

Overview

The Sookmyung TESOL MA program is designed as a part-time program to enhance the capabilities and academic prowess of working teachers. Students need a total of 30 credit hours to graduate, which includes 24 credits of elective courses and a successfully completed thesis or Practicum. Typically, it takes a total of five semesters to complete the program with students taking two, three-credit courses per semester. There is now an option available to expedited graduation.

Basic Course Information

Schedule:

The Sookmyung TESOL MA program follows the regular Korean university semester system. There are two semesters per year, each with a 16-week duration. The academic year begins in the spring and starts on March 1. The fall semester begins on September 1.

Following the international model of the program all classes are conducted entirely in English. Classes are currently offered in the evenings during the week and on Saturdays as well. Evening classes begin at 6:20 and finish around 9:00. Saturday class runs from 11:20 until 2:00 pm.

There are two main aspects of the MA program.

Elective courses (4 semesters)

Final semester option (1 semester)

For the first four semesters MA students take elective courses. Students are free to take any elective course, but are strongly encouraged to meet with their Academic Counselor to go over the multitude of options. Elective courses are offered in five different 'streams of study' and are leveled for the degree of focus. Some courses are designated as 'more basic' while others are 'more advanced' due to a more specific focus. In an effort to keep class size to a minimum, seven different electives are offered each semester, one course from each of the 'streams of study' plus a couple of extra courses. The electives are offered on weeknight evenings and on the weekend.

For the final semester, students choose between doing a Practicum or a Thesis. Both the Thesis and Practicum are scheduled to take one semester but require careful planning and previous preparation. For the thesis, there are no regular scheduled classes and students work independently with an advisor. Thesis students need to work out a private schedule for meeting with their thesis advisor early on in the process. For the Practicum, students need to come to school three nights per week during the semester for regular class sessions. Students, themselves cannot choose these days as the schedule is determined by the professor(s) involved in teaching the Practicum classes, but the Practicum classes are usually held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights.

Transfer Students

Individuals who have successfully completed the SMU-TESOL, YL-TESOL or IETTP with a cumulative GPA over the B0 level are eligible and most welcome to apply as transfer students.

Students who are accepted as transfer students only take three semesters of electives. That is, 6 credits will be transferred that will cover one MA semester.