Postgraduate programmes from the School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies

Open doors to new opportunities in language-related careers. Our 12-month, 180-point programmes provide Master’s-level expertise without the need for an Honours degree.

**MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS**

In an ever more connected and multilingual world there is increasing demand for researchers who have an understanding of how language works: of linguistic diversity, intercultural communication and language processing. This programme combines a foundation of research skills with extended research projects to give you the knowledge, ability and experience to undertake independent advanced research in linguistics, including interdisciplinary perspectives.

Linguistics at Victoria is a research-intensive programme, with internationally renowned, externally funded research projects in areas such as:

- heritage languages
- indigenous languages of the Pacific
- language in the workplace
- language variation in psycholinguistic processing
- New Zealand English
- the syntax-phonology interface.

As a graduate of this programme, you will be attractive to employers looking for high-level researchers, policy analysts and communicators on a range of language-related matters. It will also give you an excellent foundation to move on to PhD study, at Victoria or internationally.

**MASTER OF ARTS IN TESOL**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS**

Global mobility and the spread of English as an international language have generated huge demand worldwide for qualified teachers of languages and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL). Both the Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics programmes are designed to equip you with a strong research-based foundation in languages education and with a suite of practical skills for functioning effectively as twenty-first century teachers of language/English as a second or foreign language.

Victoria University of Wellington is an international leader in TESOL teacher education and in language learning and teaching research. You will be placed competitively for positions internationally in education and government sectors, especially in language teaching and curriculum development, language policy and language testing and assessment.

The two degrees are taught Master’s programmes, with various options for an independent research component (i.e. a research project, dissertation or thesis). Both draw from the same bank of courses, but for the Applied Linguistics programme, two research methods are required, while these courses are optional in the TESOL programme.
MASTER OF ARTS IN SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING

Many people who come to love language learning also develop an interest in teaching language and/or working abroad. Continue to develop your proficiency in your chosen second language while simultaneously deepening your knowledge and expertise in language teaching and learning.

The Master of Arts in Second Language Learning and Teaching (SLLT) is offered jointly by the School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies, Te Kawa a Māui and the School of Languages and Cultures. Learn from world-class researchers and language educators in applied linguistics, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Māori and Spanish. Courses cover further language fluency development, research into how languages are learned and pedagogical methods and practice, including how to teach grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening and speaking in a second language.

Prepare yourself for a career in language teaching nationally and internationally, after obtaining official teaching certification. You will also gain desirable skills in the areas of curriculum development and policy advising.

Graduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

This Graduate Certificate (GCertTESOL) is ideal for those who are interested in gaining an initial qualification to teach English to speakers of other languages overseas or in New Zealand.

The programme achieves a high level of integration of theory and practice, with more than 30 hours of practical teaching experience in the English Language Institute. This includes supervised teaching of small groups and whole classes of English language learners, as well as observation of experienced language teachers.

The GCertTESOL has limited entry for 12 students and is offered in the summer trimester each year. To apply, students need a minimum of an undergraduate degree, or to be very close to finishing a degree, preferably in a language-related discipline.

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