ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
Our communities and schools are being transformed by a continually growing number of English language learners. This growing population enriches our communities and also challenges us to recognize the unique needs these students have in order to survive and thrive in our society. The ESL/Bilingual Education coursework focuses on theories of language acquisition, strategies that promote cultural understanding, and teaching practices that meet the needs of English language learners. This minor meets the State of Illinois requirements of approval-endorsement to work in English as a Second Language or Bilingual Education classrooms.

All ESL/BE minors take required courses together. However, students choose between a bilingual endorsement (language proficiency required) and an ESL endorsement (no language proficiency required) by the type of field experience completed. Students who choose the bilingual endorsement must take the applicable Target Language Proficiency test. The education courses are offered in hybrid format. One course is offered online during the summer only.

MINOR COURSEWORK
- EDUC 107 or 108 - totaling 100 course-embedded hours
- EDUC 225 Foundations of Teaching Bilingual/ESL
- EDUC 340 Cross Cultural/Multicultural issues in education
- EDUC 341 Methods and Materials of Teaching ESL Students
- EDUC 342 Methods and Materials of Teaching Bilingual Students
- EDUC 345 Assessment of Bilingual/ESL Students
- ENGL 371 Linguistics
- COMM 250 or PSYC 252