

English language teaching (ELT)

Essentials

At Sussex, you take English Language Teaching alongside another subject as part of a joint degree

What English language teaching degrees are there?

English Language Teaching and a Language (one from French, Italian or Spanish)

English and English Language Teaching (p68)
English Language and English Language Teaching (p71)

What A levels/IB scores do I need?

(For other qualifications information, refer to pages 125-129)

Typical A level offer: ABB

A levels (or equivalent) must include your chosen language at grade B

Typical IB diploma offer: 34 points, normally including your chosen language at Higher Level with a final grade of 5

Fees

Refer to pages 137-138 for information on fees

English language requirements

IELTS 6.5 overall and not less than 6.0 in both the Listening and Writing sections. Internet-based TOEFL with 90 overall, including at least 24 in Speaking and 25 in Writing. For alternative English language requirements, refer to page 130

How do I find out more?

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When can I visit?

Our Open Day dates for 2011 are 11 June and 8 October. We also run regular campus tours.

Please book online at www.sussex.ac.uk/visitors or call 01273 876787

Why English language teaching?

English is a language of international communication, and children and adults worldwide have a desire to learn English. Learning to teach English gives you a global perspective and offers you the opportunity to travel and live abroad.

Why English language teaching at Sussex?

- acquire a professional qualification – the Trinity College London Certificate in TESOL – alongside your degree
- rigorous practical training in the skills of English language teaching
- taught by experienced, practising teachers and teacher trainers
- includes teaching practice as an integral part of the degree programme
- gain an in-depth view of language from the learner's perspective
- first-rate language teaching and learning facilities at your disposal, including a fully computerised language learning suite with internet access and satellite TV.

What sort of career could I have?

- English language teaching in the UK and overseas
- English language teaching materials writing
- teacher training
- ELT publishing
- marketing.

How will I learn?

In addition to seminars and workshops, you will be trained to teach English by observing experienced teachers and by undertaking supervised teaching practice with feedback from a tutor. Your teaching skills will be assessed as part of your degree. In the final year, you will undertake a research project on an aspect of language teaching or learning that interests you.

What will I achieve?

- an understanding of the principles and practice of language teaching
- skill in the use of teaching techniques and classroom management
- awareness of the psychological, sociological and cultural factors that can affect second-language acquisition
- knowledge of how the grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation of English 'work' from the perspective of a non-English-speaking learner
- an appreciation of the broader educational and social contexts within which English is taught worldwide.

Degree

English Language Teaching and a Language (one from French, Italian or Spanish) BA (Hons), 4 years UCAS Code: RX91

This degree provides the opportunity to gain the skills and understanding necessary to teach English as a foreign language, combined with intensive study of your chosen European language and relevant aspects of European thought, history and culture.

Alongside your English language teaching core courses, you have classes in your chosen language. You also study aspects of European society in Year 1, choose from courses on European issues and topics in Year 2, and choose from courses on European culture, art and society in your final year. In Year 2, you also have the opportunity to acquire the Trinity College London Certificate in TESOL. Your third year is spent abroad in a country where your chosen language is spoken. You can spend this year studying or use the English language teaching qualification you acquired at the end of your second year of study to work as a teacher of English, thus gaining invaluable experience in both areas of your joint degree programme.

Refer to the core courses list above right for details of English language teaching courses; refer to the languages subject entry on page 85 for more information on these courses.

Core courses

Courses currently include:

Year 1

You will be introduced to the role of English and of English language teaching in the world today, and learn about different approaches. You will learn about classroom management and lesson planning, and start teaching under the guidance of your tutor

Year 2

You will learn in greater depth about the lexis and grammar of English, as well as more about how to teach these areas of language; and about curriculum development and how to design an English language syllabus. You also complete your teaching practice, entering for the Trinity College London Certificate in TESOL towards the end of the second year

Final year

You learn about more specialised areas of methodology, eg teaching children and using information technology. You also study second-language acquisition, ie the psychological and social factors that affect the way in that people learn languages. In addition, you undertake a research project, eg a case study of a learner of English or a small piece of classroom research

Deborah's career perspective

'When applying for university, Sussex was my first and only choice – attractive for its strong academic reputation, location and, most importantly, the expertise of the faculty.'

'Sussex offered the rare opportunity to study English literature alongside English language teaching, enabling me to combine my passion for the arts with an interest in language and teaching.'

'My degree equipped me with skills for teaching that have proved invaluable since starting work at ISIS Study Centre Brighton. My job requires me to put into practice the theories and philosophies of learning that I gained at Sussex to the benefit of all learners of every nationality.'

Deborah Caldicott
English Language Teacher,
ISIS Study Centre Brighton

