

Doctoral Programme in English Applied Linguistics and TEFL/TESOL at the University of Pécs

We are delighted to inform you that the Doctoral Programme in English Applied Linguistics and TEFL/TESOL at the University of Pécs is inviting applications for the academic year 2014/2015.

The programme was launched in September 2006 as part of the Doctoral School in Linguistics, Faculty of Humanities, UP.

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Aims

The programme aims to provide doctoral students with insights into recent issues in applied linguistics related to TEFL/TESOL and solid knowledge of research methods in the field of social sciences, applied linguistics, and language pedagogy. Students will be able to synthesise theoretical and empirical studies, design, conduct, and present their own research both orally and in written form.

Content of curriculum

The programme integrates research on learner language, language learners and teachers, the process and context of language acquisition into an internationally accepted, coherent framework and provides current knowledge on the research methodology of these fields. The curriculum of the programme, similarly to other programmes within the framework of the Doctoral School in Linguistics, consists of compulsory and elective courses. Emphasis is placed on empirical language analysis, learner language, language testing, individual differences in learners and teachers (including the role of age, cognitive and affective factors, identity, beliefs, etc.), as well as research methodology integrating qualitative and quantitative traditions. Special courses prepare students for conference presentations, introduce them into the traditions and academic skills of writing research papers in a wide sociocultural context of applied linguistic, social and pedagogical research.

Areas of research and tutors

The following tutors and wider areas of research are included in the programme: The language learner: Psycholinguistic perspectives and individual differences; Classroom research; Research in the social sciences (Nikolov Marianne, PhD, DSc), Empirical linguistics: Analyzing learner language, Corpus linguistics, Interlanguage pragmatics (Andor József, PhD), Academic reading and writing, oral presentation skills (Horváth József, PhD), Language and learner in context: Anthropological and sociocultural perspectives (Martsa Sándor, PhD), Statistics with SPSS (Ottó István, PhD), Assessing foreign language proficiency (Szabó Gábor, PhD). Recent elective courses focused on Identity (Professor Claire Kramersch, Fodor Mónika, PhD), Narratives in SLA and FLL (Lugossy Réka, PhD), Developing and assessing vocabulary (Lehmann Magdolna, PhD).

Curricular content specifications

Besides completing the compulsory and elective courses, students are required to conduct individual research, make oral presentations and publish the results of their research.

Requirements of acceptance

All applicants are required to submit a copy of the documents specified below and participate in an oral interview.

To apply please follow these steps:

1. Fill in the attached application form as a file and send it both as a file and in printed and signed form (1 copy);
2. Attach a photocopy (and an official English translation, if not in English) of your MA, MEd, MSc or a 4- or 5-year university degree of minimum 'good' final grade (candidates earning their degrees in the year of application may present the original document at the oral entrance exam the latest);
3. A certificate of language proficiency in one of the following languages: English, German, French, Russian, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese;
4. A copy of your professional CV with your list of publications;
5. Two signed letters of recommendations from two scholars of your specific academic discipline;
6. A research proposal or an empirical study you have implemented (published or unpublished, approx. 5,000 words, using APA, three printed copies and in file form);
7. If you are employed, please attach an official statement of your employer certifying that you will be able to attend the consultations every Friday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.);
8. Proof of entrance exam fee paid in advance. The fee is HUF 9,000 payable by money or bank transfer; for details contact Adrienn Fekete (fekete.adrienn@gmail.com)
9. Hungarian citizens are eligible for a grant; please indicate in your application form if you are applying for it.

Further information

The scientific forum of the programme is the annual *University of Pécs Round Table* conference. A selected collection of edited papers is published biannually in electronic form. Further publication requirements are to be fulfilled by publishing research in other refereed journals in English.

The tuition fee in the programme is EUR 2,000 per semester (for international students and HUF 95,000 for Hungarian citizens).

Deadline for application is 30 May 2014. More is public at www.btk.pte.hu/PHD (in Hungarian).

The date and place of the oral entrance exam is the first week of June, 2014, in Professor Nikolov's office (Room A 429). Further notification on the exact date and time is given upon receipt of the written applications.

The length of doctoral studies is 6 semesters, during which students need to meet the scientific, educational and publication requirements defined in the doctoral programme curriculum. The first milestone of a successful completion of doctoral studies is earning the required number of credits in seminars and by presenting your work at conferences and in publications. This fact is certified by an *absolutorium* issued by the Doctoral Office of the University of Pécs. The next milestone is passing

the complex doctoral examination. The full dissertation must be submitted within two years after passing the exam.

Awarding the doctoral (PhD) degree

In compliance with the regulations of the university doctoral rules, a public doctoral defense takes place where candidates defend their doctoral theses. A doctoral committee, including a chair person (full professor), an external and an internal reviewer and one internal and one external examiner read and assess the candidate's written work and assess the oral presentation. As a final step, members of the committee cast their secret ballots to award a *rite*, *cum laude* or *summa cum laude* grade doctoral degree to the candidate and submit their proposal to the Doctoral and Habilitation Board of the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Pécs. If the proposal is accepted at this level, it is forwarded to the highest forum, the University of Pécs Doctoral and Habilitation Committee, which finally awards and issues the doctoral degree.

The course of doctoral studies and the doctoral procedure is regulated by the statutory order of the Hungarian Government in compliance with specific university and faculty level doctoral regulations.

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