



committee of program faculty. Graduates of this program are uniquely qualified for a range of teaching experiences, at home or abroad, where they can expect to excel as both teachers and scholars in their field.

### **The Doctoral Program in Composition and TESOL**

The IUP doctoral program in Composition and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) is one of the oldest and largest in the United States, and one of only a few programs in the world that give students the option of exploring first and second language literacy in English. Doctoral students in this program benefit from a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and research-based understanding of first and second language literacy instruction. With accomplished, international faculty in the fields of composition, TESOL, rhetoric, and applied linguistics, the program offers the unique experience of working across disciplinary lines and integrating research on language, literacy, culture, and writing.

The composition and TESOL doctoral curriculum is built on the concept of the teacher-scholar and promotes teaching practices that are informed by research. Doctoral students conduct innovative research projects, and become accomplished teacher-scholars known for their enthusiasm, teaching, and research-based publications. They enjoy careers as faculty members, literacy researchers, writing program directors, academic administrators, and expert consultants.

The program welcomes students who wish to explore the ever-widening contexts of literacy and

A significant portion of students are already-employed faculty who complete their coursework through the summers-only option. The department's summers-only residency program is the only summer residential literature Ph.D. program in the United States. It is, therefore, uniquely equipped to meet the needs of the many contingent and non-tenure track faculty who otherwise might not have this important opportunity for further professional development and doctoral certification.

### **TESOL Graduate Certificate of Recognition Program**

Requiring 18 credits, the TESOL Graduate Certificate of Recognition Program broadly prepares students to teach English abroad. Masters-level core courses situate teaching English as a social, cultural, historical, and political endeavor in a variety of educational settings outside the United States.