

MA/MS in APPLIED LINGUISTICS

EMPHASIS IN TEACHING ENGLISH TO
SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)



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Bridge the gap between **language theory** and practical **application.**

Are you interested in teaching English as a second language? Our online program is designed with you in mind. Offered fully online, the program prepares you to teach English to a diverse community of bilingual and multilingual learners. You will work with renowned faculty as you develop your knowledge of language and discover innovative teaching techniques.

Beyond teaching, a master's degree in applied linguistics opens doors to further graduate studies, careers with non-profit organizations, and many other opportunities.

Application Requirements

- **Application fee** (\$50 domestic/\$75 international)
- **One letter of recommendation**
- **Official undergraduate transcripts**
- **Statement of goals**
- **GRE scores** (Requirement may be waived. Ask for details.)
- **Additional items are required for international students.**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for fall, spring and summer terms with no application deadlines. For application details, email MAtesol@tamuc.edu or visit tamuc.edu/TESOL.

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ApplyTexas.org

What Sets Us Apart



Flexible

Choose fully online or face-to-face classes. You can switch your modality each semester. Choose a schedule that works for you!

Fully Online:

- Work at your own pace each week
- No residency requirements
- Complete practicum elective abroad if desired
- Live and teach abroad while enrolled in the program if desired
- No visa required when you study in your home country

Face-to-Face:

- Study on campus
- Explore employment opportunities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area
- Accept a graduate assistantship at the Commerce campus



Challenging

- Robust coursework
- Hands-on, experiential learning
- Solid theoretical foundation
- Thorough preparation for a teaching career or doctoral program



Affordable

A&M-Commerce is one of the most affordable universities in Texas.* Compare the difference!

A&M-Commerce	\$3,290
Texas Women's University	\$3,800
UT Tyler	\$3,915
University of North Texas	\$4,128
UT Arlington	\$5,013
UT Dallas	\$7,280



Personalized

- Internationally recognized faculty
- Individualized mentoring from application to graduation by:
 - Faculty advisors
 - Graduate enrollment specialists
 - Thesis directors (if applicable)

*Cost comparisons represent in-state resident tuition and fees for nine credit hours per semester based on 2020-2021 data. Current rates may vary and additional fees may apply.

What Our Alumni Are Saying



Caroline Carson

ESL specialist, Waxahachie ISD

This was a very rewarding experience. My professors were willing to work with me despite time zone differences, and I learned so much in my online classes which I now apply to my job. I gained a deeper understanding about adjusting my teaching methods to fit a different culture. [Caroline started the program while teaching in China.]



Aaron Lerma

ESL teacher, Puebla, Mexico

My experience in the Master of Arts program at A&M-Commerce was inspirational for me. I am currently teaching in Tehuacán, Puebla, Mexico, and the graduate education that I received has allowed me to apply what I learned to my classroom instruction. I truly feel I owe my success to the TESOL program.



Mark Haslett

KETR news director, A&M-Commerce

When I enrolled in this master's program, it had been over 20 years since I received my bachelor's degree. The Department of Literature and Languages faculty did a fantastic job of helping me, a student from the analog era, enjoy success in this online degree program.



Carla Hahn Clardy

Adjunct professor of ESOL, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

My courses in applied linguistics at A&M-Commerce have radically improved my teaching. I have a greater understanding of the roadblocks my international students face, and I have better skills to bridge those gaps, enabling my students to speak and write real-life English and making them more successful and employable in English-speaking countries.



Guadalupe Ortiz

Bilingual editor, Heinemann Publishing

My goal was to finally get my master's degree. I wanted to be an example to my daughter and granddaughters, showing them that no matter your age, you can achieve your dreams. I appreciate the opportunity to take online classes. If not for an online format, I do not think I would have graduated.



Theresa Rinehart

ESL teacher, Durham, North Carolina

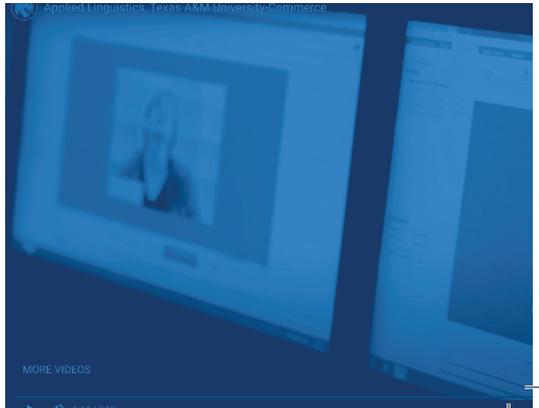
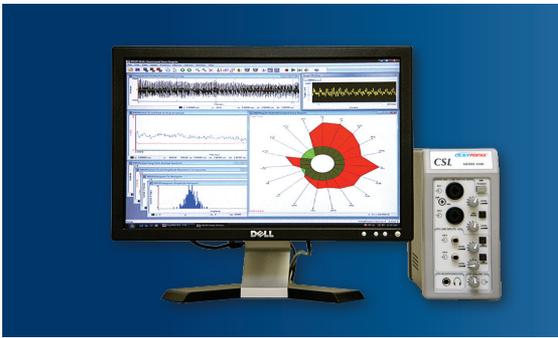
I enrolled in this program because I wanted to become a better teacher, and the experience has surpassed all of my expectations. I thought this would be a terminal degree; however, I am beginning to rethink and broaden my educational and professional goals. My experience has encouraged me to dream bigger than I thought possible.



