment Support
By beginning their graduate school experience at the ELI, Pathway students are in a comfortable, supportive environment, surrounded by faculty and staff who have experience helping students fulfill their academic and professional goals. Because the M.A. TESOL Pathway allows students to begin their graduate study while studying simultaneously in the ELI, students receive academic support during the transition from undergraduate study of English to the graduate program.

Individual Advising
Students applying to the Pathway program receive an initial evaluation for admission to the M.A. TESOL program from the graduate officer in the English Department. Students are advised through the Pathway by faculty and staff who have experience helping students fulfill their academic and professional goals. Because the M.A. TESOL Pathway allows students to begin their graduate study while studying simultaneously in the ELI, students receive academic support during the transition from undergraduate study of English to the graduate program.

Program Progression
Most students study in the M.A. TESOL Pathway for one semester; however, students who need more time to improve their English may study for up to one year as a Pathway student. A student who successfully completes the fall Pathways semester and achieves a GPA of C or better in both graduate courses will be fully admitted to the M.A. TESOL graduate program and can complete the remaining requirements of the M.A. TESOL in three additional semesters, making the entire program progression a two year process.

“After completing my TESOL degree at Salisbury, I was hired to teach English in the United Arab Emirates. This program has made me appreciate the importance of cultural and linguistic understanding in our interconnected world.” – Mike Fintel

Applying to the Pathway
Applying is a two-step process:
1. Students should fill out the ELI application form and indicate M.A. TESOL as the desired program at www.salisbury.edu/intled/eli/applynow.html
2. Students should submit all required admission requirements to the M.A. TESOL program prior to applying to the Pathways program. Students from SU partner universities may not need to submit undergraduate transcripts for evaluation by World Education Services (WES) according to the agreement between the universities.
Students who are native English speakers or meet the TOEFL requirement and do not need the Pathways program prior to applying to the M.A. TESOL program should consult full M.A. TESOL admission requirements: www.salisbury.edu/english/grad.

NEC Curriculum Aligned to Salisbury University’s M.A. TESOL Program

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Adapted from: The National English Curriculum (NEC) developed by the Central Ministry of China (Fang, 2012)

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