# Master of Arts (MA) Language and Learning

# Additional Requirements for Non-Native Speakers of English to any TESOL Program including the MA in Language and Learning

1. The TESOL graduate program requires that non-native speakers of English show evidence of English proficiency by providing scores which are different from those required of the Graduate College. Proof of proficiency may be shown by achieving the following test scores\*:

TOEFL: 550 (paper), 213 (computer), or 79 (internet) IELTS (with no subsection below 6.0): 6.5

Fredonia's school code for reporting the TOEFL and IELTS scores electronically is 2539. International students who have been awarded a prior degree from the U.S., U.K./Ireland, Australia, Anglophone Canada, New Zealand, Anglophone Africa, Singapore, and the Commonwealth Caribbean prior to applying to SUNY Fredonia are not required to submit TOEFL or IELTS.

\*SEM will be taken into consideration. In other words, if your scores do not meet the requirements here but are close (within the SEM), you may still apply to SUNY Fredonia's TESOL program. The TESOL Program Coordinator then has the discretion to evaluate your scores in relation to your full application at that time.

- 2. International applicants must provide official copies of <u>all</u> previous degrees/diplomas and transcripts issued in the original language with a literal English translation of each. Proof of an official certification of the award of any and all degrees must be provided; Also include documentation describing in which language the courses were taught. The latter can be included in a separate document as a chart or statement.
- 3. International applicants must also have transcripts translated and evaluated by WES (www.wes.org) or a similar agency against the American 4.0 standard.

## **Additional Requirements for ALL International Applicants**

## as Set by the Office of Graduate Studies (Fredonia)

International applicants must submit the following additional materials, available in the downloadable forms section of the online application and at the International Student Home section of the Graduate Studies website

http://www.fredonia.edu/gradstudies/prospective/international.asp

FSA-3 form; English Proficiency Report: International students must show proof of English competency. Applicants whose native language is English are exempt.

FSA-4 form: Financial Statement: All international applicants must submit evidence of full financial support for all expenses at the State University of New York at Fredonia as a condition of being issued immigration documents for F-1 or J-1 status (*i.e.*, the Certificate of Eligibility, form I-20AB or IAP-66). The FSA-4 form must be signed by both the applicant and the applicant's financial sponsor. The submitted form must contain an original signature.

Proof of financial support: Applicants must submit an original bank statement from the financial sponsor verifying the available funds. Only original financial documentation with original signatures and seals will be accepted.

While an admission decision can be made without the financial documentation, the I-20 or DS-2019 forms cannot be issued until all documents are received.

Applicants may upload the FSA-3 form to the online application, but applicants must send the FSA-4 form and supporting documentation directly to the State University of New York at Fredonia Graduate Studies Office at the following address:

## **Office of Graduate Studies**

E230 Thompson Hall State University of New York at Fredonia Fredonia, NY 14063

Anyone with questions about these requirements should contact the SUNY Fredonia International Education Center at (716) 673-3451, or send that office an inquiry through the International Education Center's website at http://www.fredonia.edu/internationaleducation