



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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English Language and Linguistics at Birmingham

The University of Birmingham is home to one of the world-leading centres of excellence for both teaching and research in English Language and Linguistics. We offer a range of high quality programmes, modes of delivery and specialist topics so you should find something to suit your needs, interests and expertise.

The University has been ranked as one of the world's top 50 institutions to study English Language and Literature in the 2019 QS World Rankings. Times Higher Education also ranked us as one of the top departments of English Language in the country for our performance in the latest Research Excellence Framework exercise, with over 85% of our research judged to be 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent', making the Department an ideal place to undertake postgraduate study.

The Department is home to a variety of student run postgraduate groups. We are particularly

proud of the role our postgraduates play in adding to the life of the Department; for example our postgraduate researchers often organise and run their own conferences and research forums.

We offer programmes spanning a range of English Language specialisms, and provide opportunities to study both on-campus and by distance learning.

Our lively postgraduate community also offers excellent routes in to this field through our PhD and MA by Research programmes.



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Programmes

- Applied Linguistics MA
- Applied Linguistics MA (Distance Learning)
- Applied Linguistics PgCert (Distance Learning)
- Applied Linguistics with TESOL MA
- Language, Culture and Communication MA
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) MA
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) MA (Distance Learning)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) PgCert (Distance Learning)
- English Language and Applied Linguistics PhD/MA by Research
- English Language and Applied Linguistics PhD by Distance Learning





STUDENT PROFILE

'I really appreciated that I have had a personal tutor during the whole semester, we met in a very small group every week and had discussions with my group members. All of the questions were answered by my tutor and we felt relaxed to join in with the small group discussions. I also have a supervisor who was very responsible and patient when I was preparing my dissertation. Each supervision was helpful and was arranged every one or two weeks. The one-to-one supervision was efficiently conducted and was very useful in my writing.'

'Since I had already worked in a middle school for one year, I thought I knew what teaching was like and what they should do. However, after studying TESOL as a student at UoB, I learnt a lot from my teachers. For example, the teachers in our major never complained about the students' mistakes and would give real encouragement and help students in their study. The students' confidence was built during the classes and their interests were stimulated by the interesting activities and teachers' passion in the class.'

YUE ZHU, MA TESOL



Your career prospects

Our postgraduates develop a broad range of transferable skills that are highly valued by employers, particularly in relation to verbal and written communication. They also develop crucial skills in organisation, time management, analysis and interpretation of information.

Many of our graduates enter roles within the profession such as in teaching or lecturing whilst others use their skills in journalism, marketing and events.

Scholarships

Each year, the College of Arts and Law offer a number of funding opportunities for English Language students. For more information, please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/calfunding

Your learning

English Language and Linguistics students at Birmingham have free access to the resources held at the Centre for Corpus Research and the Linguistics Lab. You will also have access to the resources such as the Academic Writing Advisory Service and the Bank of Assessed Work to help with transitioning to postgraduate studies or if you are returning to the world of academia.

You will have access to a range of world-class resources to support your studies in the University's Main Library, as well as benefiting from our close proximity to the Library of Birmingham, the largest municipal library in Europe.

Research students also have the opportunity to undertake intensive graduate language training over just one year to enable you to read and analyse primary and/or academic texts in French, German, Russian, Italian or Spanish, allowing you to access materials in other languages that may be valuable to your research.

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This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place.

Please note the information in this brochure is correct at time of publication but may be subject to change (November 2019).