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GLYNDŴR UNIVERSITY WREXHAM

## MA Advanced ESOL

(ESOL = English for Speakers of Other Languages)

***21st century life is global, and increasing internationalisation means the demand for highly qualified linguists in the lingua franca of English is growing rapidly.***

**Length of Course Full time: 1 year**

**Start month: September**

### **Introduction to the course:**

Studying for the MA Advanced ESOL will raise a non-native English speaker's language skills to those of a near-native English speaker, and provide the students with an enhanced cultural, socio-political and economic awareness of the English speaking world in general and the UK in particular. The students will also further develop their intercultural communication skills in preparation for an international working environment.

The programme has been created specifically for English language graduates. Developing on programme participants' existing English language skills - typically gained through an undergraduate degree in English or English Literature – the MA Advanced ESOL will improve the students' linguistic analysis and research skills, take their spoken and written English language skills to a new level and expose them to an international world at Glyndŵr University.

### **Programme Provider:**

The MA Advanced ESOL is led by our newly established Language Centre with almost 1400 students in the Academic Year 2011/2012, and offering a wide range of English language programmes: short courses, such as summer schools and specialised English language courses for professional groups, intensive English Language Courses leading to IELTS exams, and an International Foundation Diploma for pre-entry English to Undergraduate Academic Programmes. The students will learn from highly experienced, qualified and enthusiastic staff and study in an international environment with easy access to native speakers of many other languages.

### **Location:**

The Language Centre is located on the Wrexham campus, a short distance from the town centre of Wrexham, the largest town in North Wales. Liverpool and Manchester (both with

large international airports) are a short drive, and direct train services take students to Cardiff and London.

**Career Opportunities:** The MA Advanced ESOL will open up new avenues for careers such as in translating, interpreting, teaching, research, marketing, politics and journalism, particularly with international companies or organisations. The programme team will be able to advise students on their follow-up professional development, such as CELTA – an internationally recognised English language teaching qualification accredited by Cambridge - or interpreting/translation, journalism and marketing programmes.

The transferable analytical and communication skills the students will gain will make them strong candidates for managerial and administrative positions within industry.

**Course Module List:** Applied Linguistics 1, Applied Linguistics 2, Advanced EFL, Research and Study Skills for Languages and Area Studies, Contemporary Britain, Intercultural Communication, Dissertation

**Assessment:** Written and oral

**Entry Requirements:** A relevant degree (2:2 or above) in English language, BA ESOL, BA TESOL, English language and literature (combined), or similar subject areas. Other qualifications and experience will be considered on their merits and under exceptional circumstances.

Successful applicants must, however, provide proof of consistent proficiency in English, usually with a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent – with 6.5 in writing minimum. Applicants whose first language is English will not be admitted.

**Profile Programme Leader:** Dr Leila Luukko-Vinchenzo, a linguist with many years of teaching, research, and management together with industrial experience, leads a growing team of highly qualified and enthusiastic linguists who aim to provide every student with a unique learning opportunity in a multicultural academic environment in preparation for the students' future multilingual and international places of work.

**Profile Student at the Language Centre:** Yubiao Zhang, Associate Professor of English at the Hubei Institute for Nationalities, PR China, spent three months in Wrexham on a staff development exercise at the Second Language Learning Centre, which leads the MA Advanced ESOL.

“Thanks to the interesting and meaningful intensive English language course with its new teaching methods, I know more about the native people, can speak accurately and bravely, write without difficulty and understand spoken English easily.”

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