



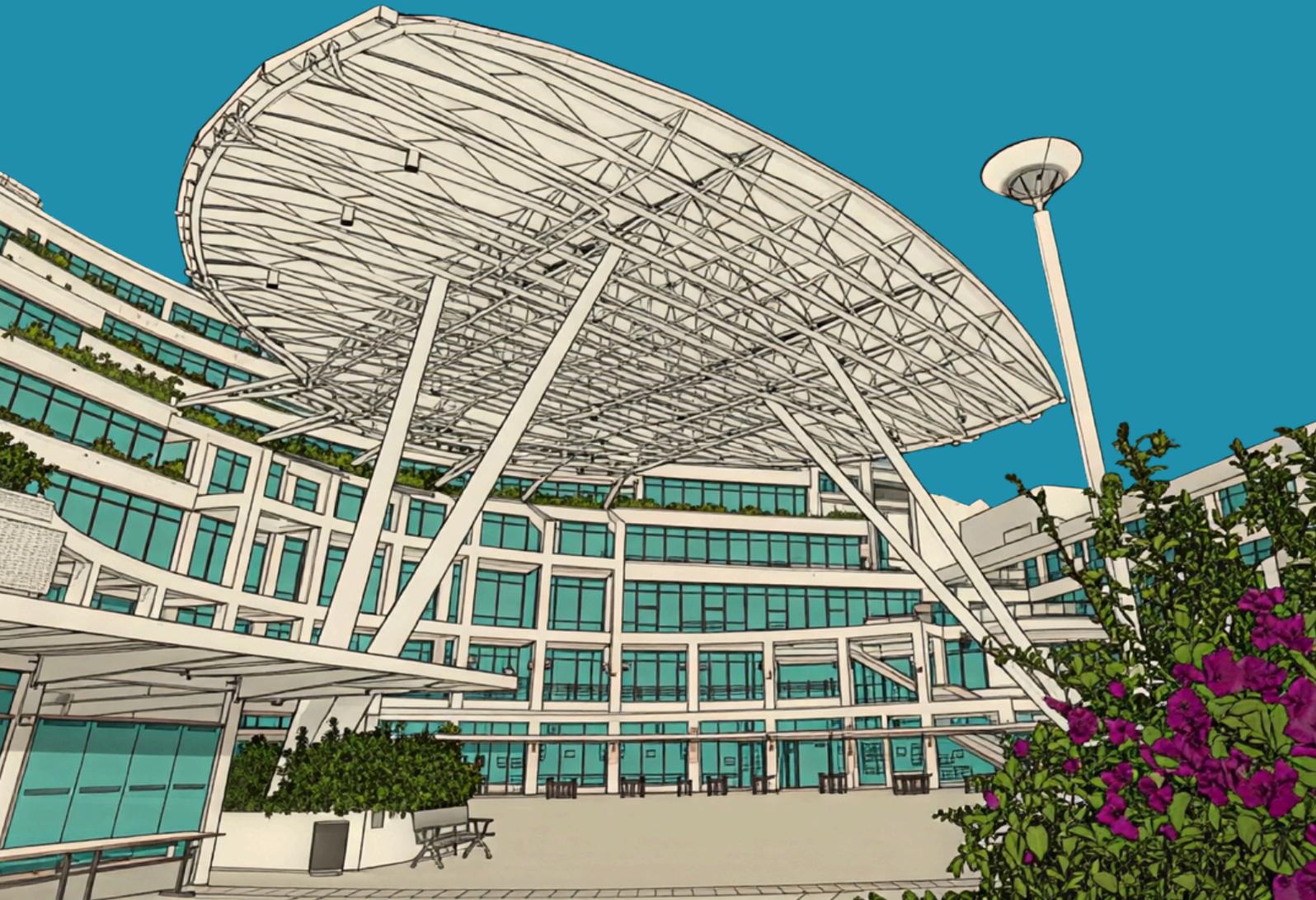
香港教育大學

The Education University
of Hong Kong

Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages 英語教學文學碩士

A1M057 | One-year Full-time

2026/27



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MATESOL

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 (PILOs) are as follows. Graduates will demonstrate:

- an advanced level of knowledge of the structures and functions of the English language (PILO1);
- 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 (PILO2);
- a high level of awareness of the theories of mind and social context that shape state-of-the-art practice in TESOL (PILO3);
- an ability to apply theories of first and second language learning to practical problems in English language learning and teaching (PILO4);
- an ability to evaluate language curricula, assessments, and teaching and learning materials (PILO5); 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 (PILO6).

