The Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching MA is for experienced teachers wanting to learn more about current ELT/ESL research, theory, pedagogy and practice.

The study course offers you an excellent opportunity to further your career in TEFL/TESOL and develop expertise in specialist fields such as language assessment and testing, materials development, teaching EAP, teacher education and teaching English as a lingua franca.

This MA course has three different pathways: a standard MA course, a fast-track route for applicants already holding the Cambridge ESOL Delta or Trinity House Diploma in ELT (advertised separately) and a DELTA route, in conjunction with International House London (advertised here). This route leads to the award of the Cambridge Delta, in addition to the MA itself.

Key benefits

- The unique opportunity to gain a Delta qualification concurrently with a face-to-face theory and research-focused MA.
- Opportunities to expand your knowledge of current theoretical and practical aspects of language teaching.
- Excellent tutorial support and extensive course-specific training in research methods and academic writing.
- Exchange ideas with other experienced language teaching professionals from many different backgrounds.
- Opportunities to develop professional expertise relevant to your career development in areas such as EAP, teacher education, materials development, language testing and assessment, teaching English as a lingua franca.

Course details

The Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching (with Delta) course offers you opportunities to explore current research and specialist areas such as teacher education, materials development, teaching English for academic purposes, language testing and assessment, and teaching English as a lingua franca.

You will study required modules covering language-teaching methodology and curriculum design, linguistic analysis for language teaching, issues in language acquisition and use (sociolinguistics, social and psychological aspects of second language learning) and research methods. We also place emphasis on the view of informed teaching and the need for teachers to mediate between theory and practice in constructing pedagogies according to specific teaching-learning situations.

You will additionally undertake a practicum at International House London, the leading UK based provider for ELT teaching awards, who also have an international reputation as a centre for excellence as a Delta provider. Successful candidates will be awarded the Cambridge English Delta, in addition to the MA.
Assessment
You will be assessed through a combination of essays, language analysis tasks, exams and oral presentations. The dissertation will be assessed by one 15,000-word extended piece of writing.

Regulating body
King’s College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

Course structure
Courses are divided into modules. You will take modules totalling 180 credits.

Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:

- Principles and Practices in Second/Foreign Language Teaching (30 credits)
- Linguistic Analysis for Language Teaching (30 credits)
- Second/Additional Language Acquisition (15 credits)
- IH London practicum (30 credits)
- Research Methods and Dissertation in Applied Linguistics/Language Learning and Teaching (60 credits)

Optional modules
In addition, you are required to take 15 credits of optional modules, which may typically include:

- English for Academic Purposes (15 credits)
- The Digital ELT Classroom (15 credits)
- Materials Development in English Language Teaching (15 credits)

If you are following the two-year course, you will normally take the modules in the following order:

Year 1
- Principles and Practices in Second/Foreign Language Teaching (30 credits)
- Second/Additional Language Acquisition (15 credits)
- 1 x optional module (15 credits)

Year 2
- Linguistic Analysis for Language Teaching (30 credits)
- IH London practicum (30 credits)
- Research Methods and Dissertation in Applied Linguistics/Language Learning and Teaching (60 credits)

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location
This course is primarily taught at the King’s College London Waterloo Campus. The practicum module will take place at International House in Covent Garden.
Career prospects

Our graduates have found that their promotion opportunities have been greatly enhanced by this advanced qualification. More recently, some of our graduates have returned to take up MPhil/PhD studies. Other typical career destinations include the following:

- English Teacher
- Director of Studies
- Education Programme Specialist

Fees and funding

Full-time & part-time tuition fees UK
The UK tuition fees for the 2018-19 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time & part-time tuition fees EU
Current regulations allow some students to pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will remain the same as the UK tuition fee.

The UK tuition fees for the 2018-19 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time & part-time tuition fees International
The International tuition fees for the 2018-19 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Deposit

When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.
The INTERNATIONAL deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website: kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts/binding costs
- society membership fees
- stationery
- graduation costs
- costs for travel to and around London and between campuses
- Cambridge Delta examination fee (£328 at the time of publication, and expected to be circa £360 in 2018/19, but please make sure you check our course webpage for updates).

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