



BISHOP
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UNIVERSITY

TESOL* & Linguistics

BA (Hons)

*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages



WHY STUDY TESOL & Linguistics at BGU?

Free flights to an Asian destination to gain international teaching experience.

Free accredited professional
TESOL teaching qualification
(Trinity certificate) whilst studying.

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Excellent opportunities to practice
TESOL in educational settings
across the UK and the rest of the world.

Ideal if you are looking to expand your
horizons within education and beyond the traditional
primary and secondary teaching routes.



Hello

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TESOL & Linguistics at BGU

Have you ever considered how English is used globally? Do you have a particular interest in how languages are learned and taught? Do you have ambitions to travel and teach? If so, our exciting BA in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) & Linguistics could be the ideal course for you.

The course is designed for aspiring teachers or individuals who wish to pursue a career in working with learners of English as an additional, second or foreign language. We will work with you to enhance and develop your understanding of the different approaches to studying languages. You will consider how languages are learnt and used in multicultural communities across the world.

You will study the history, structure and use of English in different social and cultural settings and will familiarise yourself with how English is taught in a variety of contexts.

During the course, you will develop a comprehensive understanding of professional competence and of the theoretical implications of the practice of English language teaching. With an emphasis on the integration of practice and theory, you will be acquainted with approaches and techniques of teaching the English language to speakers of other languages and develop a range of practical skills.

The course delivers best practice in teaching and learning while opening opportunities for overseas work and travel. If you study with us, you can bridge the gap between your current qualifications and the knowledge and skills required for teaching English in international or independent UK settings. It is also an ideal preparation for gaining a place on QTS courses, including a PGCE in primary or secondary English.

For full details of all of our courses, including combinations, module details, entry requirements and much more, visit bishopg.ac.uk/courses





BGU has offered me an unforgettable time. From my extremely supportive professors, to the never ending available resources, down to the yummiest cakes I have ever had at Curiositea (BGU's on campus coffee shop); it has indeed been a fulfilling journey!"

Iman
TESOL

KEY FACTS

AWARD: BA (Hons)

DURATION: 3 years full-time

START DATE: September

TYPICAL OFFER:
96 – 112 UCAS tariff points

INSTITUTION CODE: B38



“Acclimatising to life at BGU was really easy thanks to the overwhelming support I received from the university both in and outside classrooms. Course mates, faculty, the Library, CELT wherever I’ve been everyone has been wonderful.”

Moses
TESOL

TESOL & Linguistics modules

At BGU you can study TESOL & Linguistics as a **single** honours degree, giving you an in-depth knowledge of the subject. Depending on your year of entry, options and any potential course combinations, you may study some or all of the following modules in TESOL & Linguistics at BGU.

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Year 1

Introduction to First Language Acquisition

This module introduces the fundamentals of language learning, showing how classroom practice is shaped by theoretical considerations with a focus on the general cognitive and psychological mechanisms in the language acquisition process. The different language acquisition theories will be examined and critically assessed in the light of empirical evidence.

Historical Linguistics

When and where did English language begin to sound like the English we can recognise? When did it begin to have the form we know? The answers to these questions will be given during this module. It will engage you with the phenomenon of language change and will inform you about the history of the English Language, tracing its development from its beginnings as part of the Indo-European family of languages through to its various changes through Old, Middle and Modern English.

Second Language Acquisition

Have you ever tried to learn a new language? Have you ever wondered how people learn more than one language? If you are thinking of doing some language teaching as a career, then it would be useful to have an understanding of the processes that language learners go through. Through studying this module you will examine current views on the processes of second/foreign language use and language learning.

Language and Communication

This module will give you a better understanding of what is involved in studying linguistics, and help you to develop the linguistic skills and knowledge that you need for your future career in teaching. This is a foundation module for your studies in TESOL and Linguistics.



