

# 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 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.

## 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

### Core modules include:

- The English Language for TESOL
- The English Teaching Context
- TESOL: Principles and Practices
- SLA & TESOL Pedagogy
- The TESOL Research Process
- Minor Thesis

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

### Optional modules include:

- Teaching Practice, Observation & Feedback
- Corpus Linguistics (linguistics modules 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, 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.

## 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



### Graduate Employability

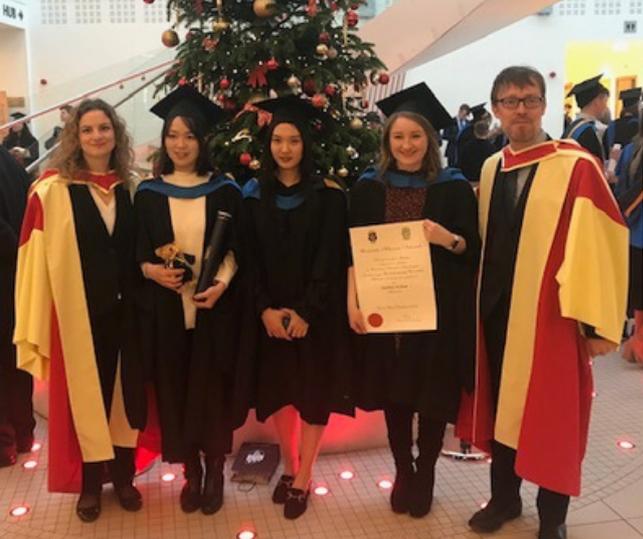
Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



### Global Community

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





## 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.**

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

Our TESOL programmes are unique. We work around typical language school timetables, which means you will have the opportunity to continue teaching 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.

## 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 a minimum of one year relevant teaching experience 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](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 4 competitive Scholarships (2 full-time EU and 2 full-time Non-EU) for students who will study on the MA in TESOL 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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