

## Course Information Form

This Course Information Form provides the definitive record of the designated course

### Section A: General Course Information





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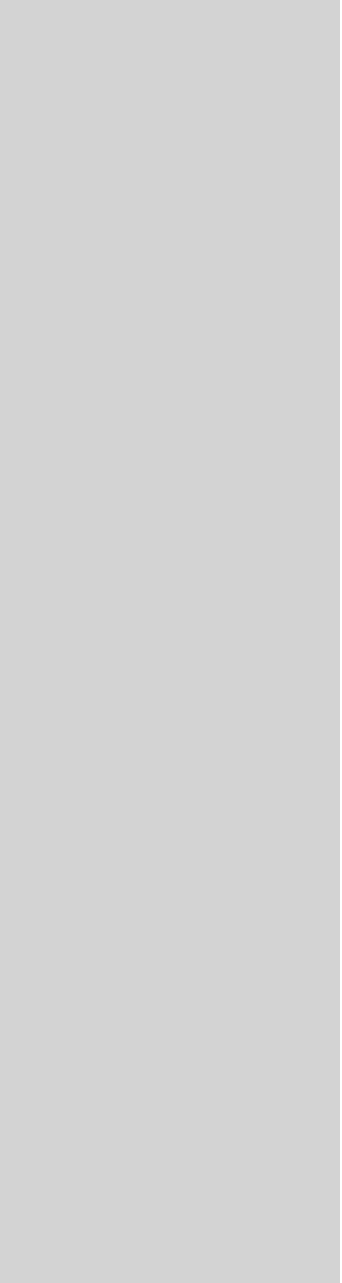
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Upon successful completion of your course you should meet the appropriate learning outcomes for your award shown in the table below

**Outcome**

**Award**

**Course Learning  
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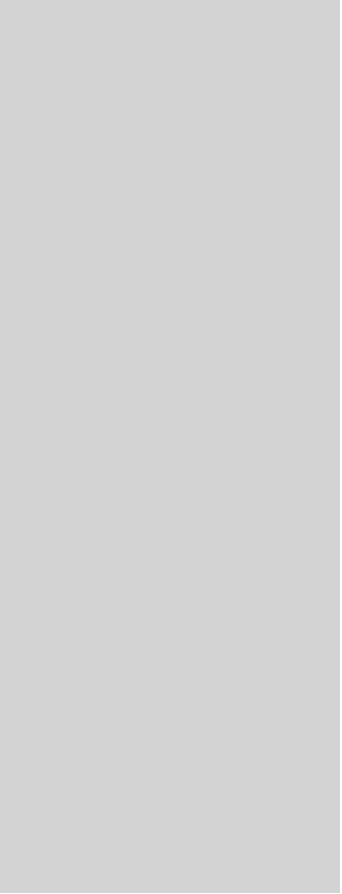
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To complement and lead up to the dissertation, there are different types of assessment on the course, each designed to relate to the learning outcomes. The assessment methods have been selected to support the pedagogical development of research skills and subject knowledge, and to satisfy individual unit, and global course learning outcomes. The details of each assignment task are provided in the unit handbooks and individual Unit Information. Valuable feedback from teachers but also from peers to enable students to review and improve their work.

The MA Applied Linguistics (TESOL) course employs a range of teaching and learning strategies whose focus is to develop expertise in Applied Linguistics research literature and its application in teaching, learning and research procedures.

### The teaching strategy can be summarised as follows:

- It is student-centred, requiring student involvement and discussion as an integral part of the teaching;
- It incrementally develops confidence in research design, procedures and ethics
- It has flexible teaching and learning arrangements, making extensive use of BREQ and other on-line modes of delivery;
- The teaching and course content is informed by industry experts with extensive publication records;



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**Learning support**

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<https://www.beds.ac.uk/entryrequirements>





**Assessment  
Regulations**





Section C: Assessment Plan

The course is assessed as follows :

**MAALTABF, MAALCABP, MAALPABF-**

Unit Code	Level	Period	Core/Option	Ass 1 Type code	Ass 1 Submit wk	Ass 2 Type code	Ass 2 Submit wk	Ass 3 Type code	Ass 3 Submit wk	Ass 4 Type code	Ass 4 Submit wk
LNG004-6	7	SEME STER 1	Core	WR-I	5	PJ-ART	14				
LNG012-6	7	SEME STER 1	Core	CW-ESS	10	CW-RW	13				
LNG036-6	7	SEME STER 1	Core	EX-PT	7	CW-ESS	11	CW-CS	13		
LNG035-6	7	SEME STER 1, 2 AND 3	Core	PR-ORAL	3	PJ-DISS	15				
LNG020-6	7	SEME STER 2	Core	WR-I	8	CW-LR	13				
LNG025-6	7	SEME STER 2	Core	PJ-ART	9	PJ-PRO	13				
LNG037-6	7	SEME STER 2	Core	PR-OT	12	CW-PORT	14				

**Glossary of Terms for Assessment Type Codes**

CW-CS	Coursework - Case Study
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CW-ESS	Coursework - Essay
CW-LR	Coursework - Literature Review
CW-RW	Coursework - Reflective Writing
PJ-ART	Coursework - Artefact
PJ-PRO	Coursework - Project Report
PR-OT	Practical - Other Skills Assessment
WR-I	Coursework - Individual Report

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