

CAREER BRIEF



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BAKERSFIELD

Department of English

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN ENGLISH?

NATIONAL AVERAGE SALARY:

- \$59,950 per year

DEGREES:

- **Bachelor's Degree** in English, Education, Applied Linguistics, or a foreign language
- **Master's Degree** in TESL/TEFL/TESOL
- **Master's Degree** in Applied Linguistics with a TESL/TEFL/TESOL emphasis
- **Master's Degree** in Education with a TESL/TEFL/TESOL emphasis
- **TESL/TEFL/TESOL Certificate** program

SUGGESTED CSUB CLASSES:

- **ENGL 3610:** General Linguistics
- **ENGL 3640:** Methods and Materials in Teaching Second Language Writing
- **ENGL 3650:** Theories of Language Acquisition
- **ENGL 4648:** Sociolinguistics
- **ENGL 4650:** History of the Language

RELATED MINOR(S):

- Minor in Linguistics

ESL Teacher

English as a Second Language (ESL) Teachers are professionals who teach English to students who are not native speakers. Their primary responsibility is to instruct students in English vocabulary, grammar, and syntax so that they can communicate effectively in English. These professionals require a deep knowledge of the English language and of teaching methods and may also benefit from an education in foreign languages.

Professional Organizations:

- **TESOL, Inc.** (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc.) – www.tesol.org
- **CATESOL** (California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) – www.catesol.org
- **Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL)** – www.cal.org

Credentials/Certifications/Certificates:

- **CELTA Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages** – <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/teaching-english/teaching-qualifications/celta/>
- **Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL)** – <https://www.trinitycollege.com/qualifications/teaching-english/CertTESOL>

Teaching Programs:

- **JET** (Japan Exchange and Teaching Program) – <https://jetprogramusa.org/>
- **EPIK** (English Program in Korea) – <https://www.epik.go.kr/web/epik/main>
- **PEACE Corp.** – <https://www.peacecorps.gov/>