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Will-Excel Master of TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

Syllabus

For Master of TESOL Candidates

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This syllabus is based on the one-year track.

The pace at which individual modules are completed is flexible to accommodate candidates' needs.

MODULE 1	4 weeks	Week 4 of 48
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- Grammar 1101
- Linguistics 1101: Theoretical 1
- Linguistics 1102: Evolution of Language 1
- TESOL Methodology 1101
- (Submit thesis ideas)

MODULE 2	5 weeks	Week 9 of 48
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- Grammar 2102
- Linguistics 2103: Evolution of Language 2
- Management 2101: Human Resources
- Sociolinguistics 2101
- TESOL Methodology 2102

MODULE 3	5 weeks	Week 14 of 48
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- Bilingualism 3101
- Linguistics 3104: Evolution of Language 3
- Linguistics 3105: Second Language Acquisition 1
- Linguistics 3106: Theoretical 2
- Sociolinguistics 3102

FLEX-WEEK	1 week	Week 15 of 48
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Flex-weeks allow for candidates to catch up on course assignments if needed.

MODULE 4	5 weeks	Week 20 of 48
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- Grammar 4103
- Linguistics 4107: Historical Linguistics 1
- Management 4102: Money
- TESOL Methodology 4103
- Thesis 4101
- (Submit thesis proposal)



MODULE 5	4 weeks	Week 24 of 48
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- Bilingualism 5102
- Grammar 5104
- Linguistics 5108: Historical Linguistics 2
- Sociolinguistics 5103

MODULE 6	4 weeks	Week 28 of 48
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- Grammar 6105
- Linguistics 6109: Theoretical 3
- Management 6103: Marketing
- TESOL Methodology 6104

FLEX-WEEK	1 week	Week 29 of 48
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MODULE 7	4 weeks	Week 33 of 48
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- Bilingualism 7103
- Linguistics 7110: Historical Linguistics 3
- Linguistics 7111: Evolution of Language 4
- TESOL Methodology 7105

MODULE 8	4 weeks	Week 37 of 48
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- Linguistics 8112: Evolution of Language 5
- Linguistics 8113: Second Language Acquisition 2
- Linguistics 8114: Theoretical 4
- Management 8104: Systems

MODULE 9	2 weeks	Week 39 of 48
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- Grammar 9106
- Linguistics 9115: Evolution of Language 6

MODULE 10	9 weeks	Week 48 of 48
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- Thesis 9902
- (Thesis presentation)



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Course Catalogue

Bilingualism 3101

Introduction to the case study, language and literacy, community and school context, leadership and parents

Bilingualism 5102

Oral language practices, developing literacy, academic biliteracy

Bilingualism 7103

Teacher's role and impact, politics, policy and theory

Grammar 1101

Test Yourself: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced points

Grammar 2102

Articles, possessives, countable and uncountable nouns, personal and reflexive pronouns, plurals and singulars

Grammar 4103

Adjectives, adverbs, comparatives and superlatives, past participles, progressive forms

Grammar 5104

Modal auxiliary verbs, present progressive, future tenses, perfect tenses

Grammar 6105

Passive, infinitives, negative structures, question tags

Grammar 9106

Conjunctions and clauses, conditionals, relative clauses and pronouns, contractions

Linguistics 1101: Theoretical 1

Supporting ideas behind theoretical linguistics, morphology

Linguistics 3106: Theoretical 2

Syntax and acquisition of word and sentence structure

Linguistics 6109: Theoretical 3

Semantics and acquisition of meaning

Linguistics 8114: Theoretical 4

Phonetics, phonology and acquisition of phonetics and phonology

Linguistics 1102: Evolution of Language 1

Key differences between the communication of animals and humans, language as the precursor to culture, the human "mind" and the development of language

Linguistics 2103: Evolution of Language 2

Language and intelligence, the need to communicate, how communication changed the human species

Linguistics 3104: Evolution of Language 3

Adaptive mechanisms that make communication possible, key syntactical differences between modern communication and "protolanguage"

Linguistics 7111: Evolution of Language 4

Predication, reliance on syntax, case marking, concept and perception linking, thematic representation



Linguistics 8112: Evolution of Language 5

“True” language, speech acts, Grice’s hypothesis on cooperation, relevance in speech acts, informative and argumentative uses of language

Linguistics 9115: Evolution of Language 6

Theory of social bonding, the biological “value” of language, summary of the three stages of the evolution of language, prestige theory, the political origins of language

Linguistics 3105: Second Language Acquisition 1

Describing learner language, order of acquisition, social effects, pedagogical effects, cognitive approaches, language transfer, language aptitude, personality factors, understanding SLA

Linguistics 8113: Second Language Acquisition 2

Social influences in the first years of life

Linguistics 4107: Historical Linguistics 1

Supporting ideas behind the historical study of language, the prehistory of English, the beginnings of English, the Anglo-Saxon worldview, Chaucer’s English

Linguistics 5108: Historical Linguistics 2

The return to English as a standard, The Great Vowel Shift, expanding English vocabulary, Shakespeare’s English, new standards in English, semantic change, the history of words

Linguistics 7110: Historical Linguistics 3

The beginnings of American English, the language of the American Self, the language of science, the science of language, Noam Chomsky’s revolution

Management 2101: Human Resources

Working with people, job duties and descriptions, staffing levels, trust, personal and professional development, human behavior, recruitment, training, groups, DOS vs. partner/owner, leadership, delegation, supervision skills

Management 4102: Money

Economics and pricing, accounting, fixed and variable costs, breakeven, marginal profit, value of time, finance and investing, financial statements

Management 6103: Marketing

Marketing concepts and principles, customer wants/needs, target markets, niches, school specific marketing, free and low cost approaches, financial restrictions and implications

Management 8104: Systems

Statistics (use, collection, common errors), evaluation, rewards, goals, management systems, decision making, meeting management, communication, management control information, school culture

Sociolinguistics 2101

The social study of language, ethnography of speaking and the structure of conversation

Sociolinguistics 3102

Locating variation in speech, styles, gender and social class

Sociolinguistics 5103

Bilinguals and bilingualism, societal multilingualism, applied sociolinguistics

TESOL Methodology 1101

How MATESOL students use knowledge about language in teaching ESL classes, Key themes in TESOL MA teacher education



TESOL Methodology 2102

Supporting ideas behind TESOL methodology,
grammar translation method, direct method

TESOL Methodology 4103

Audio-Lingual method, the silent way,
desuggestopedia

TESOL Methodology 6104

Community language learning, total physical
response, communicative language teaching

TESOL Methodology 7105

Content-based, task-based and participatory
approaches, learning strategy training, cooperative
learning and multiple intelligences

Thesis 4101

Write a brief outline of your thesis topic and
supporting arguments; submit initial bibliography

Thesis 9902

Submit your final thesis for review; present/defend
thesis to instructors