

MA in Applied Linguistics: Language Teaching (English and Chinese)



RICHMOND
THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITY
IN LONDON

Five facts about this PROGRAMME

One year full-time based in
London, taught in English

In a small but truly international
university community, with
students and faculty members from
over 100 countries

Accredited internship

In association with professional
language institutions and
organisations, and in partnership
with universities both in the UK
and abroad

Small class sizes and close
faculty supervision



Richmond University's MA in Applied Linguistics: Language Teaching (English and Chinese) aims to provide a high quality professional education. It has been designed to prepare candidates for a career as competent and reflective language teachers/researchers in the UK and internationally.

The curriculum

The MA in Applied Linguistics: Language Teaching, with its English and Chinese pathways, is based upon a 3-CA Principle in language learning and teaching: (Communicative Approach, Contrastive Analysis and Culture Awareness). We place an emphasis on developing innovative teaching methods and techniques suited to target language learners.

The primary focus and strength of this programme is the development of knowledge and skills in language teachers, enabling them to facilitate the learning of English or Chinese languages.

The programme brings together academics, applied linguists, and language teaching practitioners to offer:

- A thorough grounding in theoretical and methodological issues related to the teaching and learning of language
- A firm understanding of the impacts that language policy and technology have on language teaching and learning

This programme is designed to:

- Equip students with professional language teaching skills, in preparation for a rewarding career as a language specialist
- Develop strong applied research skills to enable students to solve problems encountered in teaching in a multilingual society

Richmond's MA in Applied Linguistics: Language Teaching (English and Chinese) is ideally suited to candidates who have recently completed their undergraduate studies, and who aspire to be leading professional language practitioners.

The programme curriculum covers areas of the study of language teaching and learning, practical language teaching skills, and the development of a thorough knowledge of the language market. As a result of a thorough grounding in theoretical and methodological issues related to the teaching and learning of language, students will acquire the foundations upon which to build a successful language teaching or research career.

Programme structure

The MA in Applied Linguistics: Language Teaching (English and Chinese) is structured as follows:

Fall Semester - Three core courses (12 credits)

- Language Learning and Language Teaching
- Course Design, Development and Assessment
- Chinese/English Language and Teaching I

Spring Semester - Three core course (12 credits)

- Chinese/English Language and Teaching II
- Language Policies, Markets and Technologies
- Research in Language Learning and Pedagogy

Summer Semester (12 credits)

- Extended Research Thesis without Internship, 15,000 - 20,000 words (12 credits)
- Or
- Research Thesis with Graduate Internship, 10,000 - 12,000 words (8 credits, plus 4 credit internship)

All courses run depending upon demand and faculty availability.

Programme information

Programme leader

Please contact the Admissions Office if you wish to speak to the Programme Leader.

Awarding institution

Developed and delivered by Richmond, The American International University in London. Accredited: Middle States Commission on Higher Education (US).

Duration

One year full-time,
September to September.

Two year part-time,
September to September.

Part time students take one or two courses per semester. All courses are taught during the daytime on weekdays.

Location

Kensington Campus. Additionally, off-site locations may be used in London as part of the practical element of the programme.

Entry requirements

US Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, or UK first degree with minimum second class honours, or an overseas equivalent as determined by the University. Relevant work experience is welcomed and may, on occasion, be accepted in lieu of a first degree, but is not required.

English Language

Applicants who are not from a majority English speaking country will be asked to supply evidence of their English language skills, which will usually be an IELTS with 6.5 overall and no element below 6.0.

Chinese Language (Chinese Pathway)

Students who are neither nationals of a Chinese speaking country or region, nor have completed a full programme in Chinese, equivalent to a UK first degree, should normally have achieved at least HSK 5 and HSKK Intermediate level.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available for Richmond's MA.

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Note: Support sessions will also be offered in academic skills and preparation for interview for internships.