

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA/ MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

We welcome your interest in the Postgraduate Diploma/Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language offered by the Postgraduate Institute of English (PGIE).

We give below information on this Programme of study which would be of help to you.

For Whom is the PG Dip./MA in TESL Programme?

This programme is intended for teachers of English and teacher educators at the secondary as well as the tertiary level in Sri Lanka.

What does the PG Dip./MA in TESL entail?

The PG Dip./MA in TESL consists of taught courses as well as a research component which you will carry out on your own. It seeks to enhance knowledge of and continuing interest in English Language Teaching in Sri Lanka. As it is a postgraduate programme, motivation and academic ability have to be high to help you cope with the demands of the programme.

What are the Aims of the Programme?

The aims of this programme are to develop;

- a sound knowledge and understanding of contemporary theories, approaches issues and practices in English Language Teaching (ELT),
- the capacity to adapt theoretical knowledge appropriately to different teaching-learning contexts.

- the ability to undertake and conduct research on ELT/Applied Linguistics and to disseminate research information and
- the assurance to provide guidance and leadership in the field of ELT.

Who is eligible to apply for the Programme?

Applicants wishing to enter the programme should have:

- a four-year Bachelor's degree in English and/or ELT
- OR a three-year Bachelor's degree with English as a subject and at least 2 years experience in ELT
- OR a Bachelor's degree in the English medium and at least 3 years experience in ELT.
- OR any other qualification acceptable to the Senate of the OUSL.

Credit Rating & Duration

- PG Diploma comprises 42 credit units of course work and a portfolio of 9 credit units.
- The MA in TESL comprises 42 credit units of course work and 18 credit units for the dissertation.
- The PG Dip. in TESL takes a minimum of 18 months to complete for a full-time student.
- The MA in TESL takes a minimum of two years to complete - for a full-time student.

How Do I gain entry to the PG Dip./MA in TESL?

All applicants will be required to

- Sit for a Selection Test (Written)
- Present themselves for an Interview - if necessary.

Only those who successfully pass the Entry Test will be permitted to register for the programmes.

What is the Structure and Content of the Programmes?

- The PG Diploma consists of course work and a Portfolio. The course work comprises Core Courses, Optional courses and Continuing Education courses as follows:
- MA in TESL consists of course work and a Dissertation.

PART I

Core Courses

ELP1301 ⇒ 9 credit units
The Psycho-Social context of Teaching/Learning English in Sri Lanka

ELP1201 ⇒ 6 credit units
Applied Linguistics

ELP1202 ⇒ 6 credit units
Issues and Developments in Methodology

ELP1203 ⇒ 6 credit units
Testing and Evaluation

ELP1101 ⇒ 3 credit units
Teaching Grammar and the Four Skills

ELP1102 ⇒ 3 credit units
Curriculum and Materials Design

Optional Courses

ELP1103 ⇒ 3 credit units
Technology in ELT

OR

ELP1104 ⇒ 3 credit units
Management in ELT

OR

ELP1105 ⇒ 3 credit units
Teacher Development and Supervision

Provision of Optional courses will depend on the availability of Staff.

PART II

(a) Continuing Education Courses (Mandatory)

ELP2101 ⇒ 3 credit units
Research Methods and Design

ELP2102 ⇒ 3 credit units
Research Communication

Those who successfully complete the Core Courses AND One (01) Optional course AND BOTH Continuing Education courses, will be able to go to the next stage of the programme, i.e. a Portfolio or Research Dissertation.

(b) ELP2301 ⇒ 9 credit units
Portfolio

(c) ELM2601 ⇒ 18 credit units
Dissertation

What kind of Exams will I take?

Evaluation includes continuous assessment, assignments, project reports, written examinations and the Portfolio/Dissertation.

How, will I know whether I can get the MA or the PG Diploma?

Your performance in the core and optional courses will decide which programme you are eligible for.

- If you obtain a **GPA of 2.7** in the core, optional and continuing education courses you can complete the dissertation and obtain the MA in TESL.
- If you obtain a **GPA of 2** in the core, optional and continuing education courses you can complete the portfolio and obtain the PG Dip in TESL.

Tuition Fee for Courses

Rs. 2,500.00 per credit

Part I

Core & Optional courses → Rs. 90,000.00
(36 credit units)

Part II

- (a) Continuing Education Courses
(6 credit units) → Rs. 15,000.00
- (b) Portfolio Fee
(9 credit units) → Rs. 24,000.00
- (c) Dissertation Fee
(18 credit units) → Rs. 37,000.00

Other Fees

Registration Fee	Rs.	900.00
Supplementary Fee	Rs.	600.00
Examination Fee	Rs.	10,500.00
(Rs. 250/- per credit)		

Total Course Fee for PG Dip. Rs. 141,000.00

Total Course Fee for MA in TESL Rs. 154,000.00

In addition, registration fees and supplementary fees will be charged annually on renewal of registration.

The above rates are subject to revision annually.



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