

TESOL/English Language Teaching

BA Hons



Programme information

This programme combines the academic study of language and communication with practical training in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL).

This degree has the attractive feature of providing students with skills in both education and the analysis of language. There is an increasing demand worldwide for qualified English language teachers. This programme not only gives you access to careers in this area, it also helps you to develop critical-thinking skills such as data analysis, problem solving and logical thinking, all of which are highly desirable in a wide range of jobs and careers.

The courses provide you with practical teaching skills as well as a grounding in the theories of language learning and teaching that underpin them. The TESOL courses examine the properties of English language (its sound, its meaning and its structure) and how we use it to communicate. You explore both the psychological and social factors that intervene in the process of speaking and learning a language. You also reflect on the relationships between culture, society, the speaker's intentions and language, and on the relationships between language and the mind.

This programme introduces you to current teaching methods and has the valuable feature of including a carefully staged teaching practice which allows you to gradually move from observing experienced teachers to teaching in small groups and then to teaching larger classes in your final year.

A degree involving both language and education gives you an ideal preparation for dealing with human groups, which is a highly desired skill within the job market.

Why study this programme?

The ELT team has wide-ranging teaching and research interests so we can offer coaching on theoretical and practical topics. We are also very active in research and are well known for our research in theories of second language acquisition and second language teaching (input processing and processing instruction); syntax and semantics; linguistic theory and applied linguistics; and sociocultural theory.

This programme has a strong element of teaching practice, so you are able to undertake any subsequent teacher training (e.g. for a PGCE) with the necessary background and the required experience.



Why study with us?

You study within the School of Humanities & Social Sciences, which gives you access to an environment with a long history of interdisciplinary study. The programme is designed in a way that allows you to choose options from a range of disciplines, such as politics, philosophy, history, law, media and other languages. This gives you a solid foundation in the humanities and enables you to gain a proper understanding of the role of language in human interaction.

All this takes place in a stimulating and enjoyable environment with support and encouragement given throughout by experienced and caring teacher trainers.

Based on the historic Greenwich Campus, part of a World Heritage Site, you study in the Old Royal Naval College, beautifully designed by Sir Christopher Wren at the end of the 17th century. Greenwich Park provides an attractive location in which to relax, while the nearby Royal Observatory and Greenwich Maritime Museum are popular visitor attractions. Central London is 20 minutes away by train.

Karolina Marek

Former student of English language teaching (ELT) at Greenwich

“Studying at the University of Greenwich was a unique and wonderful experience. My lecturers were really friendly and willing to help. The quality of teaching was excellent. My degree in ELT has helped me move forward with my career. I am currently setting up my own language training company.”

What courses will you study?

Year 1

- Introduction to English Language Teaching
- Foundations of Linguistics
- Foundations of Sound and Meaning
- Option chosen from subjects in another discipline

Year 2

- Methodology and Practice of Language Teaching
- Applied Linguistics
- Language and Society
- Option chosen from subjects in another discipline

Year 3

- Practical Teaching
- Materials Production and Course Design
- Reflections on Language Learning
- Option chosen from subjects in another discipline

Rosanna Taylor May

Former student of English language teaching at Greenwich, now studying for a PGCE

“I find I have a distinct advantage over my colleagues on the PGCE course. The degree has not only provided me with a lot of new and inspirational ideas for teaching, it has given me both theoretical knowledge and valuable practical experience.”

Career opportunities

Language plays a key role in all human activities, so this degree gives you career opportunities in a wide range of fields, from translation and interpretation, journalism, technical writing, marketing, publishing and information technology, to counselling, social work and forensics, as well as a variety of jobs related to human resources, where your background in education will be positively valued. This programme specifically opens up opportunities within the education sector, though you may require further qualifications such as a PGCE.

You also have the opportunity to pursue postgraduate language studies with the university. We have run a very successful MA programme in the management of

language learning, where different applied aspects of the acquisition and teaching of languages are explored. You may also become involved in original research or pursue a PhD with us.

Teaching and assessment

The programme includes examinations, coursework, oral presentations and project work. Practical teaching is assessed through classroom observation and a portfolio of lesson plans and reports.

Financial information

For up-to-date information on tuition fees, bursaries and scholarships, visit www.gre.ac.uk/students/finance.



Key facts

UCAS code: X162 G BA/TESOL

Attendance: 3 years full-time, 6 years part-time

Entry requirements: 180 UCAS points

INCLUDING at least 120 from two A-levels or from a relevant vocational qualification.

PLUS GCSE English at grade C or above.

- Students who were educated in a language other than English should demonstrate an IELTS score of 6.0 or above
- Applications from students of all backgrounds are welcome, including school and college leavers, mature students, those in employment and international students. Your application is considered based on your potential.

How to apply: full-time students apply through UCAS up to the 15 January before entry in September. However, late applications are considered. Part-time students apply directly to the university by post or online at **www.gre.ac.uk/apply**. There is no closing date.

Your next step

University Open Days are held several times a year. They provide a programme of talks and offer you the opportunity to speak to staff and students. You may also be given a tour of the campus. A list of dates can be found at

www.gre.ac.uk/opendays, or contact the Enquiry Unit or International Office for further information.

If you haven't already done so, you can sign up at **www.gre.ac.uk/study** as a Greenwich VIP. This enables you to set up your own Greenwich web page personalised to your own programme and interests. Becoming a Greenwich VIP is also a fast route to ordering a prospectus, booking an open day or finding out more about the university. You can also enter our online competitions.





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