Year 2

Discourse Analysis Project

In this module you will have the opportunity to analyse and evaluate distinctive styles of language in different situations; spoken, written or digital. You will also explore how factors such as communicative intention, politeness and indirectness affect our use of language. You will explore how power is conveyed through language and look at the methods used to collect and study discourse data.

TESOL in Practice 1

This module will help you to use your theoretical knowledge of linguistic form (phonological, lexical and syntactic), function and meaning in standard English and teach it to learners. You will have the opportunity to explore one-to-one teaching, teaching methodologies and activities appropriate for beginner learners of a language.

TESOL in Practice 2

During this module you will gain first hand experience of English language teaching. It will help you design your lessons, prepare your materials and activities and reflect on them. You will have the opportunity to work with other students to design activities and whole lessons.

Research Skills

Research Skills will be a core module intended to provide you with the tools that you need to do your own research in teaching, linguistics and education. You will get familiar with qualitative, quantitative and mixed method research designs to become an increasingly informed and productive research scholar.

Sociolinguistics

This module explores different aspects of the relationship between language and society, focusing on themes that traditionally come under the label 'Sociolinguistics'. In particular, the concept of 'variation' will be the focus of attention; the relationship between sociological characteristics (e.g. age, gender, educational level, social class) and change will be the main themes underlying the module.

TESOL Methodologies

This module will guide you through the basic methodologies of teaching English as a second or foreign language. Emphasis will be placed on the current principles, approaches and methods and their relationship to theories of language learning. This module will introduce you to the practice of teaching English as a foreign language.

Year 3

Language Research Project: Dissertation

This module intends to bring together the knowledge you will have acquired during your studies. You will demonstrate your ability to design, conduct and report the results of a research project in an area of TESOL and/or Linguistics. You will work independently, under the guidance of a supervisor, drawing upon the skills acquired during the research skills module and write a dissertation on any topic related to the modules you attended during your three years of study.

Innovations in English Language Teaching

In this module you will use your creative skills and imagination to examine innovative ways in the teaching of foreign languages. You will have the opportunity to explore how to use technology, augmented and virtual reality and games as tools in language teaching.

English Language in Contexts

This is a key module if you aspire to teach English in the primary, secondary, further, higher education or the professional sectors. It aims to familiarise you with concepts such as English for Specific Purposes (ESP), English for Academic Purposes (EAP), English for Business Purposes (EBP) and with the finer details of the National Curriculum for English Language to foster an awareness of the skills and knowledge that will be required to teach English in the compulsory education sector.

Material Design and Evaluation

This module will give you the opportunity to evaluate and design materials for language teaching use. You will develop a practical understanding of the role, principles and procedures of the design, implementation and evaluation of language teaching materials.

Testing and Assessment in English Language Teaching

This module will introduce you to the basic principles of how teachers construct and present language tests. You will look at the different purposes of tests and you will critically evaluate testing techniques that are in use in modern language teaching. You will also explore the factors that make tests valid and reliable.

What we offer

Delivery

There is no one-size-fits-all method of teaching at BGU – we shape our methods to suit each subject and each group, combining the best aspects of traditional university teaching with innovative techniques to promote student participation and interactivity.

You will be taught in a variety of ways, from lectures, tutorials and seminars, to practical workshops, coursework and work-based placements. Small group seminars and workshops will provide you with an opportunity to review issues raised in lectures, and you will be expected to carry out independent study.

Placements are a key part of degree study at BGU. They provide an enriching learning experience for you to apply the skills and knowledge you will gain from your course and, in doing so, give valuable real-world experience to boost your career.

