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## Applied Language Centre

Full Time and Part Time MA or GradDip  
in Teaching English to Speakers of  
Other Languages (TESOL)



## The Full Time/Part Time MA and GradDip in TESOL are aimed at experienced TESOL teachers.

Through the programmes students will develop best practice through engagement with state-of-the art research and acquire a familiarity with technological advances. Graduates from either programme are well positioned to take up employment as specialist teachers and/or academic managers, contributing significantly to teacher development and the design of teaching materials.

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.

### Programme Entry Requirements

We welcome applications from experienced teachers of English as a second, foreign or additional language. The programmes are open to international students as well as students from Ireland.

Applicants should meet the following entry requirements:

- Hold a primary degree (at least 2nd class honours or equivalent in any discipline)
- Have an appropriate initial training qualification in TESOL/TEFL
- Have a minimum of one year relevant teaching experience in Ireland or overseas.
- Have an overall band score of 7.0 in IELTS (with a 7.0 in listening and writing components) if the applicant's first language is not English

### Programme Content

Students on the MA or GradDip in 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. This goal will be achieved through the use of small groups, discussions, teaching observations, presentations, workshops and blended learning.

#### Full Time/Part Time Modules you can take:

- The English Language for TESOL
- The English Teaching Context
- TESOL: Principles and Practices
- SLA & TESOL Pedagogy
- The TESOL Research Process
- Teaching, Practice, Observation & Feedback
- Minor Thesis\*

Please note, modules subject to availability.



## Programme Aims

The aims of the MA/GradDip in TESOL programmes are for students to:

- Acquire a **deeper understanding of the English language** and the classroom implications of teaching applied language skills.
- Demonstrate an evidence based **understanding of teaching, learning and assessment** in TESOL.
- Develop **leadership competencies** in teaching, curriculum design, assessment, management, teacher development and materials design.
- Apply a **critical reflection** to a range of language teaching, learning and assessment approaches and adopt theory into practice.
- Develop confidence and competence in **engaging in and networking** with the professional community via conference presentations and workshops.
- Integrate a range of **language teaching, learning and assessment technologies** to enhance their students' learning experience.
- Develop **advanced research skills** in an area of expertise (language teaching or assessment).\*
- Develop a **practical approach** to research planning and writing skills.\*

\*MA TESOL students only.

## Why study at UCD?



### Tradition

Established 1854, with over 160 years of teaching & research excellence



### Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



### Global community

Almost 8,000 international students from 138 countries study at UCD



### Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 1 year stay-back visa



### Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre







### Why complete an MA or GradDip in TESOL at UCD?

Our TESOL programmes are unique. We work around typical language school timetables, which means you will have the opportunity to continue teaching full time while undertaking the TESOL programmes. 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. The TESOL team are classroom-based language practitioners who underpin their work with the most cutting-edge pedagogical research and advances in technology.

The Applied Language Centre is a hub of communicative and applied language teaching which means you have access to a range of teaching styles. Your experience is enhanced through our programme of guest speakers and we encourage you to engage with current debates in ELT. 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.

### What's the difference between the GradDip and the MA?

Students who wish to undertake postgraduate training in TESOL but who do not wish to take the thesis element are welcome to apply for the GradDip TESOL. The GradDip TESOL invites students to follow the same course of modules as listed above. For more details see: [www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/graduate](http://www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/graduate)

### Fees, Funding and Scholarships

	EU	Non-EU
MA TESOL Full Time	€8,480	€20,500
MA TESOL Part Time	€5,090	€10,760
GradDip TESOL Full Time	€6,530	€14,350

Fees are subject to change. Tuition fee information is available on the UCD Fees website: [www.ucd.ie/students/fees/index.html](http://www.ucd.ie/students/fees/index.html)

UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD graduate degree programme. For further information please visit UCD's International Scholarships webpage: [www.ucd.ie/students/fees/noncourse\\_fees.html](http://www.ucd.ie/students/fees/noncourse_fees.html)

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