

MA in TESOL Pre-Service (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) (One Year Full Time)



Introduction

The programme is aimed at graduates who aspire to become English language teachers but have no professional experience of teaching English. Through the programme students will develop best practice through engagement with state-of-the-art research and acquire a familiarity with technological advances. Graduates from the programme are well positioned to take up employment as specialist teachers, examiners, course designers, etc., contributing significantly to different areas of TESOL.

The programme emphasises 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 programme will explore the theoretical underpinnings of English language teaching and will link them directly to classroom practice. 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

Core modules include:

- The English Language for TESOL
- Introduction to TESOL Pedagogy
- TESOL Pedagogy and Practice
- The TESOL Research Process
- Teaching Practice, Observation and Feedback
- Minor Thesis

● 90 credits taught masters ● 60 credits taught modules ● 30 credits dissertation

Optional modules include:

- The English Teaching Context
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- Applied Linguistics modules (these can vary from year to year)

All delivered through the use of small groups, discussions, teaching observations, presentations, workshops, and blended learning.

The UCD Centre for English and Global Languages 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.

Students will learn how to:

- Develop leadership competencies in teaching, curriculum design, assessment, materials design, and the use of new technologies in the TESOL classroom.
- Apply a critical reflection to a range of language teaching, learning and assessment approaches and adopt theory into practice.

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

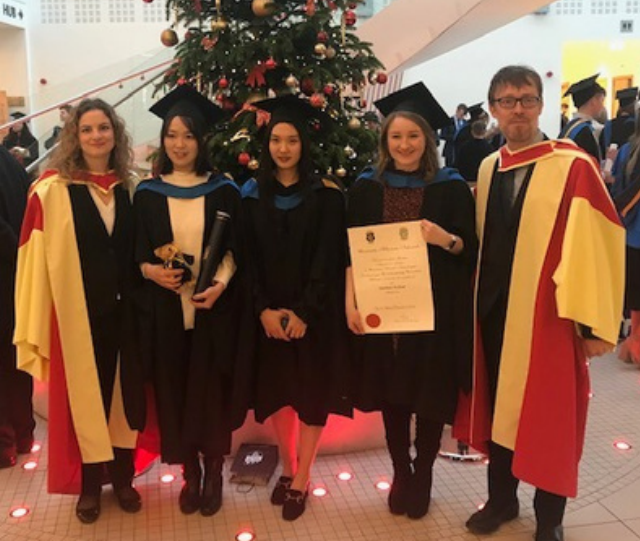
8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking





Career Opportunities

Successful completion of our MA in TESOL Pre-Service programme will help you become an accomplished ELT professional, with a solid theoretical knowledge and the transferable skills necessary to embark on your career.

The TESOL team are classroom-based language practitioners who underpin their work with the most cutting-edge pedagogical research and advances in technology.

Our MA in TESOL Pre-Service Programme is unique because it helps you develop your professional practice skills through in-class microteaching (in the first trimester) and formal teaching practice (in the second trimester). 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.

Our programme offers opportunities for networking with local and international experts in TESOL and related areas. You will become a part of the wider TESOL community and 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

Minh Hang, Vietnam
MA TESOL Student 2020/21



Applicant Profile

- Applicants must hold a minimum of a second class honours degree, or international equivalent, in any discipline.
- Applicants should have no professional experience of English language teaching in Ireland or overseas.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 7.0 (with a 7.0 in listening and writing components) or equivalent.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on 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/ for further information.

CEGL Scholarship Scheme:

The Centre for English and Global Languages offers 4 competitive Scholarships (2 full-time EU and 2 full-time Non-EU) for students who will study on the MA in TESOL Pre-Service full-time each year.

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

"The programme is structured to fit the needs of teachers. It has an emphasis on the theories of language acquisition and teaching methodologies. Also, the programme provides a critical understanding of student motivation and pedagogical approaches to motivating students. Currently teaching in Ireland, I found the course practical and applicable to my teaching career. It also provided me an opportunity to do research in the field to deepen my knowledge and apply it to different teaching contexts."

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