



# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

A U.S. - ACCREDITED GRADUATE INSTITUTION AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH PROGRAMS

The Department of English Programs at AUA offers a professional Master's of Arts in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (MA TEFL) and three Certificates: Teaching English as a Foreign Language (C-TEFL), Translation from Armenian to English and vice-versa (C-TR), and Teaching English to Young Learners (C-TEFL-YL). The curricula of these programs follow closely the requirements and standards of similar courses and degree offerings at institutions in the United States and elsewhere.

The MA TEFL is designed to meet the needs of an educational system in transition. In an era when English is regarded as the international language of business, diplomacy, scientific research, and other specialized areas of endeavor, it is imperative that the development of curricula, textbooks, examinations, and the preparation of future teachers dedicated to English language instruction be based on the most highly developed and advanced linguistic, pedagogical, and socio-cultural principles. The curriculum combines theory and practical skills providing students with an opportunity to conduct research in the field of applied linguistics and language teaching.

TEFL students have first-rate language teaching and learning facilities at their disposal, including a fully computerized language laboratory with internet access, an interactive language laboratory incorporating the use of authentic videotaped linguistic and cultural information appropriate for the development of English language skills, and the Learning Resource Center (LRC), where students can improve their English language skills on their own time with guidance from instructors.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for Admission, an applicant must meet the AUA General Admission Requirements detailed in the Admissions tab of the website at <http://www.aua.am/admissions/admissions.html>

In addition, MA TEFL program applicants must have the following DEPTFL Specific Program Requirements:

- a minimum iBT (Internet-based TOEFL) score of 79
- an interest in applied linguistics research, theory, and practice expressed in the applicant's Statement of Purpose
- DEP Speaking Test (if students score low, a speaking course may be required)

### ABOUT AUA

Deciding to pursue an American master's degree is a big decision; but choosing the best school to meet your needs is even harder. AUA offers excellent U.S.-accredited graduate programs and provides several unique advantages.

- A safe, welcoming environment. Armenia offers a warm and hospitable social environment where all cultures are welcome and appreciated.
- Motivated students. Students from the U.S., China, Iran, Syria, Georgia, Russia, India and around the world join Armenian students for an increasingly international student population.
- Accommodating facilities and services. Facilities, including the new, state-of-the-art Paramaz Avedissian Building, contain services such as wireless Internet and the latest software, the open-stack Papazian library, a cafeteria and health center.



For more information on admissions and a list of all required documents, please check the AUA website: [www.aua.am](http://www.aua.am)

## CURRICULUM

The MA TEFL curriculum is designed to prepare students to be teachers/researchers who will assume leadership positions in the field. Courses include:

- English for Language Teachers
- Introduction to TEFL Methodology
- Introduction to Language
- Structure of English
- Teaching Language Skills
- Research Methods
- Interlanguage Analysis
- Classroom Assessment
- Practicum
- Current Topics in Applied Linguistics
- Second Language Acquisition
- Discourse Grammar
- Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL)
- English for Specific Purposes (ESP)
- Curriculum Design
- Advanced Assessment
- Master's Thesis OR 10-week Internship plus Master's Paper

## DEP FACULTY

### Associate Dean/Assistant Professor

Catherine Buon, PhD, Louisiana State University, USA

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## CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS (CRAL)

CRAL conducts, encourages, publishes, and disseminates research with a primary focus on promoting the development of effective language teaching at all levels of education in Armenia and the region.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate with a Master's Degree in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (MA TEFL), students must successfully complete all