Master of Arts in TESOL
(Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
Online Program Guide
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THE SAU CONCEPT

Spring Arbor University is a community of learners distinguished by our lifelong involvement in the study and application of the liberal arts, total commitment to Jesus Christ as the perspective for learning, and critical participation in the contemporary world.

LIVE ON PURPOSE
As a Spring Arbor University online student, your growth and success – academically, professionally and personally – are our focus. Even though you may not be physically present on campus, you are part of a community of learners that is distinguished by our lifelong involvement in the study and application of the liberal arts, a total commitment to Jesus Christ as the perspective for learning, and critical participation in the contemporary world.

As leaders in adult online education, we understand that you need flexibility and support. That is why I encourage you to fully engage with your fellow students, faculty and your student success advisor. Each will enrich your academic experience in ways you never imagined possible.

You are here to receive a quality education and to advance your career. Keep these goals top of mind as you engage in critical thinking by asking questions in your pursuit of wisdom. Demonstrate your personal commitment to responsible, ethical leadership and effective communication through the original work you do here. Remember, the skills, knowledge and abilities you gain as a Spring Arbor University student will serve you well long after you have completed your degree.

We appreciate your interest in Spring Arbor University and wish you the best in your academic endeavors.

Dr. Brent Ellis
President
ABOUT SAU ONLINE

Since 1873, Spring Arbor University has helped students pursue wisdom by offering an education grounded in the Christian faith. What began as a small elementary and secondary school in the late 1800s has evolved into a premier private Christian university that offers engaging online programs designed to meet the unique needs of busy, working adults. While we’re not the only university to offer online degree programs, our distinction lies in our total commitment to providing educational excellence within a Christ-honoring and supportive online community.

- Since 2000, Spring Arbor University’s overall enrollment has grown by 40 percent.
- Spring Arbor University is a community of learners distinguished by our lifelong involvement in the study and application of the liberal arts, total commitment to Jesus Christ as the perspective for learning, and critical participation in the contemporary world.
- U.S. News & World Report named Spring Arbor University in the top tier of the “Midwestern Regional Universities” category of colleges and universities in 2010 and 2011.
- Spring Arbor University alum Rick Herter, ’84, made the Guinness World Records for the world’s largest indoor mural with the completion of the 28,000-square-foot mural depicting influential moments in the evolution of flight that adorns the walls of the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

“What a blessing it is to be an SAU graduate student. Not only am I investing in my future and in the development of my career, but I am surrounded by a community of mentors and scholars who are also committed to integrating Christ’s love into today’s business world.”

Chelsea Page, MBA
STUDENT SUPPORT

SAU Online is a pioneer and leader in adult online education. We understand your needs, and we welcome you with an online environment specifically created to enhance your strengths and support your journey.

■ An Online Admissions Representative will help you choose a program that best fits your needs and walk you through the admissions process

■ Our Financial Aid Staff will give you accurate information on financial resources, based on your specific needs and circumstances

■ You will have direct access to SAU’s highly acclaimed instructors

■ Upon acceptance, you will be assigned your own Student Success Advisor, who will be your personal concierge from day one to graduation day

■ Our Tech Support Team will help you with any technical issues you may have

■ A Graduate Career Advisor will help you develop a career plan and will notify you of opportunities, experiences or resources related to your career plan

ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITY

At SAU Online, you’ll find that you are becoming close friends with your classmates, and your professor even encourages you to call him or her when you need help.

From the comfort of your own home, you will submit assignments, take tests and review class resources. You also will enjoy engaging podcasts, interesting threaded discussions and thought-provoking videos that cause you to be transformed in ways you never thought possible.

Keeping you connected is our priority, which is why we offer so many ways to keep in touch - e-mail, chat, discussion boards, live audio-conferencing, a state-of-the-art learning management system, iTunesU®, and more.
ACCREDITATION

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) – All degrees offered by Spring Arbor University are accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL. 60602. 1.800.621.7440.

Spring Arbor has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education to offer online reading courses for elementary and secondary teachers that are required by Michigan law for initial certification renewal. The courses are EDU 624 for elementary and EDU 625 for secondary.

State Authorization
SAU is authorized to offer online education in the following states: AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, HI, ID, IL, IN, MI, MO, MT, NE, NH, NJ, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WY.

SAU is authorized to offer online education in the following states with limitations: AK, DE, GA, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MN, MS, NC, ND, NY, RI, WA, WV.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

■ 2013 Washington Monthly: 212 out of 684 ranked Master’s universities


■ 2014 FindTheBest Colleges Smart Ratings: 92 out of 100 data points representative of quality
SAU ONLINE PROGRAMS

Spring Arbor University offers affordable, accredited, Christ-honoring degrees online that are designed to broaden your professional reach, enrich your faith and make you more marketable in your sphere of influence. As an SAU online student, you will enjoy an engaging curriculum that will prepare you to pursue a more purposeful career with confidence. You’ll also find it easy to engage with your instructors and peers. It’s a fully integrated approach to online education that’s specifically designed to inform and transform the mind, body and spirit of adult learners.

