

Complementary Academic and Complementary English Courses for B.Ed. TESL

In general, ANY course in the Faculty of Arts and ANY course in the Faculty of Science is acceptable as a complementary academic course. You may consult the lists for the Kindergarten/Elementary and Secondary Program. In addition, any course in the Faculty of Education that has a small black triangle in front of the course description in the Calendar is generally acceptable. If you are not sure, check with the advisors in room 244, Education Building.

In order to help you decide the best set of courses for your individual program, you might want to consider the following two strategies "Specialist" and "Generalist". Keep in mind that the Ministry of Education will not issue anyone a brevet (specialist certification) in a second subject. Nonetheless, given the current situation in schools, teachers are frequently asked to teach subjects outside their area of specialization. Here are two overall strategies that you might use to maximize your post-graduate marketability. Try to consider both these approaches, both in terms of where you see yourself after graduation, and what kinds of options you would like to develop for yourself. Make several draft plans, with possible substitute courses in case of the inevitable difficulties with scheduling and availability.

Specialist

◆ Concentrating your academic components in one or two areas gives you a rough and unofficial equivalent of a "minor" or "second subject". For example, if you took several courses in a subject area such as history or mathematics, you might point out in your job applications or interviews that you have a special interest and some training in this area, and would feel comfortable teaching it.

Generalist

◆ Spreading your academic components over a number of areas, from anthropology and classics to history and zoology, gives you the widest possible background knowledge, which will serve you well in teaching language, as well as a basis for teaching other subjects you might be asked to teach in a given situation.

Effective September 2009 the **Complementary Academic** courses and **Complementary English (ENGL)** must add up to 18 credits. (Prior to September 2009 – 24 credits) Students must take a minimum of 6 credits (ENGL) prefix. Therefore, as an example, if you take 6 credits ENGL, then you would take 12 credits Complementary Academic = 18 credits or 09 credits ENGL plus 09 credits Complementary Academic = 18 credits.

Foreign Language (any language other than English as a Second Language) may be taken under Complementary Academic courses. Foreign Language courses offered through the Centre for Continuing Education are not acceptable for degree credit.

Students can also consult the [Teachable Subject Area Course List](#) and the [Secondary Subject Area List](#).