



# TEFL COURSE 120 HOUR ONLINE



Train online & travel the world with your internationally recognised TEFL Certificate



# FIND OUT MORE Inside...

Imagine waking up in one of the world's greatest travel locations before a day's teaching or spending your weekends sampling fine local delicacies, visiting incredible landmarks or simply relaxing on one of your favourite beaches with a well-earned drink.

Teaching abroad combines the greatest ingredients of travel with a working experience you will never forget and we are here to help make those first steps that little bit easier...

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# WHAT IS A TEFL Course?

A TEFL course contains the essential training you need to begin your teaching adventure abroad. With a TEFL certificate under your belt you will be able to apply for TEFL jobs in schools and language centres across the globe.

## Which TEFL Course is right for me?

Hunting for the right TEFL course can cause quite a headache from the sheer amount of different courses on the market. This can be confusing as all you probably want to know is 'Which course do I need to just get out there and start teaching!'

20 hrs ?

40 hrs ?

140 hrs ?

100 hrs ?

120 hrs ?



Through decades of experience in the world of TEFL we know that employers overseas generally ask for 120 hours minimum training which is why we only offer the 120 hours you need.



## Acronym Cracker

- ▶ **TEFL - Teaching English as a Foreign Language**  
Commonly used in the UK & Ireland, referring to teaching non-native English speakers in a country where English is not the native tongue.
- ▶ **TESOL - Teaching English to speakers of Other Languages**  
More common in the USA, Canada and Australia and very similar to TEFL, although generally it refers to teaching non-native English speakers who have migrated to an English speaking country.
- ▶ **CELTA - Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults**  
Usually a 4 week intensive classroom-based course and can cost over £1000. CELTA is highly regarded in the TEFL world but requires a lot of commitment to achieve the certificate.
- ▶ **PGCE - Post Graduate Certificate in Education**  
Specific to the UK and is a general teaching qualification, non-specific to language teaching. Those wishing to teach in state run schools in the UK will need a PGCE certificate or a teaching degree.

# What can I earn

## Teaching abroad?

If you want a get-rich-quick scheme then TEFL probably isn't the best place to start however the money you earn can go a lot further in your new country than it does at home.

### Price checker

	Thailand 	UK 
▶ Meal at a standard restaurant	£1.30	£8.00
▶ Beer	£1.20	£3.50
▶ Taxi (1km)	10p	£1.40
▶ Bottle of water	20p	£1.00
▶ Night stay in a reasonable hostel	From £8.00 (can be cheaper)	From £25

### Ways to earn and save during your time abroad

#### One-to-one teaching

Teach one-to-one lessons during your evenings/weekends and earn between £10-£30/hr depending on the country.

#### Free language lessons

Pick up another language for free by swapping language lessons during your stay and impress your friends and family on your return.

#### Additional incentives

Many TEFL jobs throw in extra incentives such as flight reimbursements, accommodation and bonus pay - great ways to add a bit of pocket money to your weekend trips.

#### Western Europe

France	
Germany	
Spain	
Italy	

Earn up to £1800 pm

#### Eastern Europe

Czech Republic	
Poland	
Hungary	
Slovakia	

Earn up to £1500 pm

#### North Asia

Japan	
South Korea	
Taiwan	
China	

Earn up to £2000 pm

#### South America

Brazil	
Argentina	
Peru	
Costa Rica	

Earn up to £1000 pm

#### Middle East

Saudi Arabia	
UAE	
Kuwait	
Jordan	

Earn up to £4000 pm

#### South East Asia

Thailand	
Vietnam	
Cambodia	
Laos	

Earn up to £1000 pm

# IS TEFL Right For me?

## Why do people teach abroad?

There are hundreds of reasons why people decide to pack their bags and escape the country for a new adventure abroad. Here are just a few of the main ones...