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>).

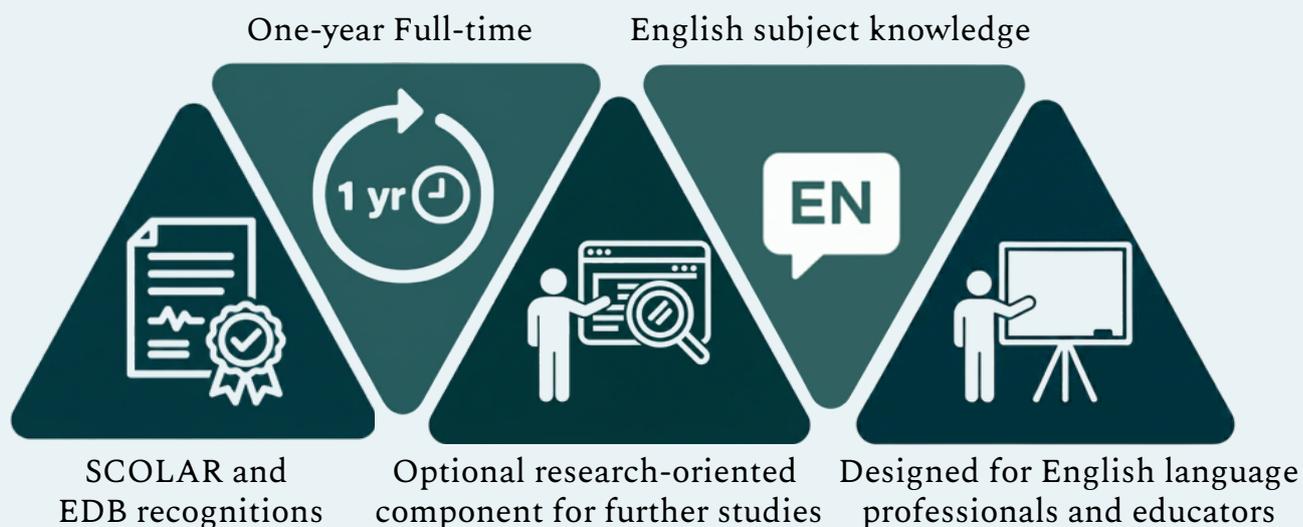
Programme Structure

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		cps
	Two core courses (3 cps each)	6
In addition, the strand-specific requirements are as follows:		
(1) General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• any 6 electives (3 cps each)	18
(2) Applied Linguistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation (equivalent to 2 courses)	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• any 4 electives	12
(3) Digital Technology for English Learning and Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation (equivalent to 2 courses)	6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Language Teaching in Action	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital Technology for English Studies	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• any 2 electives	6
	Total	24

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

Programme Features



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.

[#] The test should be taken in test centres and the result should be valid within two years.

For example, if you are applying for 2026/27 academic year, your IELTS / TOEFL test must be obtained on or after 1 January 2024.

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.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview.

Notes to Non-local Applicants:

- Applicants whose entrance qualification is obtained from an institution in a non-English speaking system should include their IELTS/TOEFL test result taken in test centres within 2 years in the application documents. Otherwise, the application may be delayed.
- It normally takes 6-8 weeks for the Hong Kong Immigration Department to process visa applications. You are therefore strongly advised to submit your application as early as possible.
- Your application can be completed online without going through any education agencies.

Voices from Graduates



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



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.



I highly recommend the MATESOL programme as it provided me with both the disciplinary knowledge of theories and the skills to transfer that expertise into practice. This was made possible by a team of highly knowledgeable, supportive, and passionate academic staff who took the time to ensure that not only was knowledge acquired, but that we could see how to apply it into different learning and teaching contexts.

The courses offer a wide variety of options for students to choose from and the teaching staff are easily approachable to discuss any items covered in class. The teaching staff also understand that not all students have a background in linguistics and take the time to ensure that everyone has the necessary foundations to succeed in their learning.

As well as a brilliant teaching staff, there is also a wonderful administrative team and fantastic career counsellors, all of whom were reliable and quick to offer assistance. It is this combination that makes the MATESOL at EdUHK something truly special and helped me secure a place as an English Language Teacher in a local secondary school upon graduation!



VALLADARES Eric William
MATESOL Graduate | 2020/21
English teacher at a local secondary school

Tuition Fee

This programme is offered on a self-funded basis. The tuition fee for the whole programme is HK\$165,000 in 2026/27, i.e. HK\$20,625 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.

Medium of Instruction

The programme is conducted in English.



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