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Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)

A certificate of competence short course

Would you like to teach English anywhere in the world – or even from home? Sign up for a TEFL short course to gain the skills to teach English as a second or foreign language. Use your skills to teach English overseas, in-person and online.

What will we focus on?

The 120-hour TEFL course is designed to equip future English language teachers with the knowledge, practical skills and confidence needed to teach English to non-native English speakers of diverse ages and proficiency levels.

This course aims to:

- introduce you to key concepts, principles and theories that underpin English language learning and teaching;
- develop your ability to plan detailed and effective English language lessons;
- strengthen practical classroom teaching skills that support communicative, learner-centred instruction;
- enhance your command of English grammar for accurate and meaningful language teaching
- build the confidence needed to create supportive, engaging and well-managed learning environments.

Upon completion of the course, you will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding the core English language teaching theories, techniques and terminology;
- apply a range of practical teaching skills appropriate for learners of different ages and proficiency levels;
- plan, prepare and deliver communicative, learner-centred language lessons effectively;
- reflect on your planning and teaching decisions, evaluating how these influence learner progress;
- explain and teach structural, lexical and phonological features of English with clarity and accuracy;
- engage and motivate learners through varied teaching activities that support participation, confidence and learner autonomy.

Interested? Click on [this link](https://languagecentre.sun.ac.za/english-courses/) and complete the online form. We will send you further instructions after receiving your form.



What are the prerequisites?

This short course is ideal for anyone with –

- at least CEFR C1 (Advanced) level English proficiency, to be confirmed via an online English Proficiency Test;
- an undergraduate degree from an English-speaking country or in the process of completing a degree (required for teaching abroad); and
- access to a laptop or desktop computer with a good speaker and microphone, as well as a reliable internet connection.

How will the short course take place?

The 120-hour TEFL online and full-time short courses are presented in two sections: a **theory component** and a **teaching practicum**, with 5 hours per week self-paced study, research, completing activities and assignments. The course is delivered through a series of interactive lectures that integrate discussion, collaboration and communicative activities. A practical teaching component is included, during which participants observe and teach second-language English classes. Both the teaching practicum and full attendance of all lectures are compulsory.

Assessment is continuous and includes a combination of assignments, tests and practical teaching tasks. Feedback is provided throughout to support your development as a teacher. Your final course mark is based on a combination of written assignments, language awareness tasks and practical teaching performance, with weighting allocated according to the course's assessment plan.

When will the short course take place?

Full-time 4-week course (120 hours over 4 weeks)			
Daily in-person sessions from 08:00 to 16:00 at the Stellenbosch campus		System opening and closing dates	Applications close
Offering 1	Week 1: 2 to 6 November Week 2: 9 to 13 November Week 3: 16 to 20 November Week 4: 23 to 27 November	26 October to 11 December	12 October
Part-time course (120 hours over 12 weeks)			
Live online sessions over 11 weeks, from 14:00 to 16:00 on:	Practical teaching for 1 full week, Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 16:00	System opening and closing dates	Applications close
Offering 1 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 April 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21 May	25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 May	24 February to 12 June	17 February
Offering 2 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 August, 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 29 September, 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22 October	26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 October	4 August to 13 November	21 July

The course fee is R14 100 per participant.

- All fees are payable before the short course starts, and includes a TEFL workbook, digital notes, worksheets and access to online learning platforms. We will share a digital version of the workbook with you. The hard copy workbook can be collected from us.
- We will present a course only if the required minimum candidates have paid and confirmed attendance.
- Course participants do not receive access to the University facilities, such as computer labs or the library.