- ▶ Gap year (explore the world before committing to a new job or uni course)
- ▶ Career break (boss driving you crazy?)
- ▶ Post-graduate experience (not sure what to do with your degree yet?)
- ▶ Working holiday (earn and travel at the same time)
- ▶ To boost employability (practical teaching experience can go a long way)
- ▶ Escape the recession (over 1 billion people are currently leaning English abroad - not bad for job prospects)

## 5 REASONS TO TEACH ABROAD

- ▶ Earn money whilst travelling
- ▶ Gain new skills for life
- ▶ Immerse yourself in a new culture
- ▶ Be a key component of a child's learning experience
- ▶ Enhance your cv/resume

## 4 REASONS NOT TO TEACH ABROAD

- ▶ "I want to get rich quick"
- ▶ "I get homesick very easily"
- ▶ "I hate working with children"
- ▶ "I don't like a challenge"



# 120 HR COURSE

## Overview

### About the course

The 120 Hour Online Course is designed to give you a thorough grounding in all aspects of becoming a new teacher including putting together a lesson plan, teaching the complexities of grammar, managing a classroom and much more.

Whether you are a TEFL newbie or already experienced in the classroom, the 120 hour course will equip you with everything you need to launch yourself into a new career or teaching experience abroad.

### KEY FEATURES

- ▶ Study at your own pace
- ▶ Study anywhere in the world
- ▶ Access on any device
- ▶ Builds classroom confidence
- ▶ Lesson planning guidance
- ▶ How to teach young learners
- ▶ Dedicated personal tutor
- ▶ Detailed feedback & support
- ▶ Employment advice



99%  
Pass rate

## Where can I study?

Studying online means that you can study from anywhere in the world! This also means you can access your course at any time of the day allowing you to study around your own timetable.

## How can I access my course?

Desktop, mobile, tablet no problem. You can access your course on any device as long as you have an active internet connection and you're not using a PC dating back to the 70s.

## How long does it take?

From the moment you log in to the course you have 3 months to complete it but don't worry as there is plenty of opportunity to extend your course if you can't find the time to finish it. Our record breaker student completed the course in just two weeks! But we say that an average of 4-6 weeks is normal for passing the course.

## Accreditation

When choosing your TEFL course it is important that the course is provided by an accredited company. The 120 hour TEFL course is externally accredited by the Open and Distance Learning Quality Council (ODLQC).

The ODLQC accreditation means that we have been professionally reviewed and established as an official and high quality course provider. This accreditation is recognised worldwide meaning that employers across the globe will recognise that your qualification has come from a reputable provider.

Read more about the ODLQC [▶](#)



## Support

From the moment you begin your studies you will have a personal tutor to answer any questions you may have.

We're here to help you every step of the way so you can achieve the most from your course and land within our 99% pass rate!

See page 10 for more info [▶](#)



Any questions? Call: 0333 321 0099 Visit: [www.statravel.co.uk](http://www.statravel.co.uk)

# COURSE

## Breakdown

The course is packed full of practical knowledge and tips to help you become a great TEFL teacher. It has 3 main sections, guiding you through the core elements of successful teaching in turn. Each section includes:

Knowledge modules, combining clearly presented theory with short films, activities, quizzes and practical ideas to make your learning come alive.

Putting it into Practice, providing brilliant real life examples and ideas to help turn your knowledge into really effective teaching practice.

Check Your Knowledge, structured self-check quizzes to help you review what you have been taught.

Section

1

### Planning a Lesson

Planning is an essential part of teaching. If you invest time in structuring and developing a lesson, you are well on the way to making it work once you step into the classroom (not to mention having something concrete to help you overcome those first day nerves!).

Section

2

### Lesson Content

Your fantastic lesson plan needs to have some language content. This section examines the 3 main topics you will teach, namely: vocabulary, grammar and the 4 skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking).

Section

3

### Vocabulary and Pronunciation

Planning your lesson and knowing your topic are brilliant foundations for teaching. However, you still need to deliver your lesson to real students.

This section of the course explores how to give yourself the best possible chance of delivering your lesson successfully. You will learn about creating a good teaching environment for your students, approaches to helping your students to learn and how to deal with problems that arise.

## Course Assessment

Once you have completed Section 3, you will be ready to take the course assessment.

This has 3 parts: first you will take a test to check your knowledge, you will then need to create a lesson plan and finally produce a piece of written work to demonstrate your understanding of effective teaching.

Your work will be marked within 7 days, and you will receive written feedback. Your certificate will then follow within 28 days (although as a small and nimble business we always try to beat this!)

## Taking it Further

Completing the course is just your first step to an amazing TEFL adventure. To help you on your way, we end the course with an additional section setting out listings for further reading and resources, practical hints for finding work (including links to useful recruitments), and finally some tips to help you with that crucial first day in the classroom.

