

# **The TESOL Centre** *Developing learners and teachers of English*

A REPUTATION FOR **INSPIRING  
TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

FLEXIBLE LEARNING  
METHODS INCLUDING  
**ONLINE DISTANCE  
LEARNING**

COURSES ACCREDITED  
**BY THE BRITISH  
COUNCIL**

BESPOKE COURSES  
**DESIGNED TO SUIT  
YOUR NEEDS**

EXCELLENT  
INTERNATIONAL  
**CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

**STRONG LINKS**  
WITH PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATIONS

EMPHASIS ON **PERSONAL  
TUTORING AND SUPPORT**



# An introduction to the TESOL Centre at Sheffield Hallam

We have an excellent reputation for innovative and inspirational teaching. We have been developing our expertise with teachers and learners of English since 1980 and we pride ourselves on developing the skills our students need. We offer courses both to experienced language teachers and those who have never taught before. Our varied and flexible teaching methods ensure our students get multiple opportunities to practise, observe and learn from different classroom settings.

## Highly-qualified teachers

We do everything we can to prepare you for the next step in your career or studies.

- We are extremely well-established in English language teaching and teacher education with more than 25 years' experience.
- A third of our academic staff have PhDs, specialising in a wide range of areas of education and language.
- All teaching staff have both professional and academic qualifications as well as international experience.

## Reputation for excellence

We work closely with leading associations and organisations in the TESOL sector to ensure our continued excellence.

- Our staff include examiners for IELTS (International English Language Testing System) and Trinity College London.
- Many staff members have authored books and papers about the education sector.

We are members of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language

## Our international connections

- Our multi-lingual staff have considerable international experience with many of them having worked overseas extensively.
- We have a reputation for fast responses to overseas enquiries and course design.
- International students have praised our flexible, learner-focused teaching methods including options for online distance learning.
- We work collaboratively with partners to co-design and deliver a range of in-country language and teacher development courses.
- After graduation, you join our network of graduates and you can keep in touch through Alumni Connect and via our Facebook site.

We know settling into life in the UK can be challenging when English is not your first language. Every year, we work with about 1,000 students from all over the world to develop their English language skills. Our courses are inspected and accredited by the British Council and we continually develop our courses to ensure they are meeting the needs and expectations of our students. We run a series of pre-sessional courses for students who need to improve their English language proficiency before they begin their main studies.

## Case study



'The pre-sessional course is like a warm-up session for the actual course. It gave me time to prepare for my studies and taught me useful techniques like writing references, preparing presentations and communicating with others. It definitely met with all my expectations and it helped build my confidence and get used to the way people in the UK talk.'

He then began studying for his MA in English Language Teaching.

'The facilities are excellent at the University and I'd really recommend studying in the UK as a way of being able to practise your English language throughout your time here.'

Jack has also opted to complete the internationally-recognised Trinity TESOL certificate to give him further career opportunities.

'I really wanted to learn more about teaching adults and I think my qualifications and experience in the UK are going to be great in helping me to get jobs in China. I really enjoyed the Trinity course and the tutors were great - they were really supportive and gave me a lot of individual help and recommendations.'

Jack Ming Chen, from Beijing, China, completed a pre-sessional English course before he studied for an MA English Language Teaching.

# Course information

## English language teaching

We offer a wide range of options from an initial professional certificate to masters and PhDs. We are committed to providing professional development courses and many of our students have returned to us for further learning throughout their careers.

## Trinity College Certificate in TESOL

This course combines distance learning with class-based study. It is suitable if you have not taught before, or if you need an internationally-recognised English language teaching qualification.

## Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching English for Academic Purposes (EAP)- Distance learning

There's a growing demand for qualified teachers in EAP. This course is for experienced teachers who wish to specialise in teaching EAP to international students who are studying or preparing for study at university. The course is delivered by distance learning so you can continue to work while developing your knowledge and skills.

## MA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) - full-time study in Sheffield

This is a full-time course for graduates who want to enter a career in language teaching. You work with our English language tutors and international language learners to investigate and research aspects of TESOL. Students on this course who meet the English language requirements are also able to apply for the Trinity College Certificate in TESOL.

## MEd Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) – Distance learning

This route is for experienced teaching practitioners who wish to develop their professional skills and subject knowledge. The course is delivered by distance learning so you develop your knowledge and skills through classroom-based research within your own teaching context.

