

# TRAVEL THE WORLD WHILE BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

Prospectus 2019 Level 5 TEFL Course (168-hours)

# WELCOME TO THE TEFL ACADEMY

# What is TEFL?

TEFL very basically stands for Teaching English as a Foreign Language. There are several other acronyms for English language teaching. It can also be referred to as Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), English Language Teaching (ELT), English as a Second Language (ESL) and several others.

TEFL exists in practically every country in the world. At least 1.5 billion people are learning English right now, that's one in seven people on the planet! The demand for learning English has never been higher and a TEFL certificate qualifies you to teach students throughout the world. The most internationally recognised TEFL courses lead to a level 5 qualification, which is the same level as CELTA/Trinity CertTESOL. The minimum entry requirement for most well paid jobs, with the best packages, is a level 5 TEFL certificate. To ensure our students can access the best global opportunities, our course leads to a Level 5 TEFL Certificate (168 hours). Our course is regulated by Ofqual (UK government) and DEAC (U.S. Department of Education recognised body) approved.

You do not need to speak another language to teach English. The communicative approach to teaching English requires that the teacher speaks only in English, and you may often find yourself teaching a class of people with several different mother tongues, so knowing another language may not actually be very much help at all. You can also be a TEFL teacher if you are not a native English speaker as long as you are conversationally fluent. In fact, if English is your second language, you can use this to your advantage as you will better understand the challenges your students will face, as well as the skills they will need to learn. TEFL allows you to travel and experience almost unlimited new cultures whilst earning. A TEFL qualification can also help you in countries where obtaining a visa may otherwise be very difficult. English teachers are often made welcome where most other career paths are difficult for a non-native to pursue. In fact, the demand for TEFL instructors is so high that often TEFL employers will not only assist you in gaining your work visa, but also provide accommodation, a travel/flight allowance and an induction week upon arrival; therefore, the pressures of moving to and gaining employment in a foreign country can be greatly reduced.

No matter whether you choose to work at home or abroad, teaching business English to adults in the corporate world, teaching small children in a classroom setting, or even doing one-to-one tutoring, the teaching opportunities are vast and varied... TEFL really is a world of opportunities! "It turns out this was one of the best decisions I have ever made. My only regret is not doing it sooner!"



Jason Sinclair, Teaching in Thailand



# Why Choose The TEFL Academy?

We specialise in TEFL courses and nothing else. TEFL is not only in our name, but it is the backbone of our academy. All of our trainers are experienced EFL professionals. They have all qualified as **TEFL** teachers themselves, gained years of experience and are now passing on their working knowledge to our TEFL course students.

Whereas most other TEFL providers offer an overwhelming choice of various TEFL courses, we choose to provide you with just the one course ... exactly what you need to gain employment, anywhere! Our Level 5 TEFL Course (168hrs) can be studied either completely online or as a combined course with 20 hours' classroom tuition and 148 hours of online study.

Our TEFL trainers are not only fully qualified and experienced teachers, but are also hand-selected for their ability to support and inspire. They can provide you with practical classroom-based teaching skills and also allow you to benefit from their personal experience and advice. Our course feedback regarding our tutors never fails to be outstanding!

We allow up to 6 months to complete our course – which is ideal for those with other commitments – and leaves you the freedom to study wherever and whenever suits you! You will be provided with a personal tutor for feedback and assistance, so you will be supported throughout your entire course, from classroom to completion. Our course is DEAC-approved as meeting the criteria for Approved Quality Curriculum (AQC) status. The DEAC is a US Department of Education recognised awarding body. Our course is regulated by Ofqual (UK government department) and awarded by Qualifi, a UK government recognised awarding body. So you know it's a qualification you and employers can trust.

Let's be honest, the most important thing in your plans is to find a job, and we are here to help you find something that is just right for you. We have links with thousands of schools throughout the world who are actively looking to recruit TEFL students. Our jobs board is constantly updated with the latest opportunities for newly qualified teachers. We will help you build a great CV and covering letter, providing templates bespoke to TEFL. We will show you how to use the Internet to maximise your potential and provide you with an array of jobs board links, websites and online resources.

With all this employment support, most of our students gain work within just two months of completing their course! So no matter what your future TEFL plans are, The TEFL Academy will help you achieve your dreams.



# **Teaching Opportunities**



## Teaching in Eastern Europe

From the buzzing cobbled streets of Prague, to the gothic, old-world feel of Hungary, teaching in Eastern Europe is popular with the more adventurous travellers. TEFL salaries tend to be reasonable whilst the cost of living is low, meaning you can ensure your time here isn't all work, work, work, but a little more fun, fun, fun!