## Support and Advice

Trainees have access to support and advice throughout the course, through our support desk team and course tutors.



# TUTORS & Your support team

Here at STA Travel we have passion for TEFL and teaching abroad and we want to make sure you do too. As a TEFL student you will always have the support of our team to ensure you that you make the right decisions and help you reach your ambition of landing that dream job abroad.

## MEET TUTOR Tracy



Well, where to start? My TEFL journey began on holiday in India after meeting people who were teaching in the Middle East. Back home, I was off work for a while as the malaria tablets had given me double vision! It was then that I decided computing wasn't for me. I wanted to travel but needed funds, so, after quitting my job and getting trained, I set off to teach English in Japan. My one year 'career break' turned into four years as I realised I had found what I wanted to do. Back in the UK, I got further training and worked in various EFL (English as a Foreign Language) schools around the country before settling in a secondary school, teaching English. Career progression is great in EFL and, before leaving work to raise my young family, I was working as Director of Studies in an EFL language college.

Going full circle, I'm now in the enviable position of helping others realise their dream to travel, teach and have amazing adventures. STA candidates submit their lesson plans and essays to me and, first and foremost, I study the plans to assess the lesson's potential. I then examine, in detail, the plans and essays and provide comprehensive feedback commenting on areas of strength and weakness. I offer support, advice and practical teaching ideas taken from over 15 years' experience in the industry. I always give honest feedback and will explain very clearly why something may not work in the classroom setting. If the lesson plan does not reach the standard required to pass, I will send an explanation and detailed suggestions for improvement. As with most things in life, you get out what you put in.

The candidates who successfully pass the course (even if they have to try more than once) are the ones who remain positive, enthusiastic and open to constructive criticism. I am always happy to receive emails requesting support or help and will do my best to respond quickly and with sound advice. I love hearing from candidates who have started teaching overseas and are having a life-changing experience - just like I did many years ago!



# 120 HR COURSE

## Reviews



"The course is really manageable and properly organised. I like the ease of logging on and off whenever suits me. The content is thorough and there are numerous examples and online sources of info if you don't understand a section of the module. The reviews (tests) are short and to the point and I feel they test what is relevant - there is nothing here to waste your time or 'pad-up' the course."

**Keith** TEFL Course student



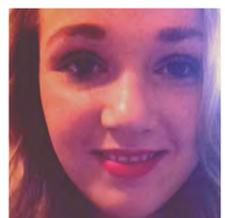
"It's been one of the best years of my life, the school I was in was fantastic the kids and teaching were brilliant and I would recommend anyone to choose TEFL, especially if it's your first time."

**Luke** TEFL Course student / Thailand TEFL teacher



"Overall I'd say my life in China has been absolutely amazing, I've made so many new friends from all over the world. After doing my TEFL teaching certificate. I'd never been to China before and I'd never taught before so I was sort of throwing myself in the deep end but it's definitely been worth while and it's been an adventure."

**Graham Weston** TEFL Course student / China TEFL teacher



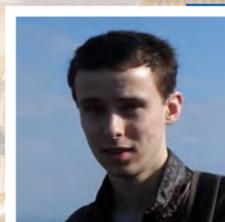
"I'm really enjoying the online course so far. The review quizzes throughout the modules give you a really good idea of how you are getting on and all the material is really comprehensive. Having said that I can't wait to be finished so I can get out there and use it!"

**Katie** TEFL Course student



"The TEFL course was well laid out, easy to use and well structured. There were some long winded segments but they all become relevant in time once you start your first TEFL job. The phonics section was frustrating for me, drove me crazy but again its highly relevant. A lot of support from the along the way as well, which was great."

**Denise** TEFL Course student / China TEFL Teacher



"My favourite part of the 120 hour course was that it was written in a very easy-to-read way, I like how it is written 'to me' as this make it easier to digest all of the information. I think it is really well structured and I feel confident in my knowledge of teaching thanks to the course. The module exams were a really good way of going over everything I've learnt in each module and I found them really helpful. It also gets you thinking about teaching in more depth away from the course, including how to improve different parts of my teaching and by looking through articles and theories through the links provided on the course."

