English, MA with TESOL Certificate

TESOL Certificate Requirements:
This program leads to an M.A. in English with a certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL). In addition to the basic requirements for the M.A. listed below, this program requires additional coursework in TESOL. The program offers tracks that prepare students for one of two opportunities: A) instruction at post-secondary/adult levels, or B) technical communication in corporate/non-profit settings. Either program might prepare a student to pursue doctoral work in applied linguistics or other areas of English Studies. Specific decisions should be reached in consultation with the Director of TESOL (worda@uah.edu). The program requires 12 courses (36 hours) for completion, 6 of which (18 hours) will be in literature. You will need to complete either a Capstone Project or a Thesis in addition to a Practicum Project (EHL 610). The other course requirements are as follows:

- EHL 505 SURVEY OF GENERAL LINGUISTICS 3
- EHL 507 ADV ENGLISH GRAMMAR STUDIES 3
- ED 640 DIFD STRGTY RES & TEACH ELL 3
- EHL 610 AP EH LI VI:PRACTICUM TESOL 3

Choose one option below 6

Option A: Instruction
- EH 500 COMPOSITION STUDIES TCHRS
- EH 601 ACTION RESCH WRITING STUDIES

Option B: Technical Communication
- EH 501 THRY & PRACTICE TECHNICAL COMM
- EH 603 EDITING FOR PUBLICATION

Total Semester Hours 18

Basic Requirements:
- At least half of the hours you take toward your degree (but not including any thesis hours) should be at the 600 level.
- At least 18 hours in your program should be in literature. To count, a course should deal with literature directly, rather than with writing or other topics. Please check to confirm if you have any questions about a specific course. Special certificate programs require additional hours that are determined in consultation with the appropriate program advisors.
- You must complete all work toward your degree within thirty semesters of the first course you take (counting summers). Courses taken between eighteen and thirty semesters prior to your degree program completion date may be re-validated by departmental exams negotiated with the specific faculty member who has responsibility for that course; any graduate course more than thirty semesters old may not be used.
- EH 540 and EH 649 indicate “Special Topics” courses. Often these are new courses, or courses taught by visiting faculty. You may include any number of these classes in your program of study, as long as you meet other requirements.
- Up to nine hours of graduate work in English may be transferred from other institutions with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies (laurel.bollinger@uah.edu). At least nine hours in English courses numbered 600 or above must be completed here at UAH (exclusive of thesis hours).
- To be a full-time student, you will need to take a course load of 9 hours per semester. While you are permitted to take up to 15 semester hours per term, you should consult with the Director of Graduate Studies (laurel.bollinger@uah.edu) about doing so.
- You must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all courses taken at the graduate level. If in any semester your cumulative GPA falls below that 3.0 level, you will be on probation. You might also wish to assess your commitment to a graduate program.
- All students complete either a thesis or a capstone project. For more information, see the FAQ (https://www.uah.edu/ahs/departments/english/programs/graduate/faq) on the English Department Graduate page.