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MSc EDUCATION STUDIES AND TESOL

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## WHY AN MSc EDUCATION STUDIES AND TESOL?

**The MSc Education Studies and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) combines a broad exploration of educational issues, practical experience of observing local schools, and training in TESOL theory, practice and research.**

This degree will provide you with a solid grounding on the principles of language learning and teaching, and an understanding of research methods in TESOL. In addition, you will

be given the opportunity to pursue an interest in teaching young learners, computer-assisted and online language learning, or English grammar and discourse analysis. In Education Studies, you will join a course of visits to local schools and learn about the wider pastoral role of being an educator in a professional context. You will engage in discussions around the issues of difference and identities, and critically consider some of the wider theoretical and policy-based contexts for professional practice.

You will also explore different approaches to educational research and their underlying assumptions.



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on course content visit:  
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## RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Stirling is committed to increasing your employability. Once you register for the MSc Education Studies and 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 EDUCATION STUDIES AND TESOL FOR ME?

This degree is particularly appropriate for teachers who want to study for a post-graduate degree with a strong education element, as well as a focus on TESOL. You may be attracted by a broader qualification than the MSc TESOL, or you may want to extend your teaching experience with knowledge about TESOL.

You may be planning to teach in a state school or in an international school, and you may teach other subjects as well as English. The degree will also be relevant to you if you wish to go on to study for a PhD or to work in teacher education or school management.



You can find out more about funding opportunities at: [stir.ac.uk/scholarships](https://stir.ac.uk/scholarships)



## FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

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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).

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This Masters course combines a **focus on TESOL** with a broader understanding of **educational theory and practice**.

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The course involves visits to local schools, which will give you **first-hand experience** of the pastoral role of teachers in schools.

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

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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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## 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, The Nature of Educational Enquiry, plus one option (TESOL Methodology, Teaching English to Young Learners, Grammar for TESOL or Introduction to CALL).

**Semester 2:** Difference and Diversity, Research Methods in TESOL, plus one option (Discourse Analysis or Designing and Implementing Online Language Learning).

#### 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 Education Studies and 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.

You will also need to demonstrate familiarity with the school environment from a professional standpoint, either through having completed a year's teaching experience or having taken a teaching degree in your home country.

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](http://stir.ac.uk/1kd)

## TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at: [stir.ac.uk/1aj](http://stir.ac.uk/1aj)

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](http://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-session 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](http://stir.ac.uk/1ae)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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