Teaching English as an Additional Language (TEAL)

Course Description

This course is a practical introduction to the field of Teaching English as an Additional Language (TEAL). Students gain an understanding of language pedagogy while exploring best practices for teaching English to all levels of students both in the United States and abroad. Students also learn how to (i) design a course, (ii) prepare and lead activities, (iii) develop assessment tools, and (iv) work effectively within an English language program or community. Other topics such as intercultural communication and culture shock are also explored.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand the various contexts English as an additional language is taught in and understand what roles / challenges / opportunities students, instructors, and professional organizations play in these contexts.
- Explain the importance of identifying learner goals within their specific teaching contexts and adapt instruction and materials to these goals.
- Name the reading, vocabulary, listening, and speaking skills learners at various levels should work to achieve and the best pedagogy associated in reaching these skills.
- Design and lead classroom / community-based activities for student production / assessment of the four skill areas.
- Understand key concepts in intercultural communication as it relates to instructor – student and student – student interactions as well as how intercultural communication plays a role both in the classroom and the local community.

Required Materials

- *Teaching by Principles: An Interactive Approach to Language Pedagogy (4th ed.)* Brown (you will receive the book on the first day of class)

Recommended Materials

- *Standards of ESL/EFL Teachers of Adults.* TESOL press.