Maria Roberts Vera

Bilingual teacher, Dallas ISD

I slowly took classes in the applied linguistics program while I worked as a full-time bilingual teacher. The knowledge I gained by taking linguistics classes has been of incalculable value. I am steadily enhancing my ability to teach foundational reading more effectively, and I am building my confidence as a non-native English speaker.





Applied Linguistics Laboratory

Interested in applied linguistics research? As a graduate student, you will have access to our Applied Linguistics Laboratory with state-of-the-art equipment, including:

- Computerized Speech Lab (residential)
- Eye-tracking equipment (residential)
- Ontological Semantic Technology Lab (residential and online)

In the Applied Linguistics Laboratory, you will work beside recognized faculty who specialize in a wide range of research areas, including:

- Multimodal writing
- Second language acquisition
- Prosody
- Pragmatics
- Humor studies
- Computational linguistics
- ESL/EFL/ELF
- Pedagogical grammar



Dr. Lucy Pickering

Director of the Applied Linguistics Laboratory



Degree Plan

Master's in Applied Linguistics with Emphasis in TESOL

Unless otherwise noted, all courses are three semester credit hours (SCH).

Thesis

- ENG 555** General Linguistics
- ENG 501** Structure of the English Language
- ENG 557** TESOL Methods I: Teaching English as a Second Language
- ENG 657** TESOL Methods II: Curriculum and Materials Development
- ENG 558** Sociolinguistics or **ENG 670** Pragmatics and Language Teaching
- ENG 658** Applied Phonology/Sound Systems
- ENG 599** Bibliography and Methods of Research
- ENG 518** Thesis (6 SCH)

+ Possible Electives

- ENG 596** Practicum in TESOL
- ENG 558** Sociolinguistics or **ENG 670** Pragmatics and Language Teaching
- ENG 671** Discourse Analysis
- ENG 562** Psycholinguistics
- ENG 559** Language and Culture in the Classroom
- ENG 579** Style and Stylistics
- ENG 685** Computational Linguistics
- ENG 697** Special Topics
- ENG 672** Second Language Acquisition



Non Thesis

- ENG 555** General Linguistics
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- ENG 599** Bibliography and Methods of Research
- ENG 595** Research Literature and Techniques

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Our Faculty



Lucy Pickering, Ph.D.

*Professor of Applied Linguistics
Director of the Applied Linguistics Laboratory
Director of Master's in Applied Linguistics - TESOL*

Dr. Pickering joined the faculty at A&M-Commerce in August 2010, having previously taught at several different university programs. She is the author of numerous publications including *Discourse Intonation: A discourse-pragmatic approach to English for ESL/EFL teachers* (Michigan University Press, 2018). She has served on the executive board of the American Association for Applied Linguistics and the editorial board of *TESOL Quarterly*.



Salvatore Attardo, Ph.D.

*Professor of Literature and Languages
Master's Thesis Advisor*

Dr. Attardo (Ph.D. in English/Linguistics from Purdue University, 1991) has authored six books, including a textbook of linguistics and sociolinguistics and one of pragmatics. He has edited four books, including *The Handbook of Language and Humor* (Routledge, 2017) and the *Encyclopedia of Humor Studies* (Sage, 2014). He has published over 100 articles in various fields of linguistics.



Christian F. Hempelmann, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Computational Linguistics

Dr. Christian F. "Kiki" Hempelmann received his Ph.D. in Linguistics from Purdue University in 2003. He also holds degrees from Leibniz University in Hannover, Germany, and Youngstown State University in Ohio. His research focuses on computational semantics and natural language processing, semantic and general humor theory, and information security and assurance. He has published widely in his fields of expertise.



Dongmei Cheng, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Linguistics

Dr. Cheng received her Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics in 2013 from Northern Arizona University. She has taught at Southern Illinois University, Northern Arizona University, International College at Beijing, China Agricultural University, Hebei University of Technology and Winona State University. She is co-author of *China's Generation Gap* (Routledge, 2018). She joined the faculty at A&M-Commerce in August 2016.



Mimi Li, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics - TESOL

Dr. Li's research areas are second language writing and computer-assisted language learning. Her work has appeared in peer-refereed journals such as *Journal of Second Language Writing (JSLW)*; *Language Learning and Technology (LLT)*; *Computer-Assisted Language Learning*; *Computers and Education*; *Computers and Composition*; and *Journal of Response to Writing*. Dr. Li serves on the editorial boards of LLT and JSLW.



Flavia Belpoliti, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Spanish

Director of the Spanish Language Programs

Dr. Flavia Belpoliti received her doctoral degree at the University of Houston. Her publications include a co-edited volume on the Hispanic experience in the U.S. Dr. Belpoliti has collaborated as a consultant and author of several Spanish textbooks. Currently, Dr. Belpoliti works in the areas of Spanish Heritage Learners, Spanish bilingual students, Spanish sociolinguistics and acquisition of Spanish as a second language.

Associated Faculty

Dr. Shulan Lu (Psychology, Eye-Tracking)

Dr. Maxim Petrenko (Computational Linguistics)

Dr. Elnaz Kia (Applied Linguistics)

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