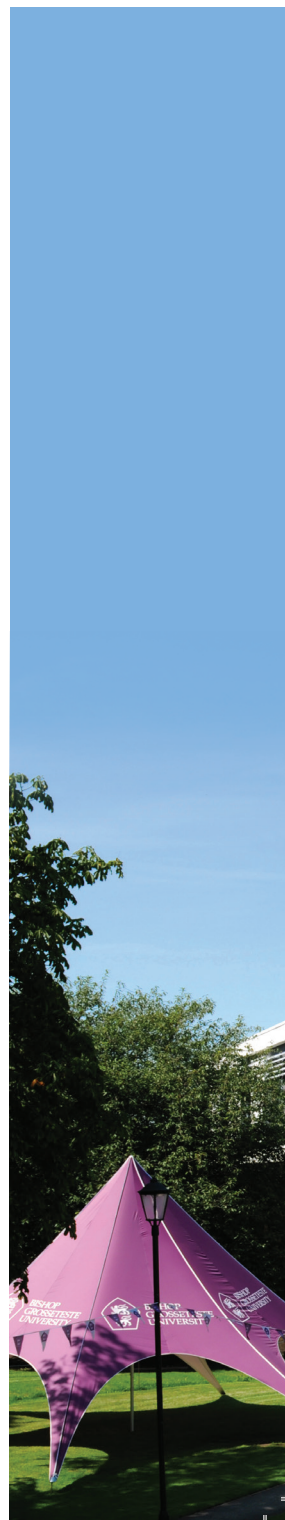
Assessment

We recognise that individuals come from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, so we use a variety of assessment strategies on our courses.

You will generally be assessed through a wide range of methods such as assessed presentations, written assignments, online discussion and ICT based tasks, teaching practice and portfolios of work. A research project in the form of the final dissertation in the third year of the course will encourage you to become research informed English language teachers who have the ability to make knowledgeable judgements about their own practice.

Support

Staff and students work together in a friendly and supportive atmosphere as



part of an intimate campus community. You will know every member of staff personally and feel confident approaching them for help and advice. Staff members will recognise you, not just by sight, but as an individual with unique talents and interests. We will be there to support you, personally and academically, from induction to graduation.

Trinity Certificate

As part of this course, you will have the opportunity to complete the Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL). Completing this will:

- Provide you with an internationally recognised TESOL certificate
- Offer you a route to work in schools, colleges and other settings across the globe
- Equip you with practical teaching skills

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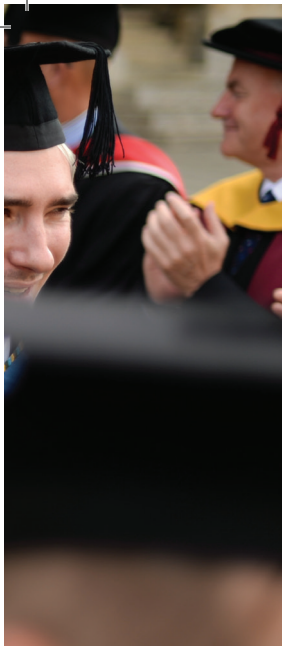
Your future

Our students have excellent rates of employability when they graduate from BGU, which is great news for you as it means that you can study for a degree knowing that your future is in safe hands. Our employability rates are extremely important to us here at BGU, which is why we offer placement opportunities as an integral part of our courses.

BGU boasts extremely high employability ratings. Our BA TESOL and Linguistics course will provide you with a solid foundation in Linguistics and TESOL. On successful completion you will be able to apply your knowledge of the latest theory, policy and

practice of international English language education to a variety of global professions. With your degree you can continue your professional development in English language teaching, education, speech and language therapy, media, publishing, both in international and UK contexts. You will also have the opportunity to pursue further studies within a field of linguistics.

Alongside the BA, if you wish to progress towards achieving QTS, opportunities exist to complete our pre-teaching course which can assist you with gaining a place on one of our PGCE courses.



Take a look at
what qualities
and skills you'll
develop as a
BGU student
[bishopg.ac.uk/
graduate-attri
butes](https://bishopg.ac.uk/graduate-attributes)

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BGU creates a
harmonious society;
the community
here is amazing. I
would say to anyone
thinking of coming to
BGU that if they are
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Moses

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Why BGU?

