Looking for a career teaching English?

Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL)

Main details:

Mode of delivery	Face-to-face	Online	Face-to-face
Day of the week	Friday	Friday	Friday
Location	Brasshouse Languages (Library of Birmingham)	Online	Brasshouse Languages (Library of Birmingham)
Lesson times	11:00 – 13:30	11:00 – 13:30	11:00 – 13:30
Essential introduction	**N/A**	**09/01/2026**	**N/A**
Main course start date	**26/09/2025**	**16/01/2026**	**24/04/2026**
End date	**12/12/2025**	**27/03/2026**	**17/07/2026**
Fees	£150 (bursaries available)		

Who is this course for?

Our **non-accredited** Introduction to TESOL course is exactly what you are looking for if you are:

- thinking about a career teaching English as a Second Language (ESOL) and would like to know more before investing in the formal teaching qualifications required to work in this sector
- already working as a volunteer ESOL teacher
- interested in becoming a volunteer ESOL teacher

No teaching experience or qualifications are required to join this course, however, an interest in teaching English to speakers of other languages and some knowledge about this area of teaching is desirable.

Applicants would need to have sufficient English language skills (level 2) to fully participate in the course.

Although course fees are set at £150, you may be eligible for full funding. See 'Course fee exemptions' below.

Please note: The online version of this course is delivered in real time and you will need to have a laptop or PC with web cam and an internet connection capable of handling interactive video calls and screen switching. More information on this will be available during the induction prior to the start of the course.

What are the course aims?

- to give an outline of current approaches in English language teaching to adult learners
- to look at some specific methods and materials
- to help participants decide if they wish to make a career in ESOL teaching

Will I gain any qualifications?

There is no qualification at the end of this course, there will be information on opportunities for further training and employment in English Language Teaching. This course is to help you to decide whether teaching ESOL is for you.

Course content

The programme includes:

- a beginner's class in a foreign language
- language awareness: an introduction to grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation in the English Language Teaching context
- approaches to teaching literacy skills
- current approaches to language teaching
- classroom observation or video observation
- micro-teaching session
- English Language teaching materials
- using ICT in language teaching

Course fee exemptions

The full course cost is £150. Applicants who meet the following criteria, will be able to apply for a bursary to cover the full cost of the course:

- Those who currently volunteer as an ESOL teacher or support assistant with a reputable third sector organisation. Evidence in the form of a letter will need to be provided.
- Asylum seekers who have been in the UK for more than 6 months and have sufficient English language skills (ESOL/Functional Skills English Level 2 +)

Applicants who claim certain benefits or meet other criteria may also be exempt from paying course fees. Contact the BAES Information Line on 0121 303 4318 or email information@baes.ac.uk for more information on this.

Next steps

If you have any questions regarding the course, please contact Paschalina Domouxi at domouxip@baes.ac.uk

To apply for this course, please complete the form, as soon as possible, via the link below:
https://forms.office.com/r/vzETcd5uLX