

Summer Certification in TESOL

Did you know that you can kick start a career as a teacher of English to speakers of other languages by completing our intensive Summer PG Cert programme in TESOL? This five-week programme will give you a postgraduate-level learning experience in a multilingual environment in the fifth oldest university in the English-speaking world. You will explore core dimensions of language teaching and practice in a way that encourages innovation, reflection, and personal growth.

If you want to explore how to be a skilled, creative, and resilient English language teacher and obtain a Postgraduate qualification in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL), this Summer PG Cert Programme is for you. We would like to invite you to join our intensive five-week summer programme whether you have prior English language teaching experience or not. If you do not have teaching experience, this programme will give you a taste of what it is like to be an English language teacher, providing foundational knowledge in TESOL, as well as learning space to start experimenting with and reflecting on ways in which theory and classroom practice meet. If you do have teaching experience, you will be able to enrich your teaching tools and develop a stronger teaching philosophy by exploring how you could use novel, innovative techniques in your teaching context.

Teaching English can bring a lot of professional and personal satisfaction and open the door to a range of opportunities, from teaching and tutoring to international employment. As in other professions, however, there may be times in your teaching career when you will feel that you want to boost your motivation. With this in mind, our Summer PG Cert Programme aims to help you discover and customise ways of maintaining your motivation, enhancing your wellbeing, and bolstering your professional purpose over the months and years to come. You will learn a range of methods that are known to increase the well-being of educators and their students, and you will be encouraged to reflect on how you may adapt these techniques to your professional and personal needs.

We would like you to thrive as an English language teacher– to notice, enjoy and savour the gifts that teaching brings as well as to be ready to deal with adversities that may come your way. We hope to inspire you to be the best language teacher that you can be so that you may inspire others.

What You'll Study

Creativity and Innovation in Language Teaching and Learning (15 credits):

You will examine what creativity means, how it relates to teaching and learning strategies and outcomes, and how you can better enact creativity in your classroom practices. The course will also consider how language teaching has changed, and the possible reasons and implications for innovations in the field that are happening around the world.

The Psychology of Well-being in Language Teaching (15 credits):

You will explore the interplay among psychological and environmental factors that influence the well-being of language teachers and learners. You will examine techniques that can be used to promote well-being as well as coping strategies to utilise when facing work-related stressors. You will reflect on your priorities as a teacher with the notion of well-being in mind.

Theories of Learning (15 credits):

This course will focus TESOL-oriented theories of learning, and how / to what degree they can be applied in the classroom.

Second Language Acquisition (15 credits):

You will examine how English phonetics, lexis, morphosyntax and semantics are learnt as a second/foreign language, and you will explore areas of difficulty for English language learners from different linguistic backgrounds, and design classroom activities to address these areas.