



MPhil, PhD

## Applied Linguistics

An MPhil and PhD in Applied Linguistics are offered in the School of Language Studies and Applied Linguistics. These degrees are co-ordinated by Professor Adrian Holliday, who is also Head of The Graduate School, which provides cross-institutional support and facilities for research students within an interdisciplinary community.

### WHY APPLIED LINGUISTICS?

We have:

- a major emphasis on critical qualitative research into social and cultural issues in language education and intercultural communication, and also interest in grammar, discourse and pragmatics
- a small friendly community of about ten full-time and twelve part-time students
- a strong pastoral ethos, where full-time students can see their supervisors regularly and part-time students can have regular email contact

### RECENT STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Cultural identity and cultural values in the UK-published ELT coursebook.
- Cultural transfer in translation: a psycholinguistically-orientated, empirical investigation into the translation of culture-bound lexis
- Discursive Struggle: linguistic imperialism and resistance on Chinese university campuses
- Filial piety: a barrier or a resource? A qualitative case study of English classroom culture in a Hong Kong secondary school
- Gender awareness, confidence and achievement in English language learning in China
- 'Loud and clear': students' voices of disaffection on university practices in Mexico
- Perceptions and attitudes held by Chinese language teachers towards western influence on English language teaching in China
- Perspectives on change among English language teaching professionals.
- Producing and reproducing a professional culture of English language teacher training
- Revolution or evolution in educational change in the English language teaching and learning context of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
- Teacher attitudes to the use of the 1st language in a Ugandan secondary school
- The mobilisation of culture in professional discourse within the international ELT profession
- The role of group interactions in 2nd language learning. The socio-cultural construction of learner independence in a tertiary EFL institution in Turkey
- Tracing the changes of attitude and belief among student teachers in Mexico
- Culture and the classroom: the effects of globalisation and socio-political changes on the development of cultural identity and on learning English in Kuwait
- The "native speaker" English language teacher in a globalising world
- Language use within bilingual families: stories from Istanbul
- The leisure reading habits of first-year, female Emirati university students: an investigation

## APPLICATION AND AWARD OF PLACES

The minimal qualification for MPhil and PhD applicants is:

- A good bachelor's degree in a relevant subject
- An excellent research proposal
- All candidates must have successfully completed an English-medium course of study with a substantial research element

A British masters degree is often preferred as evidence of experience in research within the British system. The majority of students in TESOL also have professional experience.

## THE NORMAL PROCESS FOR APPLICATION

- an application form and two academic referees who can comment on their research potential
- a 1500-word research proposal
- interview of applicants who have the required academic qualifications and a promising research idea

During the interview candidates should be able to demonstrate: a basic understanding of research methodology (e.g. the difference between and the limitations of qualitative and quantitative methods); that the research topic has sufficient breadth and depth to sustain three to four years of investigation and a thesis of 80-100,000 words; how and where data can be realistically collected; sufficient drive and determination to sustain extended self-directed study.

Where the applicant is overseas interviews may be by telephone.

## FULL-TIME STUDY

- MPhil students enrol for a period of two years and PhD students for three years
- Up to one year can be spent away from the University to collect empirical data
- Within the first six months, students must submit a 6,000-word piece of written work
- Within the first 18 months, students must submit work for upgrade to PhD

## PART-TIME STUDY

MPhil students enrol for three years and PhD students for five years.

Unlike many British universities, Canterbury Christ Church University allows part-time students to spend all this time away as long as the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The location of residence must be the place where data is being collected
- Candidates must be able to visit the University at least once per year for their annual review and at other times as agreed, and not during the summer vacation

## **There must be:**

- access to an adequate library
- local academic support in the form of a "mentor"
- sufficient access to a suitable academic research community

- sufficient email contact
- sufficient internet provision to access the University's electronic library and learning resources

Where there is a group of students from one location, with an appropriate increase in fees, arrangements can be made to provide supervision at that location.

Within the first year, students must submit a 6,000-word piece of written work.

Within the first two years, students must submit work for upgrade to PhD.

## SUPERVISION

Each student has a 1st and 2nd supervisor.

The 1st supervisor sees the student (or makes email contact) on a regular basis. The frequency of contact is by mutual arrangement. Students are expected to be pro-active in arranging contact with supervisors and suggesting their research approach and programme; and the supervisors play a responsive role unless there is need for intervention.

Once per year the students' work is evaluated at a review meeting which is chaired by a senior researcher (Professor or Reader) in a related academic area. The purpose of the review is to evaluate the student's work and ensure appropriate academic standards.

## RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

All students have 24-hour access to the Research Student Study Room in the Graduate School.

Adrian Holliday convenes an open-agenda meeting for all Applied Linguistics research students every Thursday at 1.00. Students may also attend this by Skype.

There is a rich programme of research seminars across the University, where cross-disciplinary discussion is encouraged.

The annual Cutting Edges conference provides an international forum in which students can engage in discussion with world-class academics in their field.

The Post Graduate Research Association organises an annual Research Student Conference and other academic and social events.

The Graduate School provides central pastoral and academic support.

Full-time students must attend a programme in researcher development during the first year. This is an institution-wide, inter-disciplinary programme which covers the full-spectrums of research approaches. It thus allows the student to establish a broad perspective within which to place her or his work, and also to become part of a larger

community of research students.

## STUDENTS

Our PhD students range from novice to accomplished professionals or academics from across the world. Many of them are part-time students and manage to do their research while conducting busy professional schedules. Their places of work are the bases for the data collection.

Many of our PhD graduates hold posts in universities in the UK, Hong Kong, Uganda, Iran, the UAE, Kuwait, Mexico, China, and the US. In a significant number of cases they have acquired university positions or promotions to senior university posts as a result of gaining their PhD.

