



MA or GradDip in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

The programmes are aimed at both experienced TESOL teachers and graduates who aspire to become English language teachers but have no professional teaching experience. Through the programmes students will develop best practice through engagement with state-of-the-art research and acquire a familiarity with technological advances. The TESOL team are classroom-based language practitioners who underpin their work with the most cutting-edge

pedagogical research and advances in technology. The programmes emphasise the importance of research-informed practice, critical reflection, autonomous learning and the translation of theory into practice.

Our TESOL team will also foster collaboration with local and international experts in the field to ensure that students can network, share best practices and contribute to the growing professionalisation of the TESOL field.

Course Highlight

Students on the TESOL programmes will explore the theoretical underpinnings of English language teaching and will link them directly to their experience in the classroom. Each week, research will be brought to the practical setting of the classroom context as students develop their knowledge and reflect on good practice.

Course Content and Structure

Stream 1 (experienced teachers):

Core modules include:

- TESOL: Principles and Practices
- The English Language for TESOL
- The English Teaching Context
- SLA & TESOL Pedagogy
- The TESOL Research Process
- Minor Thesis

Option modules include:

Teaching Practice, Observation & Feedback
OR Applied Linguistics (linguistics modules can vary each year)

90 credits
taught masters

60 credits
taught modules



30 credits
dissertation

All delivered through the use of small groups, discussions, teaching observations, presentations, workshops and blended learning.

Stream 2 (new teachers):

Core modules include:

- Introduction to TESOL Pedagogy
- TESOL Pedagogy and Practice
- The English Language for TESOL
- The TESOL Research Process
- Teaching Practice, Observation and Feedback
- Minor Thesis

Option modules include:

The English Teaching Context
OR Applied Linguistics (linguistics modules can vary each year)

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

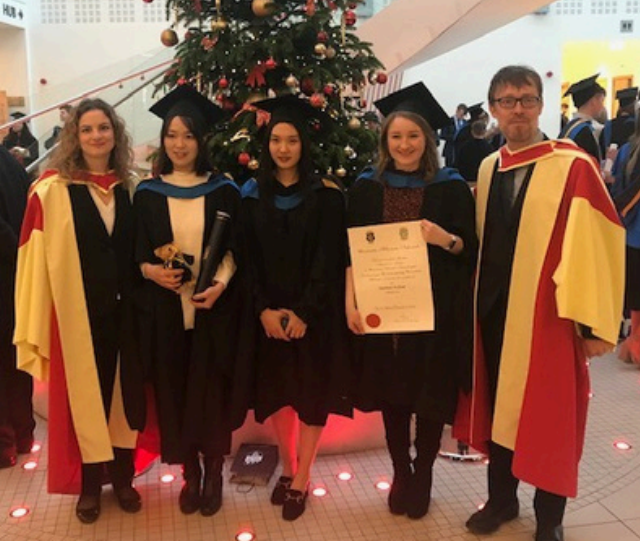
8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking





Career Opportunities

Successful completion of our MA or GradDip programmes will help you become a more accomplished ELT professional, with a solid theoretical knowledge and the transferable skills necessary to enhance your career. Graduates from either programme are well positioned to take up employment as specialist teachers and/or academic managers in Ireland or abroad, contributing significantly to different areas of TESOL.

We work around typical language school timetables, which means you will have the opportunity to continue teaching while undertaking the TESOL programmes.

Our TESOL programmes are unique, because they help you develop your professional practice skills through in-class microteaching and formal teaching practice. You will analyse and improve your practice through critical reflection and feedback within a supportive environment. You will also have the opportunity to observe live English language classes in the Centre and learn from highly qualified teachers who have extensive TESOL experience.

You will see a difference in how you approach your teaching and in the value you give to your students.

You will become a part of the wider ELT community, allowing you to benefit from networking and career development opportunities. You will be able to contribute to the growing professionalism across the field and be part of the growth of ELT in Ireland and beyond.

Graduate Profile

Danni Feng, China
Former MA TESOL Student



"I really enjoyed the experience because all of our lecturers and the TESOL team were always there for me whenever I needed any help. One of the modules that I really enjoyed is called Teaching Observation. The lecturer observed our lessons online and gave us constructive feedback after that. It was quite exciting and quite fun and I think it helped me a lot to improve my teaching. Now I'm an ESL teacher in a language school in Dublin and also I work as a part-time in the Confucius Centre in UCD. I don't think I could get where I am without the help of the TESOL programme. After TESOL I formed my own teaching philosophy, which helps me a lot during job-hunting."

Applicant Profile

- Applicants must hold a minimum of a second class honours degree, or international equivalent, in any discipline.
- We welcome applicants with no teaching experience as well as more experienced teachers.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 7.0 (with no band less than 6.5) or equivalent.
- Applicants who do not meet the language requirements for direct entry can apply for our Pre-Sessional EAP Programme at a 50% discount.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/ for further information.

CEGL Scholarship Scheme:

The Language Centre offers 8 competitive Scholarships (6 full-time Non-EU and 2 full-time EU) for students who will study on the MA full-time each year.

The scholarships will cover 50% of the tuition fees and will be awarded on merit.

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