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WHY AN MSc TESOL?

The MSc Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (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 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.

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

As part of the course, you will have the opportunity to apply for a placement and if successful, you will be able to shadow and observe teachers in live classes in a range of educational settings.

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, and we also encourage our students to participate in reading groups to help them develop their critical skills.



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

RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Stirling is committed to enhancing your employability. Once you register for the MSc TESOL, 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.

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.



IS AN MSc 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.

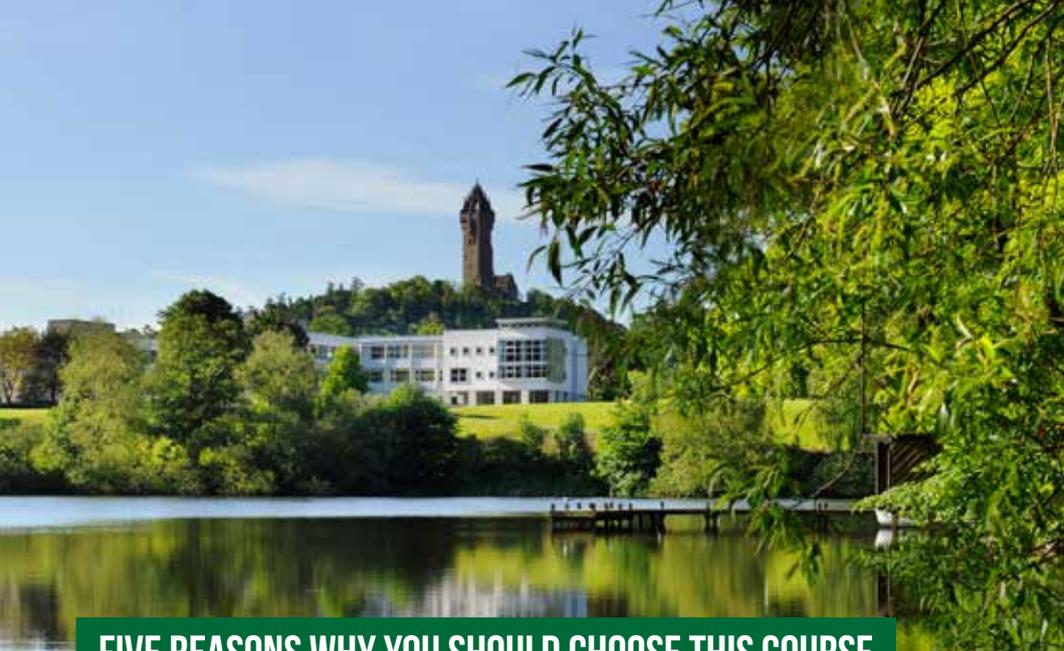
We are often asked if a degree in English is necessary. The answer is "no". Many of our students have a Bachelors degree in English, but we also have students from business, science and engineering backgrounds. TESOL teachers commonly find themselves in specialised areas, so a background in other areas can be advantageous.

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

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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
TESOL 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

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.

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 their own specialism in either an MSc TESOL (Applied Linguistics) or an MSc TESOL (Computer Assisted Language Learning).

5

We have a **TESOL placement programme** (subject to application and interview) in Germany and Hungary which students are encouraged to apply for.



COURSE OVERVIEW

TIMETABLE

The mode of study is full-time for one year or part-time over two years.

Modules

Semester 1: Principles of Language Learning and Teaching, TESOL Methodology, Teaching English to Young Learners, Grammar for TESOL, Introduction to CALL, and Research Methods in TESOL.

Semester 2: Micro-teaching, Research Methods in TESOL, Syllabus Design and Language Testing, Corpora in English Language Research and Teaching, Discourse Analysis, Designing and Implementing On-line Language Learning and Technologies in the 21st Century Classroom.

Dissertation

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

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

In order to be considered for admission to the MSc TESOL, you must have a minimum of a second-class Honours degree or equivalent.

Applicants without this qualification, but with significant and relevant work experience, are also encouraged to apply.

INTO University of Stirling offers a Graduate Diploma for those students who do not meet the required criteria for this course.

If you successfully complete the Graduate Diploma in Media, Humanities and Social Sciences, and meet the required progression grades, you will be guaranteed entry to this Masters degree.

Find out more at: stir.ac.uk/1kd

TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at: stir.ac.uk/1af

For Scottish students and EU domiciled students, this course is currently approved for PTFL (Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan) funding from SAAS.

You can find up to date financial information and funding opportunities here: stir.ac.uk/scholarships

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).

If you do not meet the required score, you may be able to register for one of our pre-sessional English courses.

To register you must hold a conditional offer for your course and have an IELTS score 0.5 or 1.0 below the required standard.

For more information, go to: stir.ac.uk/1ae

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