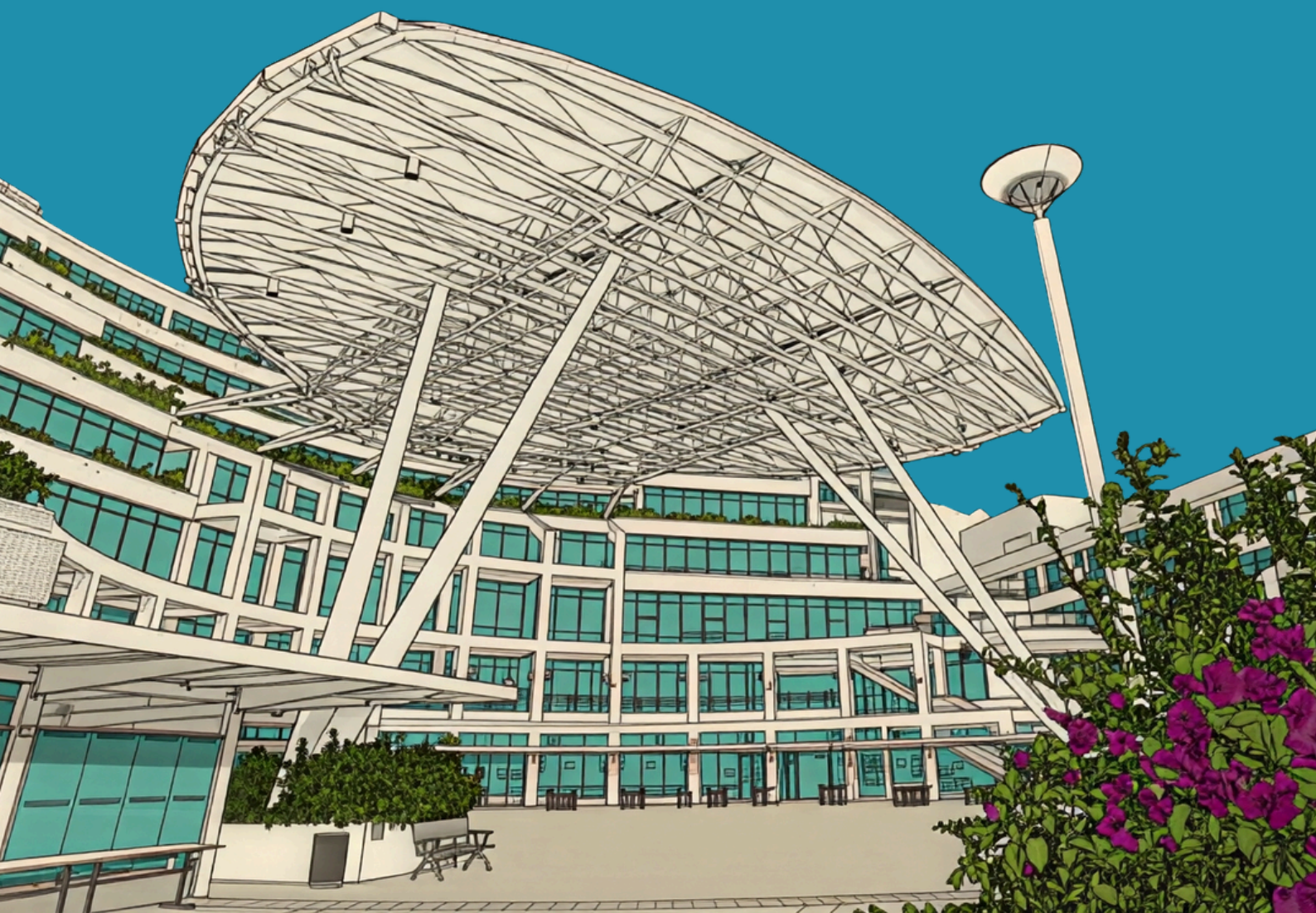


Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

英語教學文學碩士

A1M057 | One-year Full-time

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Programme Aims

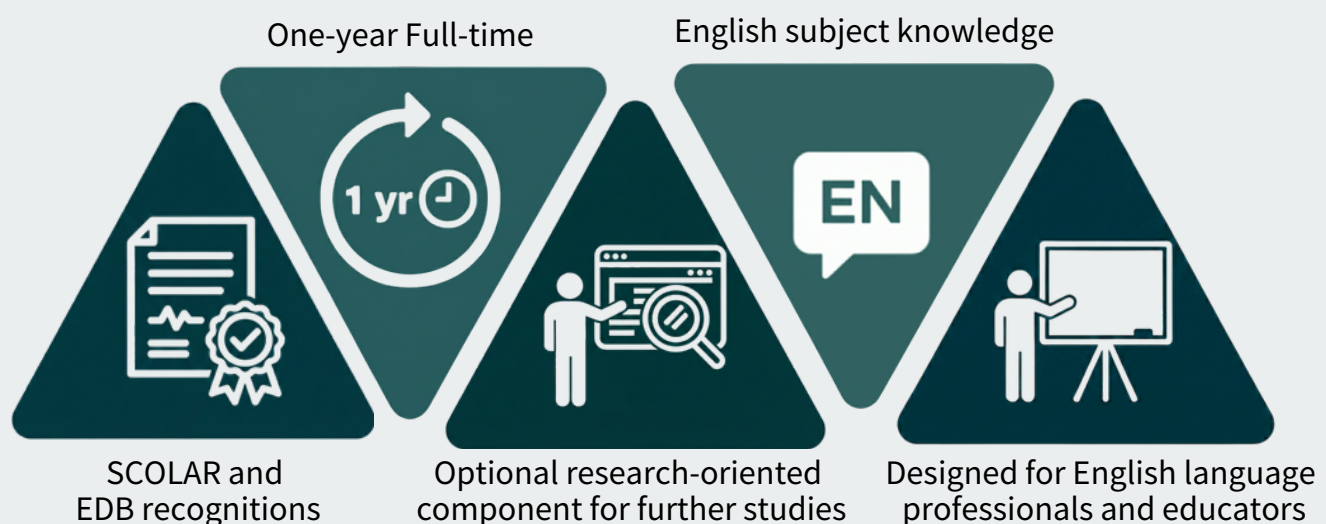
The Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MATESOL) at The Education University of Hong Kong aims to equip students with the subject knowledge expected of English language teachers in Hong Kong and internationally. For students who are interested in acquiring teaching qualification in Hong Kong, they are recommended to take relevant teaching qualification programme (e.g. PGDE) in conjunction with MATESOL.

The Programme Intended Learning Outcomes are as follows. Graduates will demonstrate:

- an advanced level of knowledge of the structures and functions of the English language;
- a critical understanding of the functions and status of English in different parts of the world, the emergence of localised varieties of English, and the use of English as an international language for lingua franca communication;
- a high level of awareness of the theories of mind and social context that shape state-of-the-art practice in TESOL;
- an ability to apply theories of first and second language learning to practical problems in English language learning and teaching;
- an ability to evaluate language curricula, assessments, and teaching and learning materials; and
