



American TESOL Institute

American TESOL Advanced online certification is an interactive 80 hour online course that provides a base knowledge in teaching English as a second language with focus on methods and approaches to TESOL. Participants study the theory of TESOL, and learn to create English as a second language lesson plans for presentation in a classroom. This course also includes an optional online TESOL internship where participants will be able to practice their teaching skills in a virtual environment.

Course Description:

American TESOL Advanced online certification program provides a base knowledge in teaching English as a second language, with focus on methods and approaches to TESOL.

Program Objectives:

- Examine the core knowledge of TESOL
- Create ESL lesson plans
- Assess and compare TESOL methods of teaching
- Facilitate successful communication in the TESOL classroom

Learning Outcomes:

- Correctly identifying methods and approaches to TESOL.
- Improvement of student achievement.
- Improvement of teacher confidence.
- Introduction to teaching ESL online.

Competencies:

Participants will be able to:

- Provide a classroom environment for learning English.
- Design and implement ESL lesson plans that reflect best teaching practices.
- Demonstrate high expectations of all students learning.
- Monitor and assess student progress

Modules and Assignments:

Module One – Using Icebreaker Activities, Listening Processes, & Acronyms

Reading Assignment: Chapters 1-3, Cambridge Guide to TESOL, 40 Icebreakers for Small Groups E-Book, Icebreakers E-Book

What do the acronyms TESOL, SLA, L1, and L2 stand for?

Describe the bottom-up and top-down listening processes

Design your own Icebreaker activity

Short writing assignment: What is an Icebreaker?

Acronyms Quiz

Listening Processes Quiz

Module Two – What is Language

Reading Assignment: What is Language PDF, What is English PDF, Properties of Spoken Language, 8 Parts of Speech article

Name and describe the four fundamental properties of spoken language

What are the 8 parts of speech?

Properties of Spoken Language Quiz

What is English Quiz

Module Three – Effective Teaching & Teacher Roles

Reading Assignment: What is Effective Teaching PDF, Teacher Roles PDF, What Makes and Effective Teacher, Effective Teaching Strategies: Six Keys to Classroom Excellence article

Describe your favorite teacher

What is Effective Teaching Quiz

Teaching Styles Quiz

Module Four – Educational Methodology & Speech Production

Reading Assignment: Chapters 4-6, Cambridge Guide to TESOL, Teaching Methodologies PDF, Teaching Special Groups PDF,

Name and describe the four major processes of speech production

Teaching Special Groups writing assignment

Speech Production Quiz

Module Five – Teaching Listening & Pedagogy

Reading Assignment: Teaching Listening PDF, How To Teach Listening PDF, Listening Comprehension Difficulties PDF, Wikipedia Pedagogy Page

Name and describe three examples of input sources used to teach listening

Input sources assignment

Define Pedagogy

How To Teach Listening Quiz

Module Six – Teaching Speaking

Reading Assignment: Discussion Debate PDF, Teaching Speaking PDF, Pronunciation PDF, Chunk Learning or Chunking article, Choral Repetition article

Describe chunk learning

What is choral repetition?

The How's and Why of Teaching Pronunciation Quiz

Module Seven – Lesson Planning, Grammar, Morphology, & Syntax

Reading Assignment: Lesson Planning PDF, Planning First Lessons PDF, Morphology and Syntax E-Book, Wikipedia Lesson Plan Page, Creating the Best ESL Lesson Plans article

Define Grammar, Morphology and Syntax

Why are lesson plans important?

Grammar, Morphology and Syntax Quiz
Planning First Lessons Quiz
Wikipedia Lesson Plans Quiz

Module Eight – Drilling

Reading Assignment: How to Drill: Drilling Activities for Your English Classroom article,
Drilling 1 article, Drilling 2 article
Drilling 1 Quiz
Drilling 2 Quiz

Module Nine – Grammar & Connectionism

Reading Assignment: Stanford Encyclopedia Connectionism article, 5 New Fun Ways to Teach Grammar to ESL Students article, English Orthography: English Letters and the Sounds They Make PDF, How to Make Your Grammar Lessons a Little More Interesting article,
Describe the philosophy of connectionism
Discuss formal and functional grammar approaches
5 New Fun Ways to Teach Grammar to ESL Students Quiz
English Orthography Quiz
How to Make Your Grammar Lessons a Little More Interesting Quiz

Module Ten – Presenting Vocabulary: Lexical Approach

Reading Assignment: Chapters 6-7, Cambridge Guide to TESOL, Teaching English Vocabulary article, 5 Best Ways to Introduce New Vocabulary article, Wikipedia Dolch Word List Page, Wikipedia Phonics Page, Presenting New Words and Structures PDF
Describe the characteristics of the lexical approach
5 Best Ways & Dolch Word List Quiz
Presenting New Words and Structures Quiz
Teaching English Vocabulary Quiz
Wikipedia Phonics Quiz

