MASTERS OF ARTS FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our two-year Master of Arts for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (MATESOL) program provides a well-balanced curriculum of theoretical and practical coursework to a diverse body of domestic and international students. Our students develop a comprehensive understanding of second language acquisition theory, language pedagogy, assessment, and research while also learning about the sociopolitical, multicultural, and racialized global contexts within which English instruction takes place.

Students are given the unique opportunity to take two practicum courses in which they work with international students and are mentored by experienced English language teachers as they learn to translate theory into practice. We also offer a limited number of competitive TAships, generally to second year students, which enable students to teach their own English classes.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

Faculty and advisors provide our students with continued professional development support in various forms:

- CV/Resume workshop
- Mock job interview workshop
- Conference proposal writing workshops
- Session on local job opportunities
- Application support for English Language Fellowship Program (ELF) and Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS)
- Opportunity to do a Summer Study Abroad Practicum in Spain
- A week-long Orientation for students who are offered TAs

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 2019, our program was granted the English Language Fellow Top Producing Institution Award by the US State Department for preparing the largest number of English Language Fellows. The award was given to only five institutions in the US by the State Department on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its English Language Fellow program.
Professor Suhanthie Motha has been invited to deliver a plenary talk at the American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL) conference in Denver, Colorado, 2020 titled: "Is an antiracist and decolonizing applied linguistics possible? Connecting the past to the future."

EMPLOYMENT

Students who have graduated from our program have gone on to work in a variety of teaching environments, both domestically and internationally:

- They have found employment in community colleges, at the UW International and English Language Program, and in K-12 settings.
- They have taught abroad in countries such as Austria, Brazil, Burundi, Colombia, Denmark, Georgia, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mexico, Moldova, Spain, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, and Vietnam.
- Our international students have found employment in their home countries of Brazil, China, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Turkey, and Taiwan.
- Many of our students have been awarded an English Language Fellowship from the US Department of State, serving as teachers and teacher trainers throughout the world.

FACULTY

In addition to taking core MATESOL courses offered by our program's faculty members and by highly experienced English Language Teacher educators, students have the opportunity to study with distinguished faculty from the Language and Rhetoric unit of the Department of English (see our degree requirements for more information).

MATESOL Faculty:

- Suhanthie Motha
- Priti Sandhu (Interim Director, MATESOL)

Language and Rhetoric Faculty:

- Anis Bawarshi
- Candice Rai
- Colette Moore
- Gail Stygall
- John Webster
- Juan Guerra
- Nancy Bou Ayash

PHD OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our MATESOL graduates have continued on for a PhD degree here at UW or at other institutions. If you are interested in applying to pursue a doctoral degree at UW once you graduate from our MATESOL program, you will have the opportunity to work with several highly respected scholars both within our program and in the Language and Rhetoric unit of the Department of English. You will also be able to work with faculty from other programs and colleges within the university. More information about the Department of English's MA/PhD program can be found here: MA/PhD in English Language & Literature.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application materials are due January 15.

MATESOL has a second application deadline of April 1st. However, most of the available openings are awarded in the first round of application review. Therefore, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by the January 15th deadline.

- How to Apply
- MATESOL Application Checklist

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS & PROGRAM GUIDE
The MATESOL program is designed to be completed in five to six full-time quarters. MATESOL students can refer to the MATESOL Degree Requirements for more information.

CONTACT AN ADVISOR

- For questions about the MATESOL program, please contact Wendy Asplin at matesol@uw.edu
- Meet our Graduate Staff

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