- (for dissertation strands) an ability to apply advanced knowledge of language learning and teaching theory in the context of independent inquiry and the writing-up of research findings.

All MATESOL degree strands meet the Education Bureau's Postgraduate Subject Knowledge requirements for English teaching in Hong Kong. For details, please refer to the Education Bureau website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>).

Programme Features



Medium of Instruction

The programme is conducted in English.

Programme Structure

The MATESOL programme is offered in a one-year full-time mode. MATESOL has three degree strands* and each strand has its focus and specialty. All degree strands carry 24 credit points (cps).

Domain/Component		Subtotal (cps)
	Two core courses (3 cps each)	6
In addition, the strand-specific requirements are as follows:		
(1) General	any 6 electives (3 cps each)	18
(2) Applied Linguistics	- Dissertation (equivalent to 2 courses) - any 4 electives	6 12
(3) Digital Technology for English Learning and Teaching	- Dissertation (equivalent to 2 courses) - English Language Teaching in Action - Digital Technology for English Studies - any 2 electives	6 3 3 6
	Total	24

* Not all MATESOL degree strands/courses will be offered every year.

Programme Recognitions

The MATESOL programme is recognised by The Standing Committee on Language Education and Research (SCOLAR) as an English language major degree programme; it is also included in the list of “Programmes Accepted for Grants under the Professional Development Incentive Grant Scheme for Language Teachers”.