**Rob** TEFL Course student / China TEFL Teacher

# TEFL STORIES

## From our teachers

### GRAHAM'S Story



**Since** completing the 120 hour TEFL course it's fair to say things have changed for me. Upon completing the course STA helped me find a job straight away, and within a few weeks of finishing the course I was on a flight to Beijing. I had signed up to teach for 1 year in the far north of China. I had no idea what to expect, but it turned out to be the adventure of a lifetime. I write this having now finished my first year teaching, but I'm still in China! The adventure continues!

The course provided me with the skills necessary to make teaching abroad a success. It's a very challenging thing to do, but to have gone through the course I felt a whole lot more confident stepping into the classroom for the first time. That's not to say I wasn't terrified when I started teaching! I learned so much on the job, and nothing quite prepares you fully for that first lesson. But without having studied prior to starting the job, I don't know what I would have done! It's not just the theory of teaching English, but also all the practical tips the course has that are so helpful for when you actually start teaching. Some of it was tough, especially trying to remember the nuts and bolts of grammar, but it's something that's well worth brushing up on before you start teaching. For me, the best part was learning practical activities to use in the classroom. For the most part it was fun and I was able to get through the course in good time.

The job itself was amazing. I was placed at a Kindergarten in Shenyang, up in the far northern reaches of China. I wasn't quite prepared for how different my life would be from this point on. China is an incredible place, and the culture is so different to what I know back home. It makes every day different, interesting, and sometimes very challenging! Then there are the students! Some days they would be so funny, some days they would tire me out - 5 year olds seem to have so much energy! But overall I had so much fun teaching them.

Since finishing my first year teaching I now work in a support role helping new teachers coming to China, and it all started with me sitting down to take the course. It has opened up so many opportunities for me; not only my job, but I have now been learning to speak Chinese for almost a year!

My photos



# STACEY'S Story



My photos



**Over** two years of travelling Australia and NZ, and I was back in the snow and cold of England. It was great to see everyone but I felt stuck again! My sister forwarded a link about teaching in Thailand. I'd been to Thailand four years earlier and promised myself I'd go back so why not now?! After emailing my CV and details, I had a Skype interview which went really well and I bought my TEFL course.

I began work on it straight away because if I finished and passed within the month, there was a position for me in Thailand starting in May 2013. Many weeks of little sleep between work and studying (and hassling the TEFL support team for advice! If you are unsure about anything, they are always happy to help!) paid off when I received the "You've Passed" email! I hired a car, phoned the Thai consulate and raced up before it shut to get my non-B visa! Easy to do, friendly staff! Booked a flight, packed and headed off to Bangkok!

After one night in Bangkok, I headed to my orientation where some friendly staff met a large group of us and took us on buses down to Pattaya for the Thai cultural awareness and orientation seminar. Six months on and I'm still here, teaching in the Isaan region of Thailand and due to stay until at least April 2014. My advice is just get on with it! You never know what you'll find where you go! So you may be asking, what is there in the Isaan region that kept me here for so long? Well here is a short list for you!

## My school

I teach science to 5-11year olds. It's great! I have a lot of freedom with my lesson planning, but have a textbook and workbook for each level to work alongside. The children are respectful, friendly and great fun! They love playing games, getting out of the classroom and just spending time with the foreign teachers! Festivals and holidays are common! There is the opportunity to get involved in the school activities too, including inter school spelling bees etc.

## The food

Super spicy, bit strange but most restaurants will cook you anything you ask for if they have the ingredients! There are also a few foreign places to eat (few and far between) if you really crave pizza or burgers. A great fix is the 7/11 ham and cheese toastie - everyone swears by it!! 25 baht! A winner!

## Muay Thai

I train in Muay Thai when I'm not in school and I get to see some awesome events that just are common in the show-off tourist places!! My gym - PawPhrommanon gym, is owned by Ceing and Abbie; Ceing has previously trained Buakaw amongst other big names!!

## The Landscape

There are many places to visit here, mostly waterfalls, temples and zoos! Historical ruins too!

## Ubon Ratchatani

Very close too if you want your western cinema, bowling, swimming, horse riding fix! Go to Peppers on the airport road!! BEST WESTERN food out here by far!



# YOUR NEXT STEPS

So there you have it. We hope we've made the prospect of teaching abroad much clearer however if we have missed anything and you still have any questions then just get in touch! Good luck, STA Travel.

Any Questions?

Get in touch today  
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