

MA IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS MA IN TESOL

EARN AN MA FROM ONE OF THE FIRST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED APPLIED LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENTS IN THE WORLD.

The University of Reading has been known for decades as a centre of excellence in TESOL and Applied Linguistics. Our MA programmes have more than 1500 graduates in over 40 countries, many of whom have gone on to become world-renowned teachers and scholars. Distinguished graduates from Reading's MAs include Professor Penny Ur OBE (Haifa University), Professor Roger Nunn (Petroleum Institute Abu Dhabi), Professor Scott Thornbury (The New School New York), and Professor Barry O'Sullivan (British Council).

Taught by Top Researchers in the Field

Academic staff in the Department of English Language and Applied Linguistics are involved in cutting edge research in their fields. Their work is regularly published in important international journals, and they are often invited to speak at major international conferences. At the same time, nearly all of them also have backgrounds in English Language Teaching and understand how to apply research to addressing practical issues in the classroom.

Individual Attention

Students on Reading's MA programmes receive considerable individual attention. All students have regular meetings with personal tutors. They also have the chance to become a part of a thriving intellectual community with regular research talks and social events with academic staff and PhD students.

Ideal Location

The University of Reading is ideally located just 25 miles from Heathrow Airport and 25 minutes by train to Central London. Its 321 acre main campus has been consistently judged to be one of the greenest and most beautiful campuses in the UK. The library houses one of the best collections of materials on Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching in the country.

'My MA from Reading was an excellent preparation for a PhD and it led to a successful career in Language Testing.'

Professor Barry O'Sullivan – Head of Assessment Research and Development, British Council

'My MA at Reading was a turning point in my professional career. Not only did I improve my insight into English Language Teaching, but it also honed my intercultural and interpersonal skills, and broadened my network'

Analia Kandel – English Language lecturer, Teacher trainer and President of the Buenos Aries Association of English Teachers



OUR GRADUATES ARE AMONG THE MOST SUCCESSFUL LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS IN THE WORLD



THEY WORK IN A RANGE OF CAREERS INCLUDING EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OR INDUSTRY



GRADUATES IN WORK OR FURTHER STUDY SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING¹

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Variety and Flexibility

Reading's MA programmes are flexible enough to suit the needs of different students. Students can pursue a research-focused degree with a dissertation, or a teaching-focused degree with a portfolio. Both MA programmes include a wide choice of option modules in which students can gain specialised training in particular areas of TESOL or Applied Linguistics. Core modules specific to each MA include:

MA TESOL

- Language Curriculum Design
- Issues in Language Skills Teaching
- Research Design

MA APPLIED LINGUISTICS

- Second Language Learning Principles
- Sociolinguistics
- Foundations of Language Study

The option modules available to both MAs include:

- English for Specific Purposes
- Language Testing Principles
- Language Learning and Technology
- Corpus-based Approaches to Language Description
- Approaches to Discourse Analysis
- Teaching English to Young Learners
- Written Language

ENTRY CRITERIA

Applicants are normally required to have a good undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent international qualification), a minimum overall score of IELTS 6.5 with no score below 6.0 in any of the parts of the test, or a minimum TOEFL score of 570 (88 internet-based) accompanied by a TWE score of at least 4.5

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'I found my MA in Applied Linguistics really stimulating and enjoyable. There was a great range of option modules catering for different interests.'

– Eman Akeel, English Language Lecturer,
King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia