



# 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

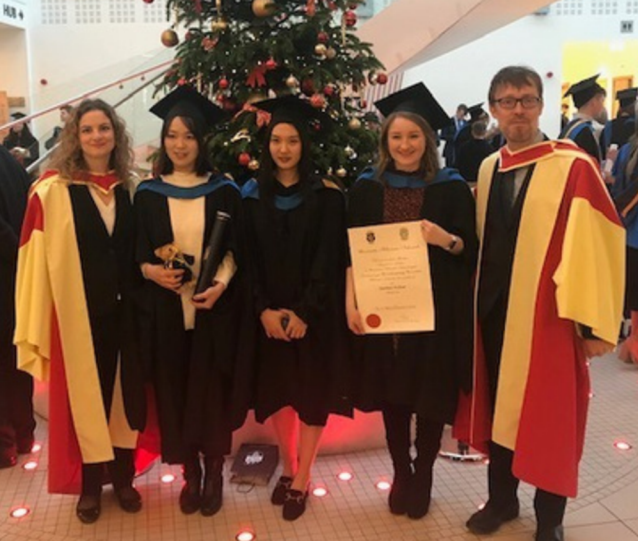
8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



### 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

Lini Wang, China  
Former MA TESOL Student



"The TESOL MA program was a transformative experience for me. Through the course, I gained exposure to many pedagogical theories and approaches that I had not encountered in my previous teaching practice. This has allowed me to experiment with these approaches in my classroom, enriching both my teaching and my students' learning experiences."

## Applicant Profile

- Applicants must hold an honours undergraduate degree (NFQ level 8) or equivalent, having normally reached a 2H1 or better. Applications with a 2H2 average are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 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](http://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/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/) for further information.

## CEGL Scholarship Scheme:

**The Language Centre offers a number of competitive scholarships for students who will study on the MA full-time each year.**

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

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