

## Curriculum

### MA: Master of Arts in English Language Studies

#### Philosophy

Currently, the ability to communicate in English effectively is recognized as essential in areas, such as education and business. A person who can communicate well in English will likely be given more opportunities for personal and professional development, such as to furthering their education or getting promoted, than one with limited knowledge of English. In addition, the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) will be established in 2015, allowing people in the ASEAN community to work in any AEC member country outside their own country. This has created the necessity to produce graduates in different fields with good English proficiency. One of the key factors to achieve this goal is to have qualified English language teachers.

The School of Foreign Languages, Institute of Social Technology, Suranaree University of Technology, has offered a master's degree and a doctoral program in English Language Studies since 1999 and 2001 respectively. The program has succeeded in producing 57 graduates, 44 Thai and 13 international. Both curricula adhere to the aim of producing graduates who can both teach and conduct research in language learning/teaching, and most importantly, who value moral virtue and professional ethics.

#### Objectives:

To produce master's graduates with the following qualifications

- Proficiency in the use and analysis of the English language, teaching skills, cultural knowledge, the ability to exploit technology to enhance English teaching, and the ability to integrate the knowledge obtained to develop English teaching/learning efficiently.
- Research knowledge and the ability to conduct basic research to respond to issues or to create a new body of knowledge concerning English teaching/learning.
- Moral virtue and professional ethics.

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Total credits 48 credits

Program structure

- **Plan A Option A2: Coursework and Thesis**

Students will complete courses and write a thesis. This option requires:

Compulsory courses	12 credits
Electives	21 credits
Thesis	15 credits

- **Plan B: Coursework and Special Projects**

Students will study coursework and undertake a special project. This plan requires:

Compulsory courses	12 credits
Electives	30 credits
Special project	6 credits

## Courses in the Master's Program

### Compulsory Courses

223503 Academic Writing

223511 Research Methodology and Statistics in English Language Studies

213521 Applications of Technology in Second Language Learning

223541 Second Language Acquisition

### Elective Courses (at least 21 or 30 credits)

#### 1. Language Proficiency Enhancement

223501 Academic Study Skills

223502 Academic Reading in English

#### 2. Research Skill Enhancement

223613 Research in Practice

223614 Statistics for Research in English Language Studies

223615 Research Seminar in English Language Studies

### 3. Technology Applications

223522 TELL Software Development

223523 Online Second Language Learning

### 4. Language Analysis

223531 Fundamentals of Linguistics

223631 Discourse Analysis

223632 Pragmatics and Language Learning

223633 Sociolinguistics

223634 Corpus Linguistics

223635 Translation

223636 Psycholinguistics

### 5. TEFL

223542 Applied Linguistics and Language Teaching

223543 Language Teaching Methodology and Materials Selection

223544 Material Development for Language Teaching

223545 Professional Development in Teaching

223641 Testing, Evaluation, and Assessment in Language Learning

223642 Culture and Language Teaching

223643 Learner Autonomy in Language Learning

223644 Curriculum Development and Quality Assurance

223645 Trends and Issues in English Language Studies

### *Thesis/Special Project*

#### **Plan A**

223551 Master's Thesis 15 credits

#### **Plan B**

223552 Special Project 6 credits

## Study Plan

### Plan A Option A2: Coursework and Thesis

Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester
1	223503 Academic Writing (3)	2235 11Research (3)	Elective (3)
	223521 Applications of Technology in Second Language Learning Elective (3)	Methodology and Statistics in English Language Studies 223541 Second Language Acquisition Elective (3) Elective (3)	Elective (3) Elective (3) Elective (3)
	Total 9 credits	Total 12 credits	Total 12 credits
2	223551 Master Thesis (3)	223551 Master Thesis (6)	223551 Master Thesis (6)
	Total 3 credits	Total 6 credits	Total 6 credits

### Plan B: Coursework and Special Project

Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester
1	223503 Academic Writing (3)	2235 11Research (3)	Elective (3)
	223521 Applications of Technology in Second Language Learning Elective (3)	Methodology and Statistics in English Language Studies 223541 Second Language Acquisition (3) Elective (3)	Elective (3) Elective (3)
	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits
2	Elective (3)	223552 Special Project (6)	223552 Special Project (3)
	Elective (3) Elective (3)	Elective (3) Elective (3)	
	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits	Total 3 credits