

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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Undergraduate:

COMMUNICATION (EFL) AND MEDIA STUDIES
(January, July and September Entries)

COMMUNICATION, MEDIA AND JOURNALISM
(January, July and September Entries)

Postgraduate:

MA / POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE IN TESOL
(TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)
(January, April, July and September Entries)

EFL: Programmes for speakers of English as a foreign language
ESL: Programmes for speakers of English as a second language

Choice of programme to be confirmed after consultation with the Head of the English Department.

COMMUNICATION (EFL) AND MEDIA STUDIES [BA]

January Entry

All courses are 15 units, except where specified as 30 units.

JOINT HONOURS			
Term	YEAR ONE		
1 Winter	Modern English Language [4]	ONE of: Photojournalism [4] Free Choice	Publication Design [4]
2 Spring	Modern English Usage [4]	ONE of: Introduction to Reporting [4] Free Choice	Applied Publication Design [4]
THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION			
3 Summer	Interpersonal Communication [5]	Media Campaigns [5]	Media Studies [5]
4 Autumn	Mass Communication [5]	Media Discourse [5]	Principles of Media Practice [5]
THE PART 1 EXAMINATION			
YEAR TWO			
5 Winter	Intercultural Communication (EFL) [6]	Film Making [6]	Press Journalism [6]
6 Spring	Global Communication (EFL) [6]	Film Studies [6]	Online Media [6]
THE PART 2 STAGE 1 EXAMINATION			
7 Summer	English in Society [6]	Advertising [6]	ONE of: Radio Journalism [6] Translation Skills [6]
8 Autumn	English in Institutions [6]	News Management and Public Relations [6]	ONE of: TV Journalism [6]* Translation Methods [6]
THE PART 2 STAGE 2 EXAMINATION			

* Students choosing, and successfully completing, the Radio Journalism and TV Journalism courses may have their programme renamed *Communication (EFL), Media and Journalism*.

COMMUNICATION (EFL) AND MEDIA STUDIES [BA]

July Entry

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Term	YEAR ONE		
1 Summer	Interpersonal Communication [4]	Media Campaigns [4]	Media Studies [4]
2 Autumn	Mass Communication [4]	ONE of: * Media Language [4] Media Discourse [4]	Principles of Media Practice [4]
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COMMUNICATION (EFL) AND MEDIA STUDIES [BA]

September Entry – 9 terms

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JOINT HONOURS			
Term	YEAR ONE		
1 Autumn	Text Studies [4]	Media Language [4]	
THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 1			
2 Winter	Modern English Language [4]	Publication Design [4]	
3 Spring	Modern English Usage [4]	Applied Publication Design [4]	
THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2			
4 Summer	Interpersonal Communication [5]	Media Campaigns [5]	Media Studies [5]
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COMMUNICATION, MEDIA AND JOURNALISM [BA]

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	COMBINED HONOURS		
Term	YEAR ONE		
1 Winter	English Composition [4]	ONE of: Photojournalism [4] Free Choice	Publication Design [4]
2 Spring	Discourse and Debate [4]	ONE of: Introduction to Reporting [4] Free Choice	Applied Publication Design [4]
	THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION		
3 Summer	Intercultural Communication [5]	Media Campaigns [5]	Media Studies [5]
4 Autumn	Global Communication [5]	ONE of: Text Studies [5] Literary Journalism 1642-Present [5]	Principles of Media Practice [5]
	THE PART 1 EXAMINATION		
	YEAR TWO		
5 Winter	Diversity in English [6]	Film Making [6]	Press Journalism [6]
6 Spring	Change in English [6]	Film Studies [6]	Online Media [6]
	THE PART 2 STAGE 1 EXAMINATION		
7 Summer	Language and Society [6]	Advertising [6]	ONE of: * Media Work Placement Radio Journalism [6]
8 Autumn	Language and Power [6]	News Management and Public Relations [6]	TV Journalism [6]
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**MA / POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA / POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TESOL
(TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)**

All courses are 15 units, except where specified as 30 units.

