

EXIT PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT FOR TESOL STUDENTS

All TESOL students must complete the TESOL Exit Portfolio*.

The TESOL exit portfolio consists of:

1. A statement of the candidate's philosophy of teaching (1 page);
2. An introductory essay (3-4 pages) containing:
 - a. A self-analysis of the candidate's development through the TESOL program, including overall strengths and weaknesses as an EFL/ESL teacher;
 - b. A description of the practicum;
3. The practicum evaluation(s);
4. A video tape from the practicum, or other approved teaching experience (at least twenty minutes in length), with a self-critique of the teaching (2-3 pages);
5. A project from TESOL Methods and Materials or TESOL Reading and Writing or in the K-12 Classroom or ESL Listening and Speaking, or a curriculum and materials project from another approved course;
6. The Teaching Question Response (5-6 pages). The question must be included with the response. The candidate should request the teaching questions from the TESOL program director before beginning the portfolio. There are two scenarios, each with a specific grammar problem. The candidate will select one of the scenarios with the accompanying grammar problem and create a one-hour curriculum, addressing all the information required in the response. (See TESOL Teaching Question Response document.)
7. Candidate's curriculum vita (optional).

*The TESOL Portfolio can be done electronically. See the TESOL Director for more information.

For M.A. students in TESOL, the TESOL exit portfolio replaces item 1 (the introductory essay) under "Portfolio Requirements" in the document Graduate Portfolio Procedures and Requirements. Therefore, TESOL M.A. candidates must complete the TESOL exit portfolio and items 2-5 of the graduate portfolio requirements.

The TESOL exit portfolio is a professional document. It should be assembled professionally, with sections clearly identified and listed in the table of contents. Portfolios that are incomplete or unprofessional will be returned ungraded.

The TESOL exit portfolio is evaluated using the attached TESOL Exit Portfolio Guidelines. If the portfolio is not acceptable, candidates will be provided with a written explanation of the reasons why. Candidates will be notified of the results once the grading is completed. The TESOL exit portfolio, when handed in independently of the graduate portfolio, will be graded within two weeks of submission. Candidates for the TESOL certificate must be sure that when they submit their portfolio, their TESOL Program Checklist is up to date and their name is listed as they wish it to appear on the TESOL certificate. [Guidelines for Evaluating the TESOL Exit Portfolio>>](#)

Guidelines for Evaluating the TESOL Exit Portfolio

The TESOL Exit Portfolio asks the student to assess his/her growth as a scholar/practitioner in the TESOL field. For MA students in TESOL, the TESOL exit portfolio replaces the introductory essay in the MA portfolio. Therefore, TESOL MA candidates must complete the TESOL exit portfolio and items 2-5 of the graduate portfolio requirements. The TESOL exit portfolio should be assembled professionally, with sections clearly identified and listed in the table of contents. The TESOL exit portfolio can be submitted in a separate binder, as part of the MA Portfolio binder, or electronically within the MA Portfolio binder.

The faculty committee charged with reviewing the student's MA portfolio applies the following guidelines when evaluating the TESOL exit portfolio:

- Demonstrates an understanding of the systematic nature of language
- Demonstrates an understanding of the implications of the relationship between language and culture for teaching English as a second or foreign language
- Shows familiarity with the theory and practice of teaching English as a second or foreign language
- Illustrates the ability to create, select, and adapt techniques, activities, materials, and assessment tools appropriate for teaching English as a second or foreign language to diverse populations
- Is carefully written, edited, and proofed