## Teaching in Western Europe

Whether you are starting your career on the sunny shores of Spain or experiencing the exquisite architecture and cuisine of Italy ... the opportunities in Western Europe are almost limitless. Salaries for qualified TEFL tutors are attractive and with the added bonus of being close to home - most major European cities are less than a 2-hour flight away - this can make frequent trips home (or jet-setting around the rest of Europe) very affordable. Assistance with accommodation and flight reimbursements are also often provided.



## **Teaching in Asia**

Asia is the most populous continent in the world, so the teaching opportunities are huge; there are 400 million people learning English in China alone! Whether teaching business English in Japan or teaching young children in South Korea or Taiwan, the employment opportunities in Asia are plentiful and the culture will be a once-in-alifetime experience. Teaching salaries are first class in most of Asia - with only a few exceptions - and because of such high demand for teachers, you can often find employment with very little experience. Flight reimbursements and accommodation are also often provided.





# **Teaching Opportunities**



## Teaching in South and Central America

With some of the most beautiful beaches and landscapes in the world, South and Central America will never leave you bored on your days off! There are teaching opportunities all over Latin America and often TEFL teachers are so in demand that very little, or even no, experience is required. Teaching salaries tend to be lower than other continents but the cost of living is equally low, so you can still enjoy a comfortable life here whilst enjoying the rich and exciting culture.



## Teaching in the Middle East

From modern, extravagant Dubai to the more traditional Saudi Arabia and more, the Middle East is an amazingly diverse place to start teaching. Teaching salaries in the Middle East are mostly tax-free and many teaching contracts will include furnished accommodation – often in luxury villas with other Western teachers – and flight reimbursement, as well as an exceptional salary. Due to this, many students find that they manage to make good savings as well as lead a very good life whilst teaching and working on their tan!



## **Teaching in the UK**

The need for TEFL tutors within the UK has never been higher than it is currently and there are many avenues to pursue your TEFL career within the UK. Employment opportunities can include - but are by no means limited to - commercial language schools and colleges, summer schools, refugee and migrant centres, teacher training, private tuition or even writing TEFL learning materials. There are thousands of language schools throughout the UK. Work within these institutions can often be shortterm contracts, with the most work between Easter and Autumn. Wages for full-time TEFL teachers within the UK can vary depending greatly on the type of teaching you choose, but it can be between 20k and 25k for more inexperienced teachers and 25k and above for those with greater experience.



"The whole experience so far has been amazing! I would like to thank **The TEFL Academy** for giving me the opportunity to pursue my dream of travelling the world whilst teaching English.

Rebecca Thatcher, Teaching in Russia



# **Course Information**

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The combined course includes 20 hours of face-to-face tuition in one of our training centres across the world. This version of the course provides you with classroom training from an EFL professional with years of experience in the industry. In addition, you will get the opportunity to practise what you have learnt on the course. This course is particularly useful if you feel you would benefit from classroom tuition or perhaps do not have any previous teaching experience.

# "As for cold Britain and my job in sales - well that's now just a long ago memory."

Jim Beattie, Teaching in Italy





# **Course Options**

	Combined Level 5 TEFL Course (168hrs)	Online Level 5 TEFL Course (168hrs)
Ofqual regulated and accredited by Qualifi	$\checkmark$	~
Level 5 qualification (same level as CELTA/Trinity Cert TESOL	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Internationally recognised	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Qualifies you to apply for paid & volunteer internships	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Free access to our international jobs board & help from our dedicated recruitment team	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Specialist grammar unit	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
6 months' access to online course	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Instant access on enrolment	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
20 hours face-to-face training from an experienced EFL profession	$\checkmark$	
Opportunity to practise what you have learnt in the classroom	$\checkmark$	
Free top-up course	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$





## Internships

We have a range of paid and voluntary internships, exclusively for our TEFL course students, throughout the world. With placements in some of the world's most exciting cultures, such as India, Japan and Argentina, there really isn't a better way to start your TEFL career! Our internships are a great way to bridge the gap between qualifying as a teacher and going into employment. Most opportunities provide the chance for further training, accommodation, meals and 24-hour local support.

Our internship experts will discuss your requirements and goals and recommend the most suitable option for you.

