

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

For those who do not 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 Initial Teacher Certificate in English to Speakers of Other Languages (all grades). Completion of this master's degree also leads to 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: _____

I. Initial and Professional Certification/Master of Education

	Date	Credit	Grade
MAJOR AREA REQUIREMENTS			
CEP 400/501 Psychology Foundations of Education *	Fall	3	
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 st & 2 nd (Prerequisite: LAI 581)	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 592 Foundations of Bilingual Ed: Policies and Practices	Fall	3	
LAI 594 Pedagogical Grammar of English (Prerequisite: LAI 581)	Spr	3	
LAI 681 Understanding/Teaching Second Language Culture	Fall	3	
LAI 682 Assessing Second Language Proficiency (Prerequisite: LAI 581)	Spr	3	
LAI 694 Teaching Strategies for All-Grades Teachers	Fall	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	
FIELD EXPERIENCES/STUDENT TEACHING			
<i>(LAI 667 must be taken in the last fall semester prior to Student Teaching. LAI 674, 668, and 595 must be taken together in last spring semester.)</i>			
LAI 667 Field Experience	Fall	3	
LAI 674 Seminar in Teaching	Spr	3	
LAI 668 Supervised Teaching I	Spr	3	
LAI 595 Supervised Teaching II	Spr	6	
CAPSTONE EVENT			
Comprehensive Exam (0 credits) Or LAI 700 Project (1-3 credits) Or LAI 701 Thesis (1-3 credits)	Fall/Spr	0-3	
TOTAL CREDITS		54-57	

* CEP 400 is only applicable if completed as a UB undergraduate student.

** Students with adequate preparation in linguistics may waive LAI 581 with advisor approval only.

*** If your advisor has approved the waiver of LAI 574, please choose one of the following as the alternative course: LAI 576, LAI 590, or LAI 599.

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 42 to 45 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). 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.

If you plan to graduate:	File your application via the HUB by:
Graduation Term: Spring (June 15)	March 1
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 an initial teacher certificate, and a University at Buffalo recommendation does not automatically lead to the issuance of this certificate. To apply for an initial 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 New York State Teacher Certification Exams and Fingerprint Clearance). 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 an initial teacher certificate in the certification 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. Additionally, please note that upon submitting a recommendation for the issuance of an initial teacher certificate, the Teacher Education Institute will simultaneously submit a recommendation for issuance of a professional teacher certificate (in the same certification area); however, the recommendation for the professional teacher certificate will remain 'in limbo' until you complete the application process for the professional teacher certificate and you have met all certification requirements of the New York State Education Department (such as the teaching experience).