EN6453/4453 Methods in TESOL

Course description
The goal of this course is to develop student teachers’ understanding of the field of TESOL as well as their professional competence through awareness raising and practical experience. The course will focus on practical issues such as curriculum design, lesson planning, and classroom management. Students will integrate theoretical perspectives with practice in a number of ways including, but not limited to: self-reflection on ongoing tutoring or teaching, in-class micro teaching, teaching observations, and development of original materials and lesson plans.

Course objectives
Student teachers will:

- Be introduced to principles of communicative language teaching
- Evaluate, adapt, and create materials for the ESL/EFL classroom
- Consider and discuss how to teach and integrate the four skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) in ESL/EFL lessons
- Practice teaching English and conduct classroom observations of experienced teachers
- Discuss sociopolitical issues in the classroom and how to be a responsive teacher
- Begin or expand on a teaching portfolio by writing a teaching philosophy and sample lesson plan