# Undergraduate Certificate in Linguistic Studies (330008C)

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Completion of five linguistically oriented courses is required as follows: the foundation course, two core courses and at least two elective courses. Three or more of the courses must be at the 300/400 level. (Subject to approval by the program director, other theoretically oriented linguistics courses may substitute for core courses.)

To obtain the certificate, the student must have at least two semesters of a second language. A student entering the program should discuss plans with the director.

#### Foundation (Required)

3300:371 Introduction to Linguistics OR

3300:466 Linguistics and Language Arts

#### **Core** (Minimum of two of the following)

3300:470 History of the English Language

3300:477 Sociolinguistics

3300:478 Grammatical Structures of English

3600:481 Philosophy of Language

7700:230 Language Science and Acquisition OR

7700:430 Aspects of Normal Language Development



Note: Each course listed here is 3 credit hours.

### Electives (Minimum of two of the following)

3300:400 Anglo Saxon

3300:473 Theoretical Foundations and Principles of ESL

3230:150 Human Cultures

3230:251 Human Diversity

3460:430 Theory of Programming Languages

3460:440 Compiler Design

3460:460 Artificial Intelligence and Heuristics Programming

3580:403 Advanced Grammar

3600:170 Introduction to Logic

3600:374 Symbolic Logic

3600:418 20th Century Analytic Philosophy

3600:471 Metaphysics

3700:402 Politics and the Media

3700:403 Media, Crime and Public Opinion

7600:325 Intercultural Communication

7700:101 American Sign Language

7700:210 Introduction to Clinical Phonetics

# **Undergraduate Certificate in Professional Communication (770008C)**

This program will help meet our technological society's growing need for educated people who can develop sophisticated strategies for effective communication of business and technical information. People in the business community increasingly depend on communication to solve complex management, sales, and information processing problems.

The communication demands of business and industry are significant, and in many ways, different from those dealt with in traditional courses and majors. This certificate will recognize their preparation for handling the communication needs of business and industry and must be earned concurrently with an undergraduate (associate or bachelor's) degree. A student who already possesses an undergraduate degree may directly pursue this certificate.

### **Program Credits**

3300:390 Professional Writing I\*

3300:391 Professional Writing II\*

7600:309 Public Relations Publications

7600:345 Business and Professional Speaking



Note: Each course listed here is 3 credit hours.

Because all four courses have prerequisites, students should consult course descriptions.

\*3300:390 and 3300:391 do not have to be taken in sequence

# Undergraduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (330003C)

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This program is intended for both native and non-native speakers of English who seek training in the teaching of English as a second language (ESL) and wish to obtain an initial qualification to teach ESL/EFL (English as a Foreign Language) in educational settings other than public schools in Ohio and other states or in countries outside the United States. The program is designed to introduce the student to central issues in the theory and practice of teaching English to non-native speakers through courses in modern and applied linguistics, in second language pedagogy, and in related disciplines.

Students who do not have English as a native language must demonstrate adequate proficiency in English with a valid TOEFL score of 550 (paper based)/213 (computer based)/79 (Internet based/iBT) or higher, or a valid IELTS score of 6.0 or higher. The awarding of this certificate is not contingent upon completion of a degree program. Undergraduate certificate programs require a 2.00 grade point average.

### **PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Students admitted with an undergraduate status are required to take 3300:111 English Composition I and 3300:112 English Composition II prior to applying for the certificate.
- 2. All students who wish to pursue the TESL certificate should meet with the program director to discuss the program and availability of courses.
- 3. To apply for the certificate, fill out the "ADD Certificate" form with the certificate advisor. After all requirements are completed, fill out the "Undergraduate Certificate Program Application" with the certificate advisor.

#### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

This certificate requires the completion of a minimum of 15 credit hours of course work, including four core courses and one elective course.

#### Core Courses (Min. Credits: 12)

3300:371 Introduction to Linguistics

#### <u>OR</u>

3300:466 Linguistics and Language Arts

- 3300:473 Theoretical Foundations and Principles of ESL\*
- 3300:478 Grammatical Structures of English
- 3300:477 Sociolinguistics

#### **OR**

3300:470 History of the English Language



Note: Each course listed here is 3 credit hours.

## Electives\*\* (Min. Credits: 3)

3300:470 History of the English Language

3300:477 Sociolinguistics

3300:487 Field Experience: Teaching Second Language Learners

3580:403 Advanced Grammar

5500:456 Scaffolding Language and Content to Second Language Learners

5500:485 Teaching Language Literacy to Second Language Learners

5500:487 Techniques of Teaching English as a Second Language

7600:325 Intercultural Communication

7700:230 Language Science & Acquisition

7700:430 Aspects of Normal Language Development

<sup>\*</sup>Students should have successfully completed 3300:371 or 3300:466 prior to taking this course.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Choice to be decided in consultation with the program director.