1. **What does a TEFL certificate enable me to do?**
   Teach EFL overseas, primarily. Some students do work here in the states with refugee programs, adult education, or volunteer programs.

2. **Does it allow me to teach overseas?**
   Yes—that’s the specific goal.

3. **Is a TEFL certificate a good way to see if I like teaching language before I pursue an ESL degree?**
   Yes—you’ll be exposed to language and culture issues, as well as teaching methods and then ultimately have a practicum experience. You’ll get to know easily if this is for you.

4. **What courses do I need to take to earn the TEFL certificate?**
   There are five required courses:
   - AL 3021 Introduction to Linguistics (3 hrs.--prerequisite for the others)
   - AL 3041 Second Language Acquisition (3 hrs.)
   - AL 3051 Methods of Teaching EFL (3 hrs.)
   - AL 3101 English Grammar in Use (3 hrs.)
   - AL 4161 EFL Practicum (3 hrs.)

5. **How long will it take me to complete the courses needed for the TEFL certificate?**
   Most people finish in one academic year.

6. **Are all of the classes offered every semester, or do I need to wait until fall semester to take the correct sequence of classes?**
   Most of the courses are NOT offered every semester. We try to allow students to earn the certificate in one year—and occasionally this means substituting courses if they are not offered. We offer courses once a year so if you start in the fall, you should be fine.

7. **How long is my TEFL certificate valid once I have it?**
   Forever and ever. 😊

8. **Can I get a TEFL Certificate if I’m not a GSU student?**
   Most people earn the TEFL Certificate as part of their undergraduate degree. However, if you already have an undergraduate degree you can apply for postbaccalaureate status and register for the TEFL courses. Information on applying as a postbaccalaureate can be found at: [http://www.gsu.edu/6125.html](http://www.gsu.edu/6125.html).
9. **Does GSU have a weekend/night TEFL program for full-time business people?**
No. The only course that is offered at night is the Intro to Linguistics course (4:30-7:00). When the program grows, we might consider adding night courses. For now, we don’t have the resources to do so.

10. **Is there a “fast track” way to get the TEFL certificate?**
There could be—but not at GSU. These type of programs are very unstable and are not well accepted in the TEFL community. There are many great programs like ours, so you would be competing against these types of students for jobs.

11. **Does GSU help place people in jobs once they have the TEFL certificate?**
GSU does not, but our department is one of the most well known in the world so our faculty have many contacts and often help students with job searching (so it’s great, of course, from the get-go to get to know your professors well).

12. **What is the average salary of a TEFL teacher? (I know this is nearly impossible to calculate for each prospective country, but can you tell me if I will be able to live alone and still support myself?)**
You’re right—all countries/situations are different. You can always live alone and support yourself, but may not save much money. You just have to decide what’s most important to you: money, experience, language, a particular area of the world, etc. Then you can start looking at all the details. But yes, you always can support yourself—if not, we would strongly encourage you not to go.

13. **What is the average total cost to take all the necessary classes to get the TEFL certificate?**
It’s the same rate as GSU undergraduate courses.

14. **Which countries have the most demand for TEFL teachers?**
It changes all the time. I wouldn’t even venture to guess. If you have ideas of where you’d like to go, let me know and I’ll let you know if that’s a good possibility or not (also let me know what your priorities are: salary, etc.)

15. **How can I get more information about the TEFL Certificate?**
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