



**University of Houston-Downtown  
College of Public Service  
Department of Urban Education**

**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Curriculum and Instruction with an area of expertise  
in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)**

The Master of Teaching (MAT) degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an area of expertise in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) prepares students for teaching English to non-native English speakers both domestically and internationally in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, community colleges, universities, community organizations, and private language schools. Within these varied settings, MAT in TESOL graduates teach English as a Second Language (ESL), English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), English as a Foreign Language (EFL), and English for Special Purposes (ESP). In addition, the program prepares graduates to assume educational leadership and teacher training roles in a variety of educational settings.

*Note: The courses in this degree plan are taught using a hybrid of face-to-face and online instruction. Program participants with an existing Texas Educator Certification are eligible to earn ESL Supplemental Texas Educator Certification.*

**Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Courses (18 credit-hours)**

MAT 5317 Reading Curriculum, Methods, Assessment, and Diagnosis for Special Populations (summer)

ESL 5333 ESL Instruction/Assessment and the Acquisition of Language Concepts (summer)

ESL 5334 Foundations of ESL Education, Cultural Awareness, and Family/Community Involvement (spring)

MAT 6319 Teaching the Language Minority Child (spring)

MAT 6316 Advanced Methods for the Culturally Diverse Classroom (fall)

MAT 6310 Reading in a Multicultural Classroom (fall)

**Technology Course (3 credit-hours)**

ETC 5301 Technology Application for Curriculum Development & Instruction (summer)

**Child Development Course (3 credit-hours)**

MAT 6311 Advanced Study of Child Development and Diversity (summer)

**Educational Research Courses (6 credit-hours)**

MAT 6315 Introduction to Educational Research (fall)

MAT 6317 Classroom-Based Research (\*prerequisites MAT 6315 & ETC 5301) (spring)

**MAT Core Courses (6 credit-hours)**

MAT 6380 or ESL 6380 Practicum for Urban Teachers (spring)

MAT 6390 or ESL 6390 Directed Study in Urban Education (\*prerequisite: MAT 6317) (fall, spring, and summer)

**How to Apply and Admission Requirements**

- Apply for the UHD MAT program: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) (Clearly state you are applying for the MAT in TESOL on your application and in your personal statement)

- Submit official transcripts that depict an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Submit GRE scores: Quantitative, Verbal, and Analytical Writing (Note: No GRE scores are required if your undergraduate GPA or last 60-hours GPA is 3.0 or higher)
- Submit three professional recommendation forms using the MAT Recommendation Form: [https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/MAT\\_Recommendation\\_Form\\_apr10.pdf](https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/MAT_Recommendation_Form_apr10.pdf)
- Submit a written personal statement of 250 words explaining why you want to pursue an MAT in TESOL
- Submit TOEFL scores (if baccalaureate degree coursework was in a language other than English)
- Submit all materials via [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) or to Mr. Rubenjack Long in UHD Graduate Admissions (Office: N-353, [longr@uhd.edu](mailto:longr@uhd.edu), 713-223-7935)
- Application Due: July 15<sup>th</sup> for fall; November 15<sup>th</sup> for spring.
- For admission assistance or to check if your application is complete, please contact Mr. Rubenjack Long at UHD Graduate Admissions (contact information above).

*The MAT degree program requires completion of a minimum of 36 semester credit hours. For degree completion, at least 30 hours must be completed at UH-Downtown with a grade point average of 3.0. In addition, students must successfully complete a directed studies project (MAT 6390) with approval of the MAT in TESOL mentor and under the supervision of an appointed faculty advisor. This master's degree does not include initial Texas Teacher Certification.*

#### **Total MAT Tuition/Fees (12 classes)**

\$13,908 (Texas resident, based on Fall 2016 tuition/fees, taking two classes per semester)

Note: Tuition prices can change, and taking fewer than two classes per semester will raise the total program price of tuition/fees. This program cost estimate does not include books, materials, and living expenses. Tuition for non-Texas residents and international students is higher. UHD Graduate Tuition/Fees information is available here: <https://www.uhd.edu/student-resources/cashiers/Pages/cashiers-grad-tuition2017.aspx>

#### **Scholarship Assistance**

All UHD MAT students are encouraged to apply for the Gordon and Mary Cain Graduate Academic Merit Scholarship. This scholarship will pay for half the price of UHD MAT tuition/fees. Students can earn this scholarship more than once during the course of their MAT program. Application: [https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/scholarship-graduate-gordon\\_mary\\_cain.pdf](https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/scholarship-graduate-gordon_mary_cain.pdf)

#### **Contacts**

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**UHD MAT Website:** [www.uhd.edu/mat](http://www.uhd.edu/mat)