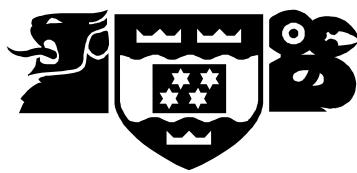


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## *New course announcement*

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### *Masters in TESOL/Applied Linguistics*

## **TASK-BASED LANGUAGE TEACHING (LALS 519)**

LALS is pleased to announce a new 15 point Masters course on task-based language teaching to be offered in the second trimester of 2014.

### **Why a course on task-based language teaching?**

In recent years task-based language teaching and learning (TBLT) has attracted the interest of researchers, materials writers and teachers and, as a result, has been widely adopted in language teaching contexts worldwide. For language teachers it offers a principled pedagogy for teaching communicatively without losing sight of opportunities for deliberate attention to language structures and forms. For researchers, tasks provide a means for investigating a cluster of learning processes associated with interaction, collaborative learning, input processing, language production and feedback to name but a few. In all, TBLT is a distinct and dynamic domain in language pedagogy/applied linguistics and one that has much to offer Masters students with an interest in cutting edge developments in the field.

### **Course content**

In the course we will draw on research and classroom perspectives to explore teaching through tasks, including a focus on the design of tasks, TBLT methodology and on the practical and contextual issues that teachers face when implementing tasks in specific learning contexts. Course members will have opportunities to apply ideas from the course to their particular teaching context whether it be teaching beginners or advanced learners, children or adults, ESOL/EFL or other second languages.

### **When**

Trimester 2, 2014 (14 July to 17 October). This course will be offered on-campus and by distance. On-campus classes will be on Tuesdays between 1-3pm.

### **Teaching staff**

The course will be taught by Dr Jonathan Newton who has been exploring TBLT in his teaching, research and publications for much of his career.

### **How to enrol and to find out more**

To find out how to enrol, visit the LALS MA page

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/study/postgraduate/ma>

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