FINANCIAL AID

SAU offers a great financial aid package. In fact, 100 percent of our students receive some type of financial aid. On average, those who receive grants or scholarships are awarded $14,203. And military veterans and active-duty personnel enjoy a 30 percent discount on tuition. Upon acceptance to your program, our Financial Aid Staff will walk you through available institutional, state, and federal awards based on your specific circumstances.
Master of Arts in **TESOL**

Online

Total Credit Hours: **33**
Tuition Per Credit: **$481**
Total Tuition: **$15,873**
Application Fee: **$30**
Registration Fee: **$40/sem**
Technology Fee: **$105/sem**
MASTER OF ARTS IN **TESOL**
( Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages )

For those blessed with the calling to teach, Spring Arbor University offers an opportunity to serve not only ELL learners in the classroom, but also the minds and hearts of children around the world. As a student of this Master’s degree program, you have the choice of two tracks: a Master of Arts in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) in K-12 Education and a Master of Arts in TESOL in Adolescent and Adult Education.

You also have the option to complete 24 credit hours for the NS endorsement.

The M.A. in TESOL K-12 track is for Michigan teachers seeking the ESL (English as a Second Language) and NS endorsements. As a graduate of this track, you can teach ELL students in your classroom, become the ESL specialist in your building or teach at the college level.

The M.A. in TESOL AAE track is for students with a B.A. or B.S. who have not yet earned their K-12 teacher certification. As a graduate of this track, you can teach English abroad in non-English-speaking schools. You may also teach in ministry-based settings primarily with adult students or in university settings with college-age students in the U.S. or abroad.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**Master of Arts in TESOL in K-12 Education Required Courses**
- TSL500 Linguistics for Teachers of English (3)*
- TSL501 Cross Cultural Competence in Communication (3)*
- TSL502 TESOL Methods and Materials for Second Language Acquisition (3)*
- TSL505 Assessment & Evaluation of Language Minority Students & Programs (3)*
- TSL506 Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners (3)*
  - RDG656 may be substituted for this course (3)
- TSL508 English Grammar Approaches for English Language Learners (3)*
- TSL509 Sheltered Immersion (SIOP) for Content Area Teachers (3)*
- TSL600 Capstone Project, Practicum & Portfolio (3)*
- TSL503 Methods of Teaching, Speaking & Listening w/ Beginners (3)
- TSL510 Integrity in Teaching English as Mission 3 credits (3)

**Master of Arts in TESOL Adolescent and Adult Education Required Courses**
- RDG628 Teaching Writing (3)
- RDG678 Children and Young Adult Learners (3)
- TSL500 Linguistics for Teachers of English (3)
- TSL501 Cross Cultural Competence in Communication (3)
- TSL502 TESOL Methods and Materials for Second Language Acquisition (3)
- TSL503 Methods of Teaching, Speaking & Listening w/ Beginners (3)
- TSL505 Assessment & Evaluation of Language Minority Students & Programs (3)
- TSL506 Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners (3)
  - RDG656 may be substituted for this course (3)
- TSL508 English Grammar Approaches for English Language Learners (3)
- TSL510 Integrity in Teaching English as Mission (3)
- TSL600 Capstone Project, Field Experiences & Portfolio (3)

**Electives (choose one)**
- EDU624 Elementary and Middle School Reading (3)
- EDU625 Secondary Reading (3)
- RDG628 Teaching Writing (3)
- RDG678 Children and Young Adult Learners (3)

*CORE credit hours for the ESL (NS) Endorsement*
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Official transcripts from all institutions attended, including evidence of an earned Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 for the last two years of the Bachelor’s degree
- Contact information for two references (personal and professional)
- Graduate program admissions sheet
- Conviction disclosure
- Completed graduate application

M.A. in TESOL

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in the United States, England, Canada or from an institution where the language of instruction was 100 percent in English
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Oral interview
- Writing sample essay
- Native English speakers must provide evidence of the study of a foreign language (one semester at undergraduate level, two semesters in high school or extensive time spent living and working in a non-English speaking country)
- Nonnative English speakers with a degree from an institution in a non-English-speaking country, a TOEFL score of 100 iBT or its equivalent 6.5 within the last six years
- If significant time has been spent in the United States, England or Canada, the candidate may request to demonstrate proficiency in English through professor observation of listening and speaking, as well as a college-level reading comprehension assessment and writing assessment

M.A. in TESOL K-5, 6-12

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Copy of MI teacher certification is required
- To complete the ESL Endorsement program, candidates in Michigan will have to pass the MTTC test for ESL (NS) after taking the 24 required credits in the endorsement track
- If you are certified in a state other than Michigan, you will need to work with that state’s requirements for ESL certification process in your state

“Our School of Education is an academic and relational setting where faculty, staff and students can bring and apply all that we are – heart, spirit, mind, strength – to the study of teaching and learning. Where a challenging educational idea, theory or practice is quite comfortable next to a challenging biblical or moral perspective.”

Reuben A. Rubio II, Ph.D., Interim Dean, School of Education