Admission Requirements for the M.A. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

In addition to meeting the general requirements for admission (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/graduate-admissions/) to a graduate program at West Chester, applicants must document background in the following areas:

1. Introduction to Linguistics (subject to approval by a TESOL program advisor)
2. Proficiency in English (one of the following three options)\(^1\):
   a. TOEFL: 92 for the internet-based exam, 237 for the computer-based exam, 580 for the paper-based exam
   b. IELTS: An overall score at band 6.5 or above, and minimum scores of 6.5 for speaking, listening, reading, and writing are preferred.
   c. WCU ELS Program
3. 24 semester hours of a second language/English/linguistics/philosophy/communications\(^2\)
4. Six semester hours of anthropology/sociology/psychology\(^2\)
5. Experience in learning a second language\(^2\)

Students who do not meet the second language or linguistics background requirements upon application for admission may be admitted provisionally and, in consultation with their advisor, will select additional courses in order to satisfy these requirements by the time of degree candidacy (after 12-15 credits). Students must pass an oral and written comprehensive examination before graduating.

1 Students with a language score slightly lower than the required minimum may be admitted provisionally to the TESOL program. Provisionally admitted students will, in consultation with their advisor, select additional English language courses in order to meet this language proficiency requirement by the time of degree candidacy (after 12-15 credits).
2 Students who do not meet the second language or linguistics background requirements upon application for admission may be admitted provisionally and, in consultation with their advisor, will select additional courses in order to satisfy these requirements by the time of degree candidacy (after 12-15 credits). Students must pass an oral and written comprehensive examination before graduating.

Policies

All graduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/) outlined in the graduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

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Courses
Course titles and descriptions for the TESOL programs are listed under the relevant departments.