

BILINGUAL/ENG AS SEC LANG (BESL)

BESL 2301. Multicultural Infl On Learning. 3 Hours.

This course examines how the diversity of the United States influences classroom learning. Linguistic dialects, socio-economic status, and cultural diversity are among the factors examined in relation to the educational process.

Prerequisite: 30 hours.

BESL 3301. Lang Acquisition Thry-2nd Lang. 3 Hours.

This course examines language acquisition theories and philosophies related to learning a second language from early childhood to adult. The course also examines the history, rationale, political, community and global perspectives of bilingual education and English as a second language programs. Emphasis is placed on the principles and implementation of how children learn a language or languages, and how educators can develop academic programs and curriculum plans incorporating local, state, and national policies. Field experiences in K-12 public schools may be required.

Prerequisite: Admission to educator preparation program.

BESL 4088. Individual Problems in Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language Programs. 1-3 Hours.

This course is designed for persons interested in enhancing educational principles related to current bilingual and English as a second language issues. This course will address specific topics related to second language learning, methodologies, curriculum, instruction, evaluation, parent/community involvement, program design and field experiences.

BESL 4089. Independent Study in Bil/ESL/E. 1-3 Hours.**BESL 4301. Spanish Fluency In Classroom. 3 Hours.**

This course is designed for persons interested in teaching in a Spanish instructional environment. Terminology specific to the instructional process, curriculum, and community is emphasized. Linguistic and cultural comparisons among different Spanish dialects represented in Texas are examined. The course is taught in Spanish.

Prerequisite: Admission to educator preparation program.

BESL 4303. Cur In Bilgl & Sec Lang Progs. 3 Hours.

This course identifies appropriate curricula and teaching strategies to teach reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies to second language learners. Principles of current content area curriculum and instructional theory as related to language learning in a bilingual classroom are studied. This course is taught in Spanish. Field experiences in K-6 schools required. Taken concurrently with BESL 4304.

Prerequisite: 50 hours, BESL 3301 and TESL 4303.

BESL 4304. Lang Lrn Lit Dev In Mltlngl St. 3 Hours.

This course provides an intensive study of the theories of language learning and literacy development for students learning English as a second language. Processes and strategies on the development of oral language and reading in the first and second languages are emphasized. Taught in Spanish. Field experience in K-6 public schools required. Taken concurrently with BESL 4303.

Prerequisite: 50 hours, BESL 3301 and TESL 4303.

BESL 4320. Stu Tchg In Bilngl/Esl Classrm. 3 Hours.

The EC-6 Bilingual Generalist candidate is assigned to student teaching in a bilingual/elementary classroom full time for approximately seven weeks.

Prerequisite: Admission to Student Teaching program.