



MA IN TESOL AND/OR BILINGUAL AND DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION

The School of Education offers a Master's in TESOL and Bilingual and Dual Language Immersion (BDL) along with ESL/BDL certification. Below outlines the required coursework to complete both the MA and certification. All courses, except for the face-to-face practicum (EDC 519), are fully online as asynchronous classes.

FOUNDATION COURSEWORK		
Course Code	Course Title	Credits
EDC 420	Second Language Acquisition and Assessment	3
EDC 526	Applied Linguistics for TESOL/BDL	3
EDC 501	Socio-Cultural Aspects of Language Minority Education	3
EDC 563	Literacy for Multicultural Populations	3
RESEARCH COURSES		
Course Code	Course Title	Credits
EDC 506	Researching Language in Educational Settings	3
METHODS AND APPLICATION COURSEWORK		
Course Code	Course Title	Credits
EDC 516	Teaching Dual Language/English as a Second Language Prerequisites: EDC 420, EDC 526, EDC 501, EDC 563	3
EDC 515	Structured English Immersion and Sheltered English Prerequisites: EDC 420, EDC 526, EDC 501, EDC 563	3
EDC 519	Teaching Practicum in TESOL/Dual Language Immersion Prerequisites: EDC 420, EDC 526, EDC 501, EDC 563, EDC 515, EDC 516 and score 155 or higher on PRAXIS (5362)	3

Two professional electives of the student's choosing (six credits total) complete the MA in TESOL/BDL for a total of 30 credits. These two electives can be taken during any semester.

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ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Students can earn both TESOL and Bilingual and Dual Language Immersion certifications by completing a practicum in each area. EDC 519 would be repeated for an additional 3 credits to fulfill the second certification requirement and can count towards the elective requirements for the MA. In such cases, EDC 519 would be taken in spring and in summer session 1.

All students must take PRAXIS: English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362) and earn a 155 or higher before enrolling in EDC 519. The Office of Teacher Education needs a copy of the student's passing score before arranging practicum placement. BDL students are required to take additional language assessments to earn certification.

Other considerations: Students can only earn a TESOL/BDL certification if a certification is held in a primary content area (e.g. early childhood education, elementary education, secondary area: English, math, social studies, sciences, and modern languages). The TESOL/BDL certification is not a stand-alone certification, so a practicum cannot be completed before content area student teaching. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout their TESOL/BDL coursework. Additionally, students must "Meet Standard" on all critical performance tasks submitted via TaskStream.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much is the tuition?

Upon acceptance into the MA in TESOL/BDL program, students are eligible for the flat rate, reduced tuition of "Out of State" summer rates, which is \$1,410 per fall/spring course (2019-2020). Visit the URI Summer website to see tuition rates as they may increase annually. Rates for Graduate student fees are available on the Enrollment Services website.

How do I apply?

Go to <https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/apply/> and create an account in GradCAS.

What do I need to apply?

- An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher (transcripts are required as evidence)
- A copy of teaching certification (unless you are interested in the MA without state licensure)
- A current résumé
- Two letters of recommendation
- A personal statement on why you are applying to the program and pursuing an advanced degree

What are the application deadlines?

We accept students in fall, spring, and summer.

Summer admission = April 1 deadline

Fall admission = July 15 deadline

Spring admission = November 15 deadline

How long will it take to complete the program?

The student sets the pace of the program according to the number of courses s/he wants to take each semester. Typically, students take two years to complete the program by taking 2 courses each semester, including summer sessions.

However, full time working teachers often opt to take one course per fall/spring semester and an increased summer load, which could vary the pacing of the program. Students have five years to complete the full MA in TESOL/BDL from matriculation date. Students are able to take up to two leaves of absences (during fall or spring) during those five years.

What if I only want the ESL or BDL certification?

The certification courses are EDC 420, EDC 526, EDC 501, EDC 563, EDC 516, EDC 515, and EDC 519. Students must be matriculating students in the URI Graduate School to participate in the certification program. Students can withdraw from the university after completing coursework if they do not pursue the MA in TESOL/BDL.