

MASTER OF EDUCATION TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN/SECOND LANGUAGE (TEFL/SL)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Education in Teaching English as a Foreign/Second Language (M.Ed. in TEFL/SL) offers students an opportunity to:

- Study in a multicultural environment.
- Learn current theories of curriculum and instruction.
- Observe teaching practices in Canadian classrooms.

The program provides additional academic and cultural support to help international students cope with the demands of graduate study in English. The coursework is more intensive to enable completion within 17 months.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AS A STUDENT

- Expect to be greeted warmly upon your arrival, to be encouraged and supported – and to be challenged, excited and inspired by a once-in-a-lifetime experience.
- Expect to experience life as a graduate student in one of the top universities in Canada.
- Expect to enjoy life in the multicultural city of Vancouver, known as a safe and beautiful place.
- Expect to gain new understandings that you can apply to developing ideas and strategies on your own or other teaching environments.
- Expect to graduate with the same M.Ed. degree as any other student at SFU, with many possibilities opening before you.

WHY CHOOSE SFU?

Simon Fraser University has an outstanding academic reputation. Over the past decade, we have consistently been ranked among Canada's top comprehensive universities.

We have three campuses in the Metro Vancouver area, serving approximately 32,000 students. Our Faculty of Education has a reputation for top quality research and teaching.

Located in the province of British Columbia, we enjoy one of the most favourable climates in Canada. Metro Vancouver, with a population of more than 2 million, is home to a diverse community of people who have settled here from all over the world, especially from Asian countries.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This International M.Ed. Program has been offered since 2005. The program provides an exciting and in-depth professional, scholarly, and cultural experience for its students.

Every year, starting at the end of July or early August, a new cohort begins; the 17-month program continues through until December of the following year.

- First, an intensive 5-week orientation. This introductory course, entitled Introduction to Educational Discourses and Practices in the North American Context, helps prepare students for the demands of graduate study, particularly graduate level reading and writing that is required in the program. The course continues alongside the other required courses in the first term.
- After orientation, the program consists of 4 semesters of coursework, each 4 months long (September-December; January-April; May-August; September-December).
- There are 7 required courses, covering topics such as language learning and teaching, second language acquisition, current issues in curriculum and pedagogy and socio-cultural perspectives on education. Two terms involve Fieldwork, which is observations and practical experience in Canadian classrooms.
- Classes are seminar-style, with active discussion, independent study, intensive reading and writing of term papers for each course.
- To graduate with the M.Ed. degree, each student must complete a Comprehensive Examination, consisting of the development and presentation of a project that synthesizes the knowledge and experience students gain throughout the program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ A 4-year bachelor's degree in a field related to Teaching English as a Foreign /Second Language
- ✓ A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 from a recognized university or equivalent
- ✓ Teaching or tutoring experience an asset
- ✓ Three letters of reference
- ✓ Official transcripts, accompanied by a degree certificate
- ✓ Letter of intent
- ✓ Résumé
- ✓ English language competency through the achievement of a satisfactory score on TOEFL or IELTS (TOEFL IBT 88 with a minimum of 20 in each category, or IELTS overall band score of 7.0; TOEFL PBT 570 and TWE 5, or TOEFL CBT 230)
- ✓ A successful oral interview with an SFU representative

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2011
FOR THE 2012/2013 COHORT**

**EXTRA SUPPORT FOR THE M.ED.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

- Help with finding housing and getting settled when you arrive.
- Cultural Assistants (mentors from previous cohorts) help ease the transition to life in Vancouver.
- Ongoing Cultural Assistant (also a mentor from a previous cohort) to offer support, information, and special events throughout the program as well as alumni support.
- Faculty Coordinator to help with academic advising.
- Academic literacy support to help with the demands of reading and writing at the graduate level.

**PLUS - SFU HAS MANY SERVICES FOR
STUDENTS, including**

- Health, Counselling and Career services
- Volunteer opportunities
- An active university-wide International program
- A large research library
- Over 150 student-led clubs
- Transit pass that enables students to travel throughout the city

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FEES *

Application Fee	\$ 125
Tuition Fees	\$26,000
Student Fees	\$ 2,675
Total Program Fees	\$28,800

Other Costs:	
Books and Supplies (estimate)	\$ 700
Living Expenses (estimate)	\$26,000
Total Other Costs	\$26,700

TOTAL (estimate for 17 months) \$55,500

* 2012/2013 Cohort fees are in Canadian dollars, based on 22 participants, and subject to minor changes.

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