

ESL Teacher Preparation Programs Offered by Universities in Alabama

ESL – ESOL – TESOL Teacher programs offered by universities in Alabama ¹	ESOL P-12 teacher certification programs approved by ALSDE			Graduate degrees without certification		Non-degree options without certification		
	<i>Alt Class A</i> Master's	<i>Class A</i> Master's	<i>Class AA</i> Ed.S.	ESL master's for teaching adults	PhD	UG minor	Certificate	
							UG	Grad
Education programs that lead to P-12 ESOL teacher certification issued by ALSDE (perhaps also some non-cert.)								
Auburn University (Auburn)		X		X				X
University of Alabama at Birmingham	X ²	X ²	X ³	X				X X
University of Alabama at Huntsville	X	X						X
University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa)	X	X	X					
University/North Alabama (Florence)	X	X		X				X
University/South Alabama (Mobile)	X	X						
Programs in ESL, TESOL, or related but that do not lead to ESOL teacher certification from the ALSDE								
Athens State University: COE						X	X X	
Troy Univ: COE (grad.); English (ug)				X		X		X
Univ/Alabama (Tusc.): English Dept.				X	X			

¹This information retrieved from university websites. For additional information, contact coordinators listed below (**).

² This ESL master's degree offers the possibility of dual certification options in ESOL/Spanish and ESOL/French.

³Certification Tracks (#1 for non-ESOL Class A; #2 for ESOL Class A) and non-certification Professional Track.

Six universities offer programs approved by the ALSDE for leading to Class A Teacher Certification, P-12:

Auburn University, College of Education (Department of Curriculum & Teaching)

<http://www.education.auburn.edu/academic-program/english-speakers-languages>

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University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Education (Department of Curriculum & Instruction)

<https://www.uab.edu/education/home/graduate/esl/>; <https://www.uab.edu/education/esl/>

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University of Alabama at Huntsville, College of Education (Department of Curriculum & Instruction)

<https://www.uah.edu/education/departments/curriculum-and-instruction/graduate-programs/master-of-education/esol-concentration>

**Dr. Andrea Word, Assistant Professor of Curriculum & Instruction (ESOL) – worda@uah.edu

University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), College of Education (Department of Curriculum & Instruction)

<https://online.ua.edu/degrees/ma-in-secondary-education-english-for-speakers-of-other-languages-p-12-certification/>

**Dr. Miguel Mantero, Professor of Educational Linguistics – mmantero@ua.edu

NOTE: UA's English Department (College of Arts & Sciences) offers an MA-TESOL, focused on teaching adults -

**Dr. Dorothy Worden-Chambers, Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics – dhworden@ua.edu

University of North Alabama, College of Education and Human Sciences (Dept. of Teaching, Learning & Leadership)

<https://www.una.edu/esol/>; <https://www.una.edu/education/graduate-programs/english-for-speakers-of-other-languages-esol.html>

**Dr. Joy Brown, Professor of Education (ESOL) – jmbrown@una.edu

University of South Alabama, College of Education and Professional Studies (Dept. of Leadership & Teacher Education)

<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/lte/esol-p-12.html#alt-medesol>

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Universities that offer undergraduate minors to support the teaching of English learners in grades P-12

Athens State University, College of Education, Department of Professional Studies

[Education minor in English Language Learners](#) and [Athens' TESOL certificates](#)

**Dr. Sunyong Song, Assistant Professor of Education, English Language Learner – sunyong.song@athens.edu

Troy University, College of Communication and Fine Arts, Department of English

<https://www.troy.edu/academics/colleges-schools/college-communication-fine-arts/departments/english/english-minors.html>

**Dr. Theresa Johnson, Asst. Professor of English (minor with TESOL emphasis) – tmjohnson@troy.edu

NOTE: Troy COE's Dept. of Leadership Development & Professional Studies has an MS in 2nd Language Instruction (SLI), focused on international teaching - **Dr. Rui Feng, Professor of Literacy Educ. – li-tesol@troy.edu