

20 years of our MA TESOL



This year we mark 20 years of our MA TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). Kim Willis, Programme leader MA TESOL, writes about some of the successes of the course which has impacted students' lives across the globe.

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It is just over 20 years since the MA TESOL was first validated, and to celebrate this, the Team asked some of those who have studied with us from around the globe to share their thoughts about the course, as well as their own success stories.

It has been fascinating to read how their careers have developed over the years and how they have built on the foundation of the Master's degree in Sunderland, using what they learned on the programme in concrete ways.

Some of our MA TESOL graduates

One of our earlier graduates, wrote: "I particularly enjoyed the Corpus Linguistics module and have used components of it in my teaching ever since." Another of our former students was previously a pilot, and now teaches and tests Aviation English, as well as running a website with resources for students and teachers. A further IDL (Independent Distance Learning) graduate started working as a lecturer in Qatar immediately after completing the programme but has recently returned to the UK and has accepted a place on the PGCE English course here in Sunderland in order to take his career in a new direction. This is thanks to his positive experience as a distance learning MA student many years ago.

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