Today, English is the dominant international language in communications, science, business, and entertainment, and a working knowledge of English means better job opportunities worldwide. As a result, the need for English skills is growing, as is the demand for qualified teachers of English. VIU’s English Language Programs Department offers programs for those who want to improve their English skills (ESL program) as well as for those who want to become teachers of English (TESOL programs).

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Program:**
- All English skills and intensive TOEFL preparation
- Four levels of instruction (from elementary to high advanced)
- Very affordable tuition rates
- Students from all over the world
- Field trips, parties, seminars, and other extracurricular events and activities

**Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Programs:**
- Two graduate programs for future teachers: MA in TESOL & Certificate in TESOL
- 12 Courses/36 credits (MA program), 6 courses/12 credits (Certificate program)
- Full-time or part-time instruction
- Very affordable tuition rates
- Convenient location and schedule
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAM

English as a Second Language (ESL) program focuses on developing and perfecting English proficiency, study skills, and college preparedness. In addition to the traditional language skills (grammar, pronunciation, reading, writing, listening, speaking), our program offers courses on a variety of subjects including academic vocabulary, TOEFL preparation, dramatics, current events, business English, journalism, and American culture, among many others.

Our ESL program is designed to prepare students for academic success. Our students learn the skills necessary to become confident writers, fluent speakers, effective listeners, strong readers, and savvy TOEFL takers. Our students have an opportunity to make lifelong friends with people from all over the world while attending classes, going on field trips, and having fun at our parties, contests, and other social events.

While the selection of courses in our program can satisfy a diverse student body, it is our teachers who make our program so successful. VIU is proud of its fantastic team of highly qualified instructors who bring their experience, creativity, and enthusiasm to our classrooms day after day.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN TESOL (TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)

VIU offers two graduate TESOL programs: an MA program (36 credits) and a Certificate program (12 credits). Both TESOL programs prepare students to work as English teachers in a world where the global need for English language skills is growing. Teaching English is a great opportunity to broaden your horizons, gain valuable career experience, develop your communication skills, meet new people, establish lasting friendships, and make an important difference in the world. Upon successful completion of either program, students will have a solid linguistic and pedagogical base as well as classroom experience gained through observation and supervised teaching.

Our graduates will be qualified to teach English in a variety of educational settings in the US and abroad, such as:
- Intensive English programs
- Private language schools
- Adult education programs
- English as a foreign language programs in non-English speaking countries

Please note that our TESOL programs do not provide the licensure required to teach grades K-12 in American public schools.

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