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The dissertation project for this course will be approximately 15,000 words and will be carried out over three months under supervision.

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Why an MSc TESOL?

The MSc in TESOL is distinctive because of its focus on training both novice and experienced teachers, its balance of theory and practice, and its innovative approach to teaching, including special support for non-native speakers of English.

This course is suitable for both novice and experienced teachers alike and will provide you with a thorough grounding in teaching methodology, which is then practiced in micro-teaching classes, and a range of module choices. The content of your course will vary to suit your experience so, whatever your starting point, you are challenged to acquire knowledge and skills that you can apply in teaching in 21st century TESOL.

If you want to continue to PhD level, as part of this MSc you will receive an introduction to research methods and your dissertation will be supervised by experienced academics who will further develop your research skills. This will equip you with the tools necessary for effective PhD research.

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Is an MSc in TESOL for me?

TESOL teaching is highly varied and there is something to suit everyone, whether it is teaching adults in a university in Thailand or children in a private language school in Spain.

We are often asked if a degree in English is necessary. The answer is “no.” Many of our students have a Bachelor’s degree in English, but we also have students from Business, Science and Engineering backgrounds. TESOL teachers commonly find themselves in specialised areas, therefore a background in those areas can be useful.

The University of Stirling specialises in teacher education for both novice and experienced teachers to ensure that students feel motivated and challenged in their studies.

We are a thriving community of learners and researchers, where all students learn in a stimulating environment in which they can develop their own personal interests. We run a series of successful workshops and seminars with key authorities in TESOL and Applied Linguistics, and we also encourage our students to participate in reading groups to help them develop their critical skills.

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4. You can choose your own specialism in either an MSc in TESOL (Applied Linguistics) or an MSc in TESOL (Computer Assisted Language Learning).

5. As a University of Stirling student, you will experience university life in the historic city of Stirling and one of the most beautiful campuses in Europe.

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What I really liked about the course was that the tutors were extraordinarily helpful during the whole study process. You can always go to them when you have a problem.

Liu Wenjing
Student ambassador