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MSc TESOL (ONLINE)

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WHY AN MSc TESOL (ONLINE)?

Our online TESOL course is an advanced training and professional qualification for people who already work in any area of teaching English as a foreign or second language.

Delivered completely online, but with the option of attending modules on campus, this course is ideal for those who want to study while continuing to teach.

This course will provide you with a thorough grounding in teaching methodology, which is then practiced in a range of module choices.

Depending on your experience, and the modules you choose, you will have the opportunity to be awarded an MSc TESOL, MSc TESOL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) or MSc TESOL (Corpus Linguistics). Each of these degrees will reflect the expertise you have gained from the course and increase your employability.

We are a thriving learning and teaching community, 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, which we record and post on Canvas to allow our online students to participate.



For further information
on course content visit:
stir.ac.uk/7x

RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Stirling is committed to enhancing your employability. Once you register for the MSc TESOL (online), you will have access to first-class services offered by the Careers and Employability Service, which you can benefit from even after you graduate.

Within TESOL, we also provide a tailored workshop series entitled "My career in TESOL" aimed at developing your awareness of continuing professional development (CPD), your knowledge of job market requirements and your confidence in applying for jobs. This is made available to online students via Canvas, our virtual learning management system.

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.



You can find out more about funding opportunities at:
stir.ac.uk/scholarships

IS AN MSc TESOL (ONLINE) 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 Bachelors degree in English, but we also have students from business, science and engineering backgrounds. TESOL teachers commonly find themselves in specialised areas, so a background in other areas can be advantageous.

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The course allowed the flexibility to work from home or work anywhere. I was able to go back to school and share experiences with my classmates without having to move or leave my job. ”

ERIN MCGRAIL
Student



FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1

Education at the University of Stirling is **ranked 1st in Scotland and top 5 in the UK** (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019).

2

Delivered completely online, but with the option of attending modules on campus, this course is ideal for those who want to study while continuing to teach.

3

The course offers an excellent **balance between theory and practice** using a range of innovative teaching methods that facilitate engagement with new and complex ideas.

4

Students have a choice of graduating with either a general MSc TESOL or a specialism in MSc TESOL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) or MSc TESOL (Corpus Linguistics).

5

The course draws on best practice from across the TESOL sector and is **led by experienced professionals** who have lived and taught around the globe.



COURSE OVERVIEW

TIMETABLE

The mode of study is part-time over 30 months.

Modules

Year 1: TESOL Methodology, Principles of Language Learning and Teaching, Discourse Analysis.

Year 2: Choice of either Corpora in English Language Research and Teaching OR Technologies in the 21st Century Classroom. Followed by Grammar Teaching and Research Methods in TESOL.

Dissertation

A project carried out over approximately six months under supervision, the dissertation is approximately 15,000 words.

The type of dissertation will determine your named degree. If your named specialism is in Corpus Linguistics or Computer Assisted Language Learning then you are expected to write a dissertation appropriate to that specialism.

KEY TEACHING STAFF

The leader of the TESOL unit within Education Studies is Senior Lecturer, Anne Lawrie. Anne has taught English and trained teachers in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, China and Ghana, where she either worked with the British Council or International Schools. At university level in the UK, she has led Foundation, Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes. Her research interests are in intercultural communication and English language teaching pedagogy.

University courses, services and procedures are continually reviewed, enhanced and revised, and this may result in some changes between the time of publication and the date when the student enters the University. Where any changes will affect an applicant, the University will keep the applicant fully informed.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Normally, a minimum of a second class Honours degree (2.1 preferred) or equivalent. Applicants without these formal qualifications but with significant appropriate/relevant work/life experience are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should have at least two years full-time teaching experience and normally be practising teachers.

TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

Details can be found at: [stir.ac.uk/7x](https://www.stir.ac.uk/7x)

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of your proficiency such as a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 (6.0 in speaking and listening; 6.5 in reading and writing).

For more information, go to: [stir.ac.uk/1ae](https://www.stir.ac.uk/1ae)

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