Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) & Multilingual Education Minor

The Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) & Multilingual Education minor is designed to prepare students to work with children and adults who are learning English as a second language in the United States. It is an excellent addition to many majors and prepares UMD students for studies in education and related fields in the human services.

Why UMD

- The only of its kind offered in the Northland;
- Hands-on experience: offers a practicum working with non-native speakers of English and multilingual students;
- Extremely useful for future teachers and others in the field of education as employers are looking for people who are skilled in working with diverse learners (almost 50% of residents in America’s largest cities speak a language other than English).

Acquired Skills

Students will study how to teach second languages and the theory behind how they are learned. While completing the minor, students who are interested in teaching abroad have the opportunity to earn a Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certificate without taking additional classes.

Career Possibilities

The TESOL & Multilingual Education minor gives students a solid foundation and confidence in working with diverse learners in a variety of educational settings. The unique combination of theory and practice prepares for graduate studies in education, speech-language pathology, linguistics, international studies, and world languages and cultures.

Requirements

Students must complete 30 credits before admission to the program, including Introduction to Linguistics (LING 1811) and Bilingualism & Biliteracy Development: Foundations of Second Language Acquisition (EDUC 3100).