

# **ENGL 4531: METHODS & TECHNIQUES OF ESL**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES**

This class is designed to introduce methods and techniques teaching English as a Second Language in various settings. It examines our current understanding of second language acquisition and the varying methods and techniques used to teach language skills to students of English at the K-12 level and in intensive and immigrant programs in the U.S. and overseas. The purpose of this course is to provide knowledge and experience that will help you to better analyze learning situations, enhance your professional skills, and increase your ability to promote learning.

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Use basic ESOL terminology.
- Apply language teaching methodology in specific teaching environments.
- Apply different ways of teaching individual language skills.
- Structure lessons and classroom activities to involve students in learning actively.
- Identify language learners' characteristics and needs.
- Select and modify materials and strategies for students with diverse needs and ability levels.
- Work with ESL students in content area classes.
- Develop an understanding of the socio-cultural factors involved in teaching language minority students.