	All main courses appear in non-italic, skills and methods (teacher training) courses appear in <i>italic</i> Projects are normally substitutes for skills and methods courses.		
TERM	JANUARY ENTRY		
WINTER	Grammar and Lexis	Second Language Acquisition	<i>Teaching Young Learners [6]</i>
			Project
	APRIL ENTRY		
SPRING	Text and Discourse	Sound and Speech	<i>Teaching Literacy [6]</i>
			Project
	JULY ENTRY		
SUMMER	Language and Literature	Culture and Communication	<i>TEFL Skills [6]</i>
			Project
	SEPTEMBER ENTRY		
AUTUMN	Classroom Processes and Materials	Design and Testing	<i>TEFL Methods [6]</i>
			Project

MA TESOL:

1. Length and entry points. The MA TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) is a 12-month programme, which students may start in January, April, July or September each year.
2. Programme component courses. Students are required to complete 180 units of study. The programme normally comprises 120 units of main courses, and 60 units of skills and methods (teacher-training) courses (see table).
3. Exemptions/Substitutions. Students with satisfactory teaching experience (or students who have already taken similar courses at undergraduate level) may be exempted by the Head of Department up to 60 units of skills and methods (teacher-training) courses (**Teaching Young Learners, Teaching Literacy, TEFL Skills, TEFL Methods**), but are required to undertake projects or other specified courses up to 60 units by way of substitution (see table).
4. Projects. In consultation with the Head of Department a project may be offered in lieu of 15 or 30 or 45 units of taught courses. The candidate's choice of topic for the project, which should be a subject within the general field of Teaching English as a Foreign Language, must be submitted to the Head of Department for approval and for the appointment of a supervisor, no later than the end of the third week of the preceding term, for 45 unit projects, or no later than the beginning of term for 15 or 30 unit projects.
 - 4.1 A 15-unit project shall consist of between 5-6,000 words, a 30-unit project of between 8-10,000 words, and 45 unit project of between 12-15,000 words. Two copies of the project should be submitted, one of which will be returned to the candidate.
 - 4.2 A project must be submitted within twelve months of a candidate's first admission to the programme and must contain a bibliography distinguishing between primary and secondary sources. These sections should be arranged alphabetically under the surname of the author.
 - 4.3 In exceptional circumstances, a candidate who fails to meet the deadline for the submission

of a project may apply to the Head of Department for an extension of time. Candidates will be required to pay the standard administration fee during this period of extension. In no circumstances may an extension be granted for more than one additional term in the case of a 15 or 30-unit project, or two terms in the case of a 45 unit project.

- 4.4 A project submitted without permission in the term following that in which it is due will be marked out of 40 maximum. Candidates will also be required to pay the standard administration fee for that term.
5. Assessment. Candidates will be assessed at the end of each term's course and notified of the results at the beginning of the next term. Results will be reported to the Board of Examiners in January and June. Course assessment normally comprises coursework (but may include a test, depending on the particular course).
6. Course assessment timetable. Assessed work must normally be submitted by the end of Week 9; any assessed work submitted in Week 10 without prior permission is marked out of 50 maximum for that component.
7. Re-sit/Resubmission. A candidate who fails any of the assessed components of a course may re-sit the test or resubmit the failed coursework component by the end of the next term, but no later, for a pass mark of 50 maximum for that course overall. Any one piece of assessed work first handed in after Week 10 of the previous term is marked out of 40 maximum for that component; any two pieces are marked for a maximum mark of 40 for that course overall.
8. MA TESOL: Completion. A candidate who has completed twelve months of study (180) credits with a pass mark of 50% or more in all courses, will be awarded an MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MA TESOL)
9. Postgraduate Diploma in TESOL: Completion.
 - a) A candidate who, having completed 12 months of study, fails to achieve the Masters standard but achieves a minimum mark of 40% or more in all of the MA TESOL courses (180 credits) may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages (PgDip TESOL).
 - b) A candidate who has completed nine months of study (135 credits of taught courses) with a pass mark of 50% or more in all nine courses may be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (PgDip TESOL)
10. Postgraduate Certificate in TESOL: Completion:

A candidate who has completed six months study (90 credits of taught courses) with a pass mark of 40% or more in all six courses may be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages (Pgcert TESOL).
11. MA TESOL pass by compensation. A candidate who obtains a mark between 40-49 in not more than 30 units may be permitted to pass the degree as a whole by compensation where, in the opinion of the Board of Examiners, the candidate has demonstrated sufficient strength in the other courses comprised within the degree. A candidate who has passed by compensation is not eligible for the award of merit or distinction.
12. English language competence. In order to be eligible for the award of the MA, candidates must have achieved a minimum exit level in both oral and written English equivalent to an IELTS score of 7.
13. Residence in Buckingham. Exceptionally, students who are granted permission to offer a 45-unit project and who have completed three terms (135 credits) of taught courses may, with the approval of the Head of Department and subject to the payment of the programme fees in full, be permitted to be non-resident during the final term and complete their MA TESOL project elsewhere under supervision from Buckingham.