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Graduate Programmes

  
 **SCHOOL OF  
HUMANITIES AND  
BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN  
APPLIED LINGUISTICS  
(TESOL)**

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN  
APPLIED LINGUISTICS  
(TESOL)**



## Programme Overview

The Graduate Diploma and Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (TESOL — Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) are advanced academic graduate programmes that provide the sound theoretical foundation and practical skills needed for a career in language teaching or other related work in educational contexts in Singapore or overseas.

The programmes cater to the needs of those currently working as language teachers, those who are looking for a fulfilling career in language teaching or language curriculum/programme management, and those who simply have a passion for language learning/teaching and would like to pursue further education in this field.

## Unique Features of the Programme

- Curriculum suitable for language teachers of different backgrounds (from the public school system and tertiary institutions to the private sector such as international schools, language/enrichment centres)
- Emphasis on developing both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in teaching methodology and curriculum development suitable for the various TESOL contexts in Singapore as well as overseas
- Experienced and highly-qualified local and international faculty
- Flexibility of blended learning, with face-to-face seminars, online recorded lectures and other e-learning tools

## Programme Structure

The Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) programme (30 credit units or cu) consists of six courses. The MA in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) programme (60 cu) consists of 30 cu of core courses and 30 cu of elective courses, of which up to 10 cu can be replaced with Graduate Unrestricted Electives. All courses are 5 cu unless stated otherwise.

### Core Courses

- Fundamental Aspects of Language Structure
- Fundamental Aspects of Language Meaning
- Sociolinguistics and Education
- Second Language Acquisition and Pedagogy
- TESOL Methods
- TESOL Curriculum

### Elective Courses

- Global English and Language Teaching
- Classroom Discourse
- Literacy, Language and Education
- Pragmatics and TESOL
- Pedagogical Grammar
- Materials Development
- Language Testing and Evaluation
- English for Specific Purposes
- Academic Discourse: English in a Global Context
- Research Methods in Applied Linguistics
- Applied Research Project (10 cu)<sup>1</sup>

Core Courses (Minimum 15 cu)



Elective Courses (Maximum 15 cu)



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Core Courses (Total 30 cu)



Elective Courses (Choose 30 cu)<sup>2</sup>



**Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (TESOL)<sup>4</sup>**

### Explanatory Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Not applicable for Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics (TESOL).

<sup>2</sup> Up to 10 cu can be replaced by Graduate Unrestricted Electives.

<sup>3</sup> Students will need a min. cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.5 to be awarded Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics (TESOL), and a min. CGPA of 3.0 to proceed to Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (TESOL).

<sup>4</sup> Students will need a min. CGPA of 3.0 to be awarded Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (TESOL).

## **Testimonials from Alumni**

*"The benefits of the MATSL programme are far reaching. Besides gaining an insight into applied language teaching methodologies, I could also hone my soft skills. I highly recommend this programme to anyone who intends to enhance their understanding of using English as a teaching tool and a means of communication."*

**Lisnasari Binte Noran, Tutor & Writing Coach**

*"The MATSL programme was fulfilling in so many ways. The modules were all interesting and relevant, and equipped me with the essential skills to become an effective ESL teacher. I also made great friends from this programme! I am glad I embarked on this journey."*

**Farhana Hossain, Manager**

*"The programme curriculum was well-planned as it equipped me with the skills that prepared me for the real world."*

**Gurjeitpahl Kaur Bajjij, Teacher**

*"I find this programme accessible for language teachers as well as working professionals who hope to gain theoretical and practical knowledge to open more doors to teaching opportunities in both ESL/EFL contexts."*

**Desmond Chan, Teacher**

*"I have benefited greatly from the MA in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) programme. Professionally, it helped me reflect deeply on my practice as an English language teacher. The insights I gained from the experienced lecturers and their up-to-date research-based English language teaching ideas challenged some of the views I had held, and prompted me to explore more effective teaching methodologies. I especially like how the lecturers, while upholding high standards, remained supportive, approachable and encouraging. I believe English language teachers of any level would find this programme relevant and enriching."*

**Yong Mei Fong, Teacher**

*"The MATSL programme gave me a comprehensive training in English language teaching. It not only equipped me with a strong foundation in linguistics, but also developed my pedagogical knowledge in curriculum planning and teaching methodology. The applied nature of the programme helped to develop my skills in synthesising theoretical and pedagogical knowledge to ensure favourable outcomes in the classroom."*

**Sharon Lee, Associate Faculty & Writing Coach**

*"The TESOL aspect of this programme was intriguing. I felt it was a good opportunity to learn a variety of ideas to teach English to students who seldom speak the language outside the classroom."*

**Dashni Ravindran, Curriculum Planning Officer**

# ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

## Admission Criteria

Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree or an equivalent qualification from a recognised institution.

Applicants with an undergraduate degree that was conducted in English but awarded by a non-English medium university must produce an official letter from the university to certify as such in order to seek waiver of the English Language Proficiency Requirement (ELPR).

In addition, you will need to meet these minimum requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree in English Studies, Linguistics, Education or related fields from a recognised institution. Applicants with other qualifications and/or relevant work experience will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Language requirements for applicants whose Bachelor's degree is not in English Studies or Linguistics:
  - An excellent score in the English Proficiency Assessment to be conducted by the Singapore University of Social Sciences
- Additional language requirements for applicants whose native language or medium of undergraduate instruction is not English:
  - TOEFL PBT > 580, with (preferably) a TWE of 5, or
  - TOEFL iBT >85, with a minimum of 22 in writing, or
  - IELTS > 6.5, with no sub-score below 6, or
  - PTE Academic score of 58, or
  - C1 Advanced score of 180.

The scores must be obtained within the last 2 years at the point of application.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to undergo one or more interviews and/or take such written admission or other evaluation tests as may be prescribed by SUSS from time to time.

All applications are considered individually on merit, and the offer of admission is dependent on the number of places available in individual programmes. Admission is solely at the discretion of SUSS and the decision is final and binding. SUSS reserves the right to refuse admission and is not obliged to offer an explanation for the non-admission of unsuccessful candidates.

## Tuition Fees

The amount of course fees you pay in each semester depends on the number of courses you take in that semester. The course fees cover all study materials, classes, tutor supervision, assignments and examinations. They do not include fees for textbooks and other additional items specified by SUSS from time to time.

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