Module Eleven – Knowing Your Students

Video Assignment - How to Teach
Reading Assignment: Guide to Lesson Planning PDF, Practical Activities to Stimulate Multiple Intelligences PDF, Wikipedia Theory of Multiple Intelligences Page, Convergent and Divergent Thinking Styles article,
Create 5 lesson plans using a 45-minute template
Take the Multiple-Intelligence Self-Test
What did you learn about your intelligence levels?
Wikipedia Theory of Multiple Intelligences Quiz

Module Twelve – Teaching Reading & Pronunciation

Reading Assignment: Chapters 8-10, Cambridge Guide to TESOL, How to Teach Reading Strategies article, Steps for Teaching Reading to ESL Students article, Teaching Our Children to Read, Write, and Spell PDF, Researchers Examine “Great Expectations” in the Workplace PDF, Much Too Early PDF, Word Strategies to Develop Decoding Skills PDF
Define pronunciation; also, describe its elements

Elements of Pronunciation Quiz
Much Too Early Quiz
Word Strategies to Develop Decoding Skills Quiz
Teaching Our Children to Read, Write, and Spell Quiz

Module Thirteen – Teaching Writing, Aids in Learning

Reading Assignment: Teaching Writing PDF, How to Teach Writing to ESL Students PDF, Creative Writing Exercises for ESL Students 1 PDF, Creative Writing Exercises for ESL Students 2 PDF, Children's Writing in ESL article

Name and describe the techniques and methods that are successful in English L2 writing classrooms

What learning materials/teaching aids will you utilize in the TESOL classroom?

Teaching Writing Quiz

How to Teach Writing to ESL Students Quiz

Creative Writing Exercises for ESL Students Quiz

Children's Writing in ESL Quiz

Module Fourteen – Classroom Management, Psycholinguistics, & Bilingualism

Video Assignment: Motivating Students to Learn

Reading Assignment: Chapters 11-13, Cambridge Guide to TESOL, How to Motivate ESL Students article, Motivation: What Teachers Need to Know PDF, Motivation and Motivations in ESL article

Define Psycholinguistics and Bilingualism

How to Motivate ESL Students Quiz

Motivation: What Teachers Need to Know Quiz

Module Fifteen – Sociolinguistics, Approaches to TESOL, & Correcting Mistakes

Video Assignment: Observing Standards-in-Action: ESL Classroom Lesson

Reading Assignment: Chapter 14, Cambridge Guide to TESOL, American TESOL

Advanced Course E-Book pages 7-35, Approaches to TESOL PDF, Lexical Approach PDF, Task Based Learning PDF, Total Physical Response PDF, Correcting Errors article, Student Correction During Class - How and When? article, How to Correct: Four Ways to Handle Mistakes article

Define sociolinguistics, and the difference between macro and micro sociolinguistics

Describe five approaches to TESOL

TESOL Methods and Approaches Quiz

Correcting Errors Quiz

Student Correction During Class Quiz

Module Sixteen – Behavior Management & Computer Assisted Learning

Reading Assignment: Chapter 15, Cambridge Guide to TESOL, Managing Students article, 11 Techniques for Better Classroom Discipline PDF, Four Steps for Better Classroom Discipline PDF, Proactive Discipline PDF, Stages of Discipline PDF, Techniques that Backfire PDF

What are the different ways you can utilize computers in the classroom?

Extra Credit - Create a Lesson for CALL

Managing Students Quiz

Four Steps for Better Classroom Discipline Quiz
Proactive Discipline Quiz
Stages of Discipline Quiz

Module Seventeen – Observation in TESOL

Reading Assignment: Chapters 16-19, Cambridge Guide to TESOL
Define Observation and its four broad functions in context to TESOL teaching.

Module Eighteen – Student Assessment

Video Assignment: Student Assessment
Reading Assignment: Chapters 20-21, Cambridge Guide to TESOL
What are the different concepts you will explore when doing student assessments?

Module Nineteen – Creating a Syllabus

Reading Assignment: Chapters 22-23, Cambridge Guide to TESOL
Define syllabus, and the four elements that accompany the syllabus.
Syllabus Quiz

Module Twenty – Learning Strategies for TESOL

Reading Assignment: Chapter 24, Cambridge Guide to TESOL, Learning Strategies for TESOL PDF
Name and describe 5 language learning strategies for TESOL
Learning Strategies for TESOL Quiz

Module Twenty-one – Final Assignment & Thesis

Reading Assignment - Chapters 25-30, Cambridge Guide to TESOL, Sample Thesis article
In detail, explain one method of TESOL teaching that you think will work best for you in the TESOL classroom? Why
TESOL Thesis should be 2-4 pages typed and double-spaced.

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