Here at BGU we've been providing first-class education to students for over 150 years. We're based in the heart of historic Lincoln, a beautiful and extremely student-friendly city.

Navigating around Lincoln on foot is simple, from the cobbled streets uphill to the modern city centre and waterfront downhill.

We're located uphill on an attractive, leafy campus just a few minutes' walk from Lincoln's medieval Cathedral, Castle and Bailgate area.

With plenty of live entertainment, cultural attractions and nightlife hotspots, there's plenty to keep you entertained, uphill and downhill.

Visit **[bishopg.ac.uk/lincoln](https://www.bishopg.ac.uk/lincoln)** to find out what's on offer in Lincoln.



“

BGU was always my first choice when considering universities. Everything about it is beautiful, from the leafy green trees to the red brick buildings – and everything on the inside is just amazing.”

Sian

English Literature

As a single-site campus, just about everything you need is close by, whether it be your tutors, your friends, your lectures or the places in which you like to relax.

Our students are some of the happiest in the UK, which is incredibly important to us. We really care about our students and aim to support them all the way through their studies; from application to graduation.

People often say that there's something special about BGU, that the people really care. There's a warm and friendly feel to life here and we do everything possible to look after our students in any way we can.

Studying as part of a close-knit community, you'll get to know staff personally and feel confident in being able to approach them for help and

Explore what we have to offer on our campus at bishopg.ac.uk/campus

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I came here on an Open Day and really loved it.

My first impression at the Open Day was very positive because BG is a smaller university. You go to some universities and they are really massive, scary big city campuses. Here I felt really comfortable.”

Hayley

Education Studies



advice. Staff will recognise you - not just by sight but as an individual with unique talents, interests and needs. We'll be there to support you, academically and personally, from the day you start until long after you leave.

Life after BGU is extremely important and we offer many different methods

of support for your future career. This, alongside our talented graduates, is one of the reasons that we consistently achieve impressive employability figures.

This is great news for you as you'll be able to study at BGU knowing that your education is in safe hands!

There's no better way to really get a feel for what BGU has to offer than by coming to visit us. To book your place now visit **bishopg.ac.uk/opensdays**



The family feel is exactly why people should study at BGU. BGU becomes your home regardless of your age or background. In fact, I felt such a connection with the University on my first visit that I went to five Open Days before I started my BA. I wanted to be part of BGU straight away and I know it will stay with me forever.”

Kate

Drama in the Community
& MA in Education

What happens next?

Open Days

So you've found a course you're interested in - what next? We feel very strongly that coming along to visit us on an Open Day is the very best way to find out everything about BGU.

A BGU Open Day is designed with you in mind, to give you a taste of what it's like to live, study and work here. We try to make everything as easy as possible for you, so you can relax and enjoy the day. You'll have the chance to explore the campus and surrounding area,

speak to members of academic staff about the courses you're interested in, look around our accommodation, and get any questions you may have answered.

Book your place on our next Open Day now - visit **www.bishopg.ac.uk/opendays**

If you think you'd like to apply, need more information or just want to speak to somebody about your options, contact our Enquiries team by calling **01522 583658** or emailing **enquiries@bishopg.ac.uk**




Ready to apply? Brilliant. We can't wait to receive your application! For the majority of our courses you will apply through UCAS – visit **www.bishopg.ac.uk** for all the information you will need. And don't worry – if you need help with anything, from UCAS scores to personal statements, we're here to help. Our dedicated team are ready to answer your queries and questions.

The contents of this booklet are correct at the time of going to print (January 2020). For full and up-to-date information on all of our courses, visit **bishopg.ac.uk**

Where are we?



Airports close to BGU

-  Humberside
-  Doncaster
-  Nottingham East Midlands

Where	Road	Rail
Sheffield	55 miles	1hr 20m
Nottingham	39 miles	55m
Leeds	77 miles	2hrs
York	69 miles	1hr 45m
London	144 miles	2hrs

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