

NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY
ESL and/or BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENTS
ESL and/or BILINGUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVALS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) for IRC students

1. WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED ESL ENDORSEMENT COURSES OFFERED AT THE IRC/NLU?

The following are required courses for the ESL Endorsement (18 graduate credit hours).

1. **CIL 500** - Foundations in Language Minority Education
2. **CIL 505** - Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
3. **CIL 510** - Assessment of Language Minority Students
4. **CIL 531** - Cross Cultural Education
5. **CIL 501** - Introduction to Linguistics OR **CIL 512** - Reading in a New Language: Linguistic Considerations
6. **One elective course** (see list of elective courses below)

2. WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENT COURSES OFFERED AT THE IRC/NLU?

The following are required courses for the Bilingual Endorsement (18 graduate credit hours).

1. **CIL 500** - Foundations in Language Minority Education
2. **CIL 505** - Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
3. **CIL 506** - Methods and Materials for Teaching Bilingual Students
4. **CIL 510** - Assessment of Language Minority Students
5. **CIL 531** - Cross Cultural Education
6. **One elective course** (see list of elective courses below)

3. WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED COURSES TO OBTAIN BOTH THE ESL AND BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENTS?

The following are required courses to obtain both the ESL and Bilingual Endorsement (18 graduate credit hours). NOTE: No elective option.

1. **CIL 500** - Foundations in Language Minority Education
2. **CIL 505** - Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
3. **CIL 506** - Methods and Materials for Teaching Bilingual Students
4. **CIL 510** - Assessment of Language Minority Students
5. **CIL 531** - Cross Cultural Education
6. **CIL 501** - Introduction to Linguistics OR **CIL 512** - Reading in a New Language: Linguistic Considerations

4. WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED ESL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVAL COURSES IF I ALREADY HOLD AN ILLINOIS TEACHING LICENSE ENDORSED IN A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING FIELD OR A LICENSE WITH A SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVAL?

The following are required courses to obtain the ESL Special Education approval (9 graduate credit hours).

1. **CIL 500** - Foundations in Language Minority Education
2. **CIL 505** - Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
3. **CIL 510** - Assessment of Language Minority Students

NOTE: Qualifies for the Learning Behavior Specialist 1 (LBS1) Professional Educator License (PEL) ESL Special Education Approval.

5. WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED BILINGUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVAL COURSES IF I ALREADY HOLD AN ILLINOIS TEACHING LICENSE ENDORSED IN A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING FIELD OR A LICENSE WITH A SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVAL?

The following are required courses to obtain the Bilingual Special Education Approval (9 graduate credit hours).

1. **CIL 500** - Foundations in Language Minority Education
2. **CIL 506** - Methods and Materials for Teaching Bilingual Students
3. **CIL 510** - Assessment of Language Minority Students

NOTE: Qualifies for the Learning Behavior Specialist 1 (LBS1) Professional Educator License (PEL) Bilingual Special Education Approval.

**Must pass the language proficiency assessment in the target language (for which the endorsement is to be issued).

6. WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED ESL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVAL COURSES FOR SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL IF I ALREADY HOLD AN ILLINOIS TEACHING LICENSE ENDORSED IN A SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL AREA?

The following is the required course to obtain an ESL Special Education Approval for school support personnel (3 graduate credit hours).

1. **CIL 510** - Assessment of Language Minority Students

NOTE: Qualifies for the School Psychologist, School Counselor, Speech Language Pathologist ESL Endorsement.

7. WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED BILINGUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVAL COURSES FOR SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL IF I ALREADY HOLD AN ILLINOIS TEACHING LICENSE ENDORSED IN A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING FIELD OR A LICENSE WITH A SPECIAL EDUCATION APPROVAL?

The following is the required course to obtain the Bilingual Special Education Approval for school support personnel (3 graduate credit hours).

1. **CIL 510** - Assessment of Language Minority Students

NOTE: Qualifies for School Psychologist, School Counselor, Speech Language Pathologist Bilingual Endorsement, Bilingual Special Education Approval.

**Must pass the language proficiency assessment in the target language (for which the endorsement is to be issued).

8. WHAT ARE THE ELECTIVE COURSES FOR THE ESL/BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENT?

The following are the elective courses for the ESL/Bilingual endorsement.

- CIL 501 - Introduction to Linguistics
- CIL 506 - Methods and Materials for Teaching Bilingual Students (For ESL Endorsement only)
- CIL 512 - Reading in a New Language: Linguistic Considerations
- CIL 532 - Technology Instruction for Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students

9. WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS FOR IRC COURSES?

1. There are no prerequisites required to take Foundations for Language Minority Education - CIL 500 or Introduction to Linguistics - CIL 501.
2. To take other ESL/Bilingual endorsement classes, Foundations of Language Minority Education - CIL 500 is a prerequisite course.
3. To take either Assessment of Language Minority Students - CIL 510 or Technology Instruction for Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students - CIL 532, there are two prerequisites: Foundations of Language Minority Education – CIL 500 AND a Methods course (either English as a Second Language – CIL 505 or Bilingual – CIL 506).

10. HOW DO I OBTAIN MY ENDORSEMENT WHEN MY COURSEWORK AT THE IRC IS FINISHED?

If all coursework for was taken at the IRC or NLU, the process for requesting a bilingual/ESL endorsement begins with NLU's online form via the student portal. Please go to <https://www.nl.edu/licensure/instructions/> You should NOT apply directly to ELIS for the Endorsement. Any student who applies directly to ISBE will have to wait significantly longer (usually 5-6 months) for a transcript review to get the Endorsement added.

