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Graduate Programmes
SCHOOL OF
HUMANITIES AND
BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

MASTER OF ARTS
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 plan to work as language teachers in the future, and those who simply have a passion for language learning/teaching and would like to pursue further education in this field.

Unique Features

- 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 cu) consists of six courses (5 cu each). The MA in Applied Linguistics (TESOL) programme (60 cu) consists of ten courses (5 cu each) and a Research Project (10 cu) which can be substituted with two additional courses.

Core Courses (5 cu each)

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

Elective Courses (5 cu each)

- 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

Minimum three core courses



Maximum three elective courses



Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics (TESOL)¹

Six core courses



Four elective courses



Research project (10 cu) or two additional elective courses



Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics (TESOL)²

Notes:

1. Need a min. CGPA of 2.5, and pass all courses to be awarded Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics (TESOL); need a min. CGPA of 3.0 to proceed to MA in Applied Linguistics (TESOL).

2. Need a min. CGPA of 3.0, and pass all courses and the Research project (if applicable) to be awarded MA in Applied Linguistics (TESOL).

Testimonials from Alumni

“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. The courses encouraged me to re-think what literacy means. I used to associate the term often to prescriptive grammar teaching. However, the assignments I did for the courses prompted me not to restrict my perspective of literacy to the realm of conventional grammar and vocabulary teaching and learning. My students now find my lessons fun as we examine the texts used in class to debate social issues. These debates enable them to write better narrative pieces as they have a plethora of real-life characters and situation to inspire their writing.” (2017)

Dashni Ravindran
Teacher

“The MATSL programme gave me a comprehensive training in English language teaching. It not only equipped me with a strong foundation in linguistics and language acquisition, but also developed my pedagogical knowledge in the areas of 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. As a stay-at-home-mother re-entering the workforce after two decades, this programme has been instrumental in providing me with employment opportunities. It has also prepared me well for my current role as a Writing Coach, where I provide individualised coaching on academic writing to undergraduates across all faculties of the University.” (2018)

Sharon Lee
Writing Coach

“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. The rigour of the programme also spurred me to work at excellence when honing my English language teaching skills. 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.” (2018)

Yong Mei Fong
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. The wide range of courses have given me a holistic understanding of teaching methodologies, assessment, and how sociolinguistic background impacts students in second language acquisition. The interactions with my experienced professors and fellow course participants have also helped me to reflect on my own teaching practices. I would strongly recommend this enriching programme to professionals who are keen to teach English in a variety of settings.” (2018)

Desmond Chan
Teacher

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Admissions

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

Applicants with an undergraduate degree that was conducted in the English Language 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 ELPR requirement.

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 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 (computer test) > 237, or
 - TOEFL iBT >85, with a minimum of 22 in writing, or
 - IELTS > 6.5, with no sub-score below 6.

Results for the TOEFL or IELTS must be obtained within the last 5 years (of commencement of proposed study)

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undergo one or more interviews and/or take such written admission or other evaluation tests as may be prescribed by the Singapore University of Social Sciences from time to time.

The offer of admission is dependent on the number of places available in individual programmes. The decision of the Admissions Committee of the University is final and binding. The University reserves the right to refuse admission and is not obliged to offer an explanation for the non-admission of unsuccessful candidates.

Tuition Fees

Our tuition fees are on par with those of other local universities. 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.

There may be additional items that are not covered by the tuition fees. These could include items such as additional recommended textbooks, re-sit examination fees, etc.

Concessions

SUSS offers the following course fee concessions:

- Applicants who are 60 years old and above will enjoy a 20% course fee concession.
- Alumni (Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral programmes) of SUSS and SIM will enjoy a 20% course fee concession.

Students will enjoy only one of the two categories of concession. The above concessions are applicable to all programmes offered and awarded by SUSS unless specified otherwise.

The concessions are not applicable to students under any scholarship or sponsorship schemes, as well as courses offered with external institutions/organisations. They are also not to be used concurrently with any other concessions.

To encourage further education and upgrading by our alumni, graduates from the Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree programmes awarded by SUSS will enjoy an additional 30% course fee concession for the first two master's courses when they enrol for a Graduate Diploma and/or Master's programme with the University.

Please visit suss.edu.sg for current tuition fees and concession details.

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