Get in Touch

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# **TEFL Jobs**

We are contacted daily by recruiters from around the world looking to hire our TEFL course students. We usually have over 1,900 open vacancies at any one time, ranging from schools in English speaking countries, to more exotic locations such as Brazil, China and Thailand.

On average, our students find work within 4 weeks of completing their course. Our course includes an entire module on finding and applying for TEFL jobs. As well as showing you all of the best places to find the latest opportunities, we will help you create the perfect TEFL CV and cover letter.

If you need any help at any time when trying to find work, simply send us a quick email or call the office to speak to one of our dedicated TEFL recruiters.







## **Community Schools Project**

The TEFL Academy Schools Programme is a charitable division of the Academy set up to support and promote English tuition for the world's poorest children.

This provides a unique and oncein-a-lifetime experience for The TEFL Academy student. A chance to advance their career, help those much less fortunate and experience some of the most fulfilling, colourful, rich and often wonderfully traditional cultures that the world has to offer a new teacher. The programme's work offers these children the chance to improve their prospects and, in turn, the chance to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. We are currently working on projects in Brazil, Kenya, India and our Bangladesh project has been up and running since last year! The school provides free education for some of the village's poorest

children. Food and uniforms are provided by the school for all students. The school offers these children the chance to improve their prospects and, in turn, the chance to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

Our Bangladesh volunteers have found it to be one of the most enriching experiences of their lives. "The volunteering in the school that I did put a lot of things in perspective for me and I'm happy to say that I do think I was able to have a positive effect on the lives of my students and the greater community. Also, despite its perceived poverty, Bangladesh is one of the most innovative and beautiful countries I've had the pleasure to experience. Its people are moreover some of the most positive and open-hearted I've met and it has been life changing for me to be given the chance to work alongside them."

Jonny Bennet- The TEFL Academy Bangladesh volunteer

"My experience in Bangladesh was the most unique experience of my life and I would strongly recommend anyone to go there and see this amazing place for themselves. The people are very welcoming and humble for the most part, and although admittedly a little intimidating to begin with, they are actually just extremely intrigued by Western life. The most humbling part of this journey was to see how genuinely content and happy people can be when they have basically nothing. In addition to this, it would be hard to find another country that gives you so much for your money. Bangladesh, it has so much to offer and so many amazing people."

#### Omar Hilton- The TEFL Academy Bangladesh volunteer

**Get involved!** 





#### Why do you offer just one course?

We only offer one course because we want all of our students to have the best access to global TEFL opportunities. We are the world's only TEFL course provider that has received official recognition from government regulated awarding bodies both in the US and the UK. Our Level 5 TEFL Course is DEACapproved as meeting the criteria for Approved Quality Curriculum (AQC) status. The DEAC is a U.S. Department of Education recognised awarding body. Our course is regulated by Ofqual (UK government department) and awarded by Qualifi, a UK government recognised awarding body. After successful completion of our TEFL course, you'll be presented with an internationally recognised Level 5 TEFL Certificate (168 hours), so it's the only qualification you need!

# What is the difference between the online & combined course?

We only offer one course which leads to a Level 5 TEFL Certificate (168 hours), but the course can be studied in two ways.

The online version of the course does not include any face-to-face tuition and does not give you the opportunity to practise what you have learnt in the classroom. This version of the course is particularly suitable if you feel comfortable without any classroom tuition, or perhaps have previous teaching experience. The combined course includes 20 hours of face-to-face tuition in one of our training centres across the world. This version of the course provides you with classroom training from an EFL professional with years of experience in the industry. In addition, you will get the opportunity to practise what you have learnt on the course. This course is particularly useful if you feel you would benefit from classroom tuition or perhaps do not have any previous teaching experience.

### If I choose the combined course can I start the online component straight away?

Whether you choose to study the online-only or combined version of the course, you can start the online component as soon as you enrol. You will need to choose your dates for the classroom portion of the course at the time of enrolment, if you choose the combined course option.

# How much can I expect to be paid when I start working?

Wages will vary depending on the type of institution and the country you work in. You will find that wages reflect the cost of living in the country you choose to work in, so you can always expect to earn a reasonable wage. So in developing countries the cost of living will be lower, so the wages will be lower and vice versa for developed countries.

# Can you provide references for employers?

Yes, we can provide references based on tutor feedback from the work you complete.

# Do I need to speak the language of the country I am teaching in?

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#### How can I enrol?

You can enrol quickly and easily on our website or by calling the office and speaking to one of our specialist TEFL advisers.





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