11. WHAT IF I HAVE TAKEN SOME OF THE ESL AND/OR BILINGUAL COURSES AT ANOTHER UNIVERSITY?

If you have taken courses with another university, you must verify this coursework with ISBE. NLU cannot recommend for Endorsement, courses taken at other institutions. To find out if non-NLU coursework has met a state requirement, you have the following options:

1. Contact the prior university to find out which Endorsement requirements have been met.
2. Apply for the Endorsement in ELIS and ISBE will send you a list of deficiencies. With this information, NLU/IRC can work with you to determine the remaining required courses needed for the Endorsement.

12. HOW DO I EARN THE REQUIRED 100 CLINICAL HOURS FOR THE ENDORSEMENT(S)?

For each course, you will earn 20 clinical hours. Instructors may incorporate the clinical hours differently; some examples of possible assignments include: interviews, practicing lessons, visiting cultural museums, surveying the EL population in schools, etc. Clinical hours cannot be waived, and all students must participate. If a student is not currently teaching, the instructor will provide options to earn the required clinical hours.

13. WHAT IS THE TEACH GRANT, AND HOW DO I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?

TEACH GRANT: Students who have applied to NLU and been admitted to the M. Ed. Specialized Endorsements, M. Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, the Certificate of Advanced Study in Curriculum and Instruction or the Ed. D. in Curriculum Advocacy and Policy, may inquire about the TEACH GRANT. This grant may be available to qualified students for the courses taken through the IRC. Recipients must teach four years in a qualified school serving low-

income students to be eligible. Please visit this site for further information:
<http://www.nl.edu/studentfinance/financialaid/grants.cfm>

14. WHERE CAN I FIND MY GRADES AND VIEW OTHER NLU RECORDS AND INFORMATION?

The coursework from your IRC courses will be recorded on your National Louis transcript. You can view your grades, request official transcripts, pay any bills with NLU and request your endorsement when completed through the NLU portal <http://my.nl.edu>. If you have been admitted to National Louis, you will receive your username and password from the Office of Admissions. If you are a Non-Degree Seeking student or your admission to NLU is pending, you can obtain your username by contacting Academic Advising at 1-888- NLU TODAY. The Office of Information Technology recommends logging in through Internet Explorer. You can then update your password. If you need additional help logging in, please call the help desk at 1-866-813-1177.

15. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR ENROLLMENT INFORMATION ABOUT COURSES TAKEN AT THE IRC?

Your first point of contact for enrollment information for courses held at the IRC is via email: IRC@cntrmail.org or by calling 224.366.8555.

16. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE A COMPLAINT OR CONCERN WITH MY COURSES TAKEN AT THE IRC?

Your first point of contact for a concern with a course at the IRC is Silvia Rogel at srogel@cntrmail.org and/or Josie Yanguas at jyanguas@yahoo.com

17. HOW DO I CONTACT OFFICES AT NATIONAL LOUIS WITH QUESTIONS?

You can call the general call center at 847.947.5151 or may find information about the university by visiting the following sites:

- Admissions and Records: <http://nlu.nl.edu/oar>
- Transcript Requests: <http://www.nl.edu/oar/services/transcript-requests.cfm>
- Curriculum & Instruction Master's Degree information:
<http://www.nl.edu/academics/educationmastersadvanceded/curriculumandinstruction>
- M ED Specialized Endorsement advanced degree program:
<http://www.nl.edu/academics/educationmastersadvanceded/specializedendorsements>
- Financial Aid and Grants: <http://www.nl.edu/financial>

18. WHAT DEGREE PROGRAMS AT NATIONAL LOUIS CAN MY IRC COURSEWORK APPLY TO?

The 18 semester hours of courses required for the ESL and BIL Endorsements can be applied to M.Ed. degree in Specialized Endorsements or the M.Ed. (or Certificate of Advanced Studies) in Curriculum and Instruction. More information about these programs can be found at <https://www.nl.edu/graduateprograms/>. These programs require 30 - 33 Semester Hours for the degree, depending on your concentrations, so after completing the 18 hours required for the endorsement, a student is more than halfway to completion of the degree. Depending on how many courses taken in a term, you may be able to complete the degree in 3-5 quarters.

NLU policy requires that the master's degree must be completed within six years of the first course towards the degree being taken. You would have six years from your first IRC course to earn the degree without an appeal for extension.

19. HOW DO I CONTACT AN ADVISOR ABOUT COURSES OR MORE INFORMATION?

If you have already applied to a degree program at National Louis, you should contact Academic Advising at advising@nl.edu or at 1-800-443-5522 x5900. If you have not submitted an application for an M.ED. program, you should contact Enrollment at enrollment@nl.edu or 1-888-658-8632, ext. 5668.

20. HOW DO I REGISTER FOR COURSES AT NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY WHEN I'M READY?

The course schedule for several upcoming terms can be found at http://www.nl.edu/course_schedule

- If you know what courses you'd like to take, you can submit a registration at <https://www.nl.edu/registeronline>.
- If you have questions about what courses to take for your degree, you should contact Academic Advising at advising@nl.edu or 1-800-443-5522, ext. 5900.

21. WHERE CAN I TAKE THE NLU COURSES I NEED FOR MY DEGREE?

Many of the courses required for the M.ED. in Specialized Endorsements or M.Ed./CAS in Curriculum & Instruction can be taken in an online format. NLU also offers required courses for these programs face-to-face at the Chicago, Wheeling, and Lisle campuses. Some courses are offered in a unique blended format that requires face-to-face attendance on two weekends with all other work completed online.

If you still need additional assistance and wish to speak with someone about courses at the IRC, please call 224-366-8555, or visit us on the web at <http://irc2.thecenterweb.org/site/>