## FEES AND ADDITIONAL COSTS

### Fees

#### 2019/20 tuition fees for this course

	UK/EU	Overseas
<b>Full-time</b>	£4,327	£12,160
<b>Part-time</b>	£2,597	N/A

Tuition fees for all courses which last more than one academic year are payable on an annual basis, except where stated.

There will be an annual inflationary increase in tuition fees for this course. The fees for this course are set in line with the Research Councils UK Indicative fee level for Doctoral courses, which usually increases year on year in line with the GDP deflator (in recent years this has resulted in year on year tuition fee increases of approximately 1.5-2.0%). The tuition fees for the following academic year are usually confirmed in the preceding February.

Students may self-fund their course or a sponsor may fund or part-fund. Bursaries, scholarships and fee discounts may also be available.

#### Further information

- See information about financial support available for postgraduate studies
- If you would like information about paying your fees, please contact [accounts.receivable@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:accounts.receivable@canterbury.ac.uk)
- For specific fee queries, please contact [fees@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:fees@canterbury.ac.uk)

## Additional course costs

Although we aim to minimise any additional costs to students over and above the course tuition fee, there will be some additional costs which students are expected to meet.

### Costs applicable to all students

Category	Description
Text books	Own purchase text books
Travel to other sites	Where travel to other sites is required, this will be payable by the student
Library Fees and Fines	Where students fail to return loaned items within the required time they will be responsible for the cost of any library fees and fines applicable
Printing & Photocopying	The cost of printing and photocopying undertaken by students to support their individual learning are payable by the student
Graduation ceremonies	It is free for the student to attend the ceremony itself. Guest tickets and robe hire / photography are additional costs payable by the student

### General principle policy

The University's general principles policy for additional course fees are set out here

Category	Is the cost Included in the tuition fee?	Is the cost an additional cost to students?
Field trips (including trips abroad and trips to museums, theatres, workshops etc)	The costs of Field trips are not included in the Tuition fee unless the trip is a compulsory element of the module.	Yes, unless the Field trip is a compulsory element of the module.
Travel and accommodation costs for placements	This varies depending on the Course - please refer to individual course webpages for further information about additional costs of travel and accommodation for placements.	This varies depending on the Course - please refer to individual course webpages for further information about additional costs of travel and accommodation for placements.
Purchase of own text books	No – students are expected to purchase their own text books.	Yes – students are expected to purchase their own text books.

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Data & Barring Service (DBS) Checks	This varies depending on the Course - please refer to individual course webpages for further information.	This varies depending on the Course - please refer to individual course webpages for further information.
Occupational Health Checks	This varies depending on the Course - please refer to individual course webpages for further information.	This varies depending on the Course - please refer to individual course webpages for further information.
Professional Body registration	No - students are expected to pay for their own Professional Body registration, if applicable.	Yes - students are expected to pay for their own Professional Body registration, if applicable.
Travel to other sites	No – students are expected to pay for the cost of any travel to other University sites, however a mini bus service is provided free of charge between Old Sessions House and Polo Farm / Hall Place in Canterbury. Visit the shuttlebus webpage for more information.	Yes - students are expected to pay for the cost of any travel to other University sites, however a mini bus service is provided free of charge between Old Sessions House and Polo Farm / Hall Place in Canterbury. Visit the shuttlebus webpage for more information.
Clothing / Kit	Yes, where the clothing / kit is essential for Health & Safety reasons the cost is included in the tuition fee (a maximum of one set of clothing provided per student). Further information can be found on course webpages.	Yes, where the clothing / kit is essential for Health & Safety reasons the cost is included in the tuition fee (a maximum of one set of clothing provided per student). Further information can be found on course webpages.
Learning materials	Essential learning materials (excluding text books) in connection with the course are included in the Tuition Fee. Specific course related information can be found on course webpages.	Students must pay for additional materials beyond the standard provision essential for the course, or where the costs are determined by the student's area of interest and the outputs are retained by the student. Specific course related information can be found on course webpages.
Library fees and fines	Yes – all Library fees and fines are an additional cost payable by the student.	Yes – all Library fees and fines are an additional cost payable by the student.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Is the cost Included in the tuition fee?</b>	<b>Is the cost an additional cost to students?</b>
Printing and photocopying	A £15 print / photocopying credit is provided to all students each academic year on their University Smartcard. Any additional print / photocopying costs must be paid for by the student.	A £15 print / photocopying credit is provided to all students each academic year on their University Smartcard. Any additional print / photocopying costs must be paid for by the student.
Social events	The tuition fee does not include the cost of any social events, unless the event forms an essential part of the course.	Yes, the costs of social events are an additional cost payable by the student unless the event forms an essential part of the course.
Graduation ceremonies	The cost of the Graduation ceremony itself is included in the tuition fee for the student to attend the ceremony. However, guest tickets and robe hire/ photography are additional costs payable by the student or their guests.	The cost of the Graduation ceremony itself is included in the tuition fee for the student to attend the ceremony. However, guest tickets and robe hire/ photography are additional costs payable by the student or their guests.

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### Apply Direct / Part-time study

<b>Location</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Start</b>	
<b>MPhil/PhD Applied Linguistics</b>			
Canterbury	42 months full-time	September 2020	APPLY
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Canterbury	42 months full-time	January 2021	APPLY
<b>MPhil/PhD Applied Linguistics</b>			
Canterbury	42 months full-time	February 2021	APPLY
<b>MPhil/PhD Applied Linguistics</b>			
Canterbury	66 months part-time	September 2020	APPLY



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## FACT FILE

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### UCAS institution code

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### Length

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2 - 3 years Full-time  
3 - 5 years Part-time

### Entry requirements

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BA/BSc degree in a relevant subject at 2:2 or above

### Location

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Not specified

### School

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