## MEd/PgDip/PgCert Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) English for Academic Purposes (EAP) - Distance learning

This course is for experienced in-service language teachers who wish to develop their career to specialise in English for Academic

Purposes (EAP). It includes language analysis, teaching techniques, and research practices surrounding the emerging field of EAP. The course encourages reflective practice and application of pedagogical skills.

This route is for experienced teaching practitioners who wish to develop their professional skills and subject knowledge. You develop your knowledge and skills through classroom-based research within your own teaching context.

## English language courses

We welcome students from all over the world to improve their English language skills with us.

We prepare you for your course by introducing you to academic study at a UK university.

You attend lectures by our academic staff and we support you with note-taking and essay writing. We try to get you thinking critically about your subject area and we run group work sessions to prepare you for seminars and presentations. We also introduce you to the University learning centres and online learning resources.

Throughout the course, you're assessed on your listening and speaking skills as well as essay writing and a subject-specific presentation or project.

## Learning English for Academic Purposes (LEAP)

You should attend this course if you have a minimum of IELTS 4.0 or equivalent in all skills and you want to achieve IELTS 5.0 or above. The course aims to improve your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. This course is for non-native speakers of English who want to improve their English language skills for general or academic purposes in preparation for a Pre-sessional English for Academic Purposes course.

## Pre-sessional English for Academic Purposes (PEAP)

You should attend this course if you already have a minimum of IELTS 5.0 or equivalent and you need to improve your language level to join your degree. The course helps you to improve your use of language in writing assessments and exams, reading course books, listening to lectures and speaking in seminars. You also improve your use of English grammar and develop your study skills.

## Case study

MA TESOL graduate Noor Denno completed her studies with Sheffield Hallam University through distance learning from Saudi Arabia. She wanted to further her understanding of teaching theory and methods but was unable to give up her job and study on a full-time course in the UK. She had already completed a Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Delta) which was credited towards her MA.

'I learnt so much from my Delta course – it really did change my whole perspective on teaching both personally in terms of how I

teach but also in how I advise other teachers. My MA built on this and gave me access to specific research behind these principles of good practice which has made me more confident and better equipped to provide input and guidance to other teachers in my job.

The course really lived up to my expectations and I've already recommended it to several friends who were contemplating further study. I always got prompt replies from my tutors and really insightful guidance during my dissertation.'

## Sheffield Hallam University

We are one of the UK's largest universities, with more than 37,000 students and almost 4,100 staff from all over the world. Over 4,000 of our students are from outside the UK, coming from more than 100 countries.

## International Student Barometer autumn 2013

In the Student Barometer - a survey of all of our international students - we were ranked in the top three universities in the world for

- our level of research activity
- our virtual learning environment
- opportunities for work experience

You benefit from an excellent, dedicated support team, free English language support and flexible study methods. Our services also include:

- Pre-arrival and information and arrival support with a free airport pick up service at Manchester airport and a dedicated international student meet & greet desk to help with your enquiries while settling in
- A student orientation programme and an international student handbook with useful information on living in Sheffield and tips on getting the most of your time in Sheffield Hallam University
- Organised social events throughout your time in Sheffield Hallam University to give you the opportunity to make friends with home and other international students
- Study skills workshops and online tutorial to help develop your academic skills
- A student wellbeing service which offers one-to-one support and group sessions to enhance your physical and emotional wellbeing, and a multifaith chaplaincy for students of all faiths and none
- A visa advisory service
- A careers and employment service

## A student friendly city

With over 50,000 students Sheffield is one of the UK's most popular student destinations. The city is conveniently located in the middle of the UK with excellent transport links – we are just over two hours away from London by train. It has a fascinating history and heritage, from its roots in steel-making to its reputation as the UK capital for sport. Sheffield is an exciting, safe, cosmopolitan city with beautiful countryside, lively nightlife and extensive leisure facilities. The city also has a low cost of living compared to other major UK cities.

## Contact us

Sheffield Hallam University  
City Campus  
Howard Street  
Sheffield S1 1WB UK

[www.shu.ac.uk/international](http://www.shu.ac.uk/international)  
[www.shu.ac.uk/prospectus](http://www.shu.ac.uk/prospectus)

**Transforming  
Together**

with Sheffield Hallam University

