

The TEFL Academy

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The TEFL Academy 2026 Prospectus

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The TEFL Academy

Teach. Enrich. Inspire.

Teach English abroad and travel the world

Begin your adventure with TEFL Courses and certifications

What is TEFL?

TEFL 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), and teaching English as a Second Language (ESL).

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. Our TEFL course can be studied at two different levels, either Level 3 or Level 5, depending on your own needs and teaching plans. The Level 3 version of our course is a good option if you wish to gain casual work teaching English, such as volunteering, backpacking, or finding work "in-country", plus some online teaching roles.

The Level 5 version of our TEFL course provides an in-depth overview of TEFL and is a good choice if you wish to gain formal employment teaching English, such as the contracted roles on our jobs board, or government teaching programmes, which usually include accommodation, flight reimbursements and help in gaining a work visa. 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 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 countries where obtaining a visa qualification can also help you 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 obtaining your work visa, but also provide accommodation and host a travel/flight allowance, and host 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!”

Internship // Jakarta



Marianna Loreto



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 offer just one TEFL course, with the option to study it at two different levels, Level 3 or Level 5. These are the only two levels you need and the level you choose depends entirely on your situation, needs and teaching plans. Our Level 3 TEFL course (120 hours) is studied completely online. Our Level 5 TEFL Course (168hrs) can be studied either completely online or as a combined course with 10 hours of classroom tuition and 158 hours of online study. If you decide to study the online-only option, we offer a 10-hour Teaching Practice Course (webinar) which will allow you to complete your teaching practice online.

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! Our dedicated team of TEFL experts is on hand to help you every step of the way. Submit any question you may have to our support team through our ticketing system, and receive a rapid response within 24-48 hours. From technical queries to course information to finding your first teaching job – we're here to help

Both the Level 3 and Level 5 versions of our course are regulated by Ofqual (UK government department) and awarded by Qualifi, a UK government-recognised awarding body. The Level 5 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.

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 cover 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 making jet-setting around the rest of Europe very affordable. Assistance with accommodation is 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 Learners in South Korea or Taiwan, the employment opportunities in Asia are plentiful and the culture will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

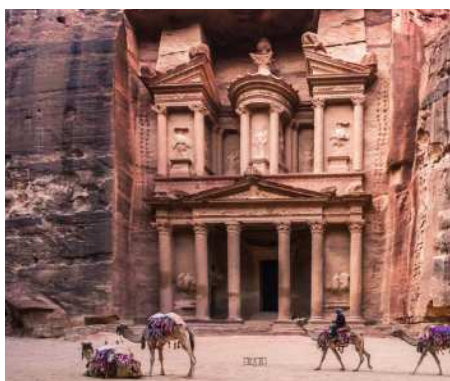
Teaching salaries are first class in most of Asia – with only a few exceptions – and because of such high demand for teachers, you can often find employment with very little experience. Flight reimbursements and accommodation are also often provided.

Teaching Opportunities



Teaching in South America

With some of the most beautiful beaches and landscapes in the world, South America will never leave you bored on your days off! There are teaching opportunities all over South 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 while enjoying the rich and exciting culture.



Teaching in the Middle East

From modern, extravagant Dubai to traditional Saudi Arabia and more, the Middle East is an amazingly diverse place to teach. 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 while teaching and immersing themselves in culture.



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 – private language schools, colleges and universities, summer schools and private tuition. Language schools are the most popular option in the UK. Work within these institutions can often be short-term contracts, with the most work in the summer months between Easter and Autumn. Wages for TEFL teachers within the UK can vary depending on your qualifications and experience, and you are usually paid an hourly rate, but you can expect from £15 to £25. Continuous Professional Development is important here and so it is a great place to grow as a teacher.

Teaching Opportunities



Teaching in Africa

Africa is a vast continent, with many different climates, landscapes and cultures to experience. There may not be TEFL opportunities in all countries in Africa, but there are opportunities to be found in countries like South Africa, Tunisia, Cameroon, Kenya and many others. Opportunities may not be as well-paid as in some other areas but living in Africa is an experience like nowhere else on Earth. Africa is especially a good option if you are open to doing volunteer work and supporting communities in need.



Teaching in Central and North America

From the U.S of A and Canada to Mexico and Costa Rica, Central and North America are bursting with EFL opportunities. The EFL markets in the U.S and Canada are thriving as students flock here to learn English, while Central American countries offer a more relaxed way of life. Earnings are generally lower in the Central American countries but the tropical beaches, beautiful rainforests and awe-inspiring ruins more than make up for it.



Teaching in Australia and New Zealand

Australia and New Zealand are perhaps surprisingly popular destinations for EFL learners, especially from Asia. Teaching opportunities are mostly found in private language schools or universities. Teaching Academic English or exam preparation classes are common here, so an academic background will benefit you but is not essential. If you are eligible for a work visa, these two countries are great options for TEFL, with gorgeous beaches, amazing adventures, good food and wine, and friendly locals.



Teaching online

Teaching English online has boomed in the last few years. It's perfect if you'd rather teach from the comfort of your home or while you are travelling the world.

There are hundreds of online companies you can work

for or you can work as an independent, freelance teacher. Your students could be anyone, anywhere, and you can teach with Zoom or Skype or another interactive online learning platform.

All you need is a good laptop

and headset, a stable Internet connection, a quiet space, a few props and a big smile!

Rates vary but it's definitely a good option to either supplement your income or be a full-time gig – the flexibility of it is the beauty of it!

“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





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.

FAQ

Why do you offer just one course?

We offer one TEFL course, with the option to study it at two different levels, Level 3 or Level 5. These are the only two levels you need and the level you choose depends entirely on your situation, needs and teaching plans. We know that navigating your way through the TEFL web of courses is very confusing. This is why we offer just one course, exactly what you need to get the best jobs around the world! We are the world's FIRST 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 DEAC-approved 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 3 or Level 5 TEFL Certificate – whichever one you choose to do depends on your needs.

What is the difference between the Level 5 online & combined course?

The Level 5 version of our TEFL 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. If you decide you would like to add a practical component to your course, you can do the 10-hour Teaching Practice Course which allows you to practice teaching online.

The combined course includes 10 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. For example, 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.