



**English for Speakers of Other Languages – All Grades**

For those who hold a valid NYS Initial Teacher Certificate in English to Speakers of Other Languages (all grades) and are seeking the Master of Education as well as a recommendation for the Professional Teacher Certificate in English to Speakers of Other Languages (all grades). See GSE website for additional requirements.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Professional Certification/Master of Education**

	Date	Credit	Grade
<b>MAJOR AREA REQUIREMENTS</b>			
LAI 550 Literacy Acquisition and Instruction, PreK-Primary	Fall/Spr	3	
LAI 579 ESL Literacy/Focus Reading	Fall	3	
LAI 581 Linguistics for L2 Educators (or equivalent *)	Fall	3	
LAI 582 Principles of Language Acquisition, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>(Prerequisite: LAI 581)</i>	Spr	3	
LAI 585 L2 Literacy/Focus Writing	Spr	3	
LAI 587 Methods in ESL through Content Areas <i>(LAI 592 Highly Recommended Prior to taking LAI 587)</i>	Spr	3	
LAI 594 Pedagogical Grammar of English <i>(Prerequisite: LAI 581)</i>	Spr	3	
LAI 681 Understanding/Teaching Second Language Culture	Fall	3	
LAI 682 Assessing Second Language Proficiency <i>(Prerequisite: LAI 581)</i>	Spr	3	
LAI 574 Teaching the Exceptional Learner in the Regular Education Classroom <i>(This course meets the NYSED requirement for Meeting the Needs of Students with Disabilities. If you feel you have met this requirement with previous coursework, see your advisor for a possible waiver and selection of an alternative course.)</i>	Fall/Spr	3	
<b>TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVE</b> <i>(Select one course from the following options)</i>			
LAI 576, LAI 590, LAI 599, or other elective with advisor approval	varies	3	
<b>CAPSTONE EVENT</b>			
Comprehensive Exam (0 credits) Or LAI 700 Project (1-3 credits) Or LAI 701 Thesis (1-3 credits)	Fall/Spr	0-3	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>33-36</b>	

\* Students with adequate preparation in linguistics may waive LAI 581 with advisor approval which will allow the student to take an additional 3-credit elective, if needed, to meet the minimum total of 33 graduate credits required for program completion.

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## English for Speakers of Other Languages – All Grades Professional Certification/Master of Education

Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded an Ed.M. degree from the University at Buffalo (successful completion includes individual course grades of B- or higher and an overall GPA of at least 3.0; see GSE Policies and Procedures for additional requirements).

Please note the following:

### **GSE Application to Candidacy Form:**

Upon successful completion of 18 to 21 credits in the Ed.M. program, submit a completed *GSE Application to Candidacy* form to LAI (505 Baldy Hall). The form must include your advisor's signature. The *Application to Candidacy* form can be found on the Graduate School of Education's website ([www.gse.buffalo.edu](http://www.gse.buffalo.edu)). The form is also available in the wall pockets outside of 505 Baldy Hall.

### **Apply for Graduation via the HUB Student Center:**

Notify the University of your expected conferral (graduation) date via the HUB Student Center. Select the "My Academics" link (in Academics area) and then look for the "apply for graduation" link.

<b>If you plan to graduate:</b>	<b>File your application via the HUB by:</b>
Graduation Term: Spring (June 1)	February 22
Graduation Term: Summer (September 1)	July 15
Graduation Term: Fall (February 1)	October 15

- Should you miss the above deadline, you will need to apply for the next conferral (graduation) date.

### **Applying For Teacher Certification:**

Program completion does not automatically lead to a University at Buffalo recommendation for the issuance of a professional teacher certificate, and a University at Buffalo recommendation does not automatically lead to the issuance of this certificate. To apply for a professional teacher certificate, you must meet the program requirements of the University at Buffalo (as specified within this document, as well as all applicable prerequisite distribution requirements and any other requirements specified at the point of admission or thereafter as a condition of continued enrollment) and the certification requirements of the New York State Education Department (such as the teaching experience). For information about the certification application process, please contact the Teacher Education Institute (716-645-2461, <http://gse.buffalo.edu/tei>). Please note, completion of the program in which you are enrolled may only lead to a University at Buffalo recommendation for the issuance of a professional teacher certificate in the content area of this program; if you are applying for teacher certificates in other areas of certification, you should contact the New York State Education Department and/or the certification officer at your local BOCES.