The concentration in English for Specific Purposes prepares M.A. students to teach English language classes in professional and newcomer situations. Newcomers to an occupation, an international corporation, a country, or a university in the U.S. need English language classes tailored to their specific needs. Teachers who can design classes to meet those needs are in demand both inside and outside of the U.S.

Students in English for Specific Purposes (ESP) will learn to

- Design English language courses according to audience needs and language skills
- Analyze how grammar, vocabulary, and genre are used in specific academic and occupational fields
- Understand and analyze English language structures
- Understand theories of language learning
- Expand their oral and written communication skills
- Gain greater awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity

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Recent Graduates
Concentration in English for Specific Purposes

Priscila Medrado Costa  Adjunct Lecturer, Office of International Programs, UNC Charlotte

As an international student from Brazil, I wanted to improve my knowledge of the language and culture of the U.S. and develop my professional skills. The ESP concentration helped me achieve those goals and has given me the opportunity to teach in the university setting. My degree is constantly opening more doors for me as I grow professionally. I know that my success as an educator has been positively impacted by what I learned in the ESP program.

Jasmine Taorti  English Language teacher, Horizon Academy, Istanbul, Turkey

After teaching English as a Second Language for a few years, I felt stuck in my position without good promotional opportunities. Going through the Masters program in ESP helped me specialize, which made me more marketable, and I was able to study the area of ESL I was most interested in. After graduation, I received multiple job offers and now work in a desirable area of Istanbul. This is exactly the life I wanted and my degree was integral to helping me arrive at this point.

Toma Kusakawa  Investigations Manager, Amazon Japan

The knowledge and experience I gained through the ESP program have brought a much more positive impact on my life and profession than I could have imagined. I have been lucky enough to teach English to people in my company and to help them enhance their global communication skills specific to the profession as well as their skills in narrative writing, which is the core part of our company culture. My English degree with an emphasis in ESP made all this possible and led to my success in my current profession, and I am truly grateful to the great professors who teach it at UNC Charlotte.

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