MATESOL graduates with relevant teacher training will be eligible to apply for full exemption from the Language Proficiency Requirement (LPR) for English Language, which must be met by all English teachers holding a regular post in a public sector school or a local private primary/secondary day school offering a formal curriculum in Hong Kong. For details about the recognition and LPR, please visit the websites of the Education Bureau and SCOLAR.

Entrance Requirements

Applicants should hold a recognised Bachelor's degree and preferably meet at least one of the following requirements:

1. a recognised language teaching qualification; or
2. working experience in English language teaching.

Holders of a bachelor's degree in disciplines other than English may also be considered.

Candidates without a teaching qualification should be aware that MATESOL is an advanced academic qualification that is most valuable in conjunction with a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (English) (PGDE or equivalent) qualification.

Applicants whose entrance qualification is obtained from an institution in a non-English speaking system should normally fulfil one of the following minimum English proficiency requirements:

- Overall score of IELTS 7.0 with no subtest lower than 6.5 (academic version)[#] ; or
- TOEFL (internet-based test)[#] :
 - Score of 100 (for tests taken before 21 January 2026)
 - Score of 5.0 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards); or
- other equivalent qualifications.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview.

[#] The test should be taken in test centres and the result should be valid within two years. TOEFL Home Editions, TOEFL MyBest Score, IELTS Indicator, IELTS Online, IELTS One Skill Retake, Duolingo and National Postgraduate Entrance Examination (全國碩士研究生招生考試) are NOT acceptable.

[For example, if you are applying for the 2027/28 academic year, your IELTS / TOEFL test must be obtained on or after 1 January 2025.]

Tuition Fee

This programme is offered on a self-funded basis. The tuition fee for the whole programme is HK\$180,000 in 2027/28, i.e. HK\$22,500 per course (Dissertation is counted as 2 courses), which is provisional and subject to adjustment. Tuition fees paid are normally NOT refundable or transferable. Extension fees will be charged to students who have to extend their studies beyond the normal duration.



Voices from Graduates



TANG Yan Chuen Grace

MATESOL Graduate | 2024/25
English teacher at a primary school

Who would have thought theories can be so practical! My year studying in the MATESOL in EDUHK has led me to a reflective and exploratory journey as an English educator. It has certainly deepened my own teaching philosophy and rationale, and has helped me to be a more professional primary school English teacher.

The MATESOL programme from EDUHK is an all-rounded programme designed to let students understand all the aspects of teaching English as a second language (ESL). It covers ESL areas such as pedagogical approaches, psychology of second language acquisition, the history of English, subject knowledge and digital technology in ESL. They have brought me new insights and perceptions about learning English. More importantly, these courses are structured to let their students bring the learnt theories into real practice. The assignments are so meaningful that they consolidate your learning and allow you to reflect on your own teaching rationale.

Other than the programme structure, the programme is also taught by many experienced and passionate professionals. They have demonstrated to us how to be an inspiring and professional English teacher. Not only did they teach us theories about teaching English, but they also taught us practical skills like classroom management and lesson planning. These skills have definitely got me well-equipped for the challenges when I have become an English teacher, as they make me a lovable and professional primary school English teacher now.

If you are dedicated to being a professional and inspiring English teacher and are looking for a programme that integrates both theories and practical skills, this programme is definitely for you.

As I received my bachelor's degree in TESOL Education in the USA, my family and friends could not wrap their head around the fact that I would still choose to study a master's degree in TESOL again. Knowing that I would come back to Asia and further my education, The Education University of Hong Kong would be my top choice which has laid a solid foundation in the field of education. In particular, the MATESOL programme is well-structured in the aspects of morphology, phonology, English language teaching methods, pedagogical grammar, and research components.

The MATESOL programme offers a wide variety of options for students to choose from and all teaching staff are personable and enthusiastic to answer students' questions. The programme also provides micro-teaching practices where students can practise and apply their subject knowledge. Additionally, MATESOL has internship and job opportunities provided for practicum experiences in local Hong Kong schools. Because of the job opportunity the programme has provided, I am now an English teacher at a local primary school. I highly recommend the MATESOL programme to students who wish to become quality English language teachers.



LI Zhuofeng

MATESOL Graduate | 2022/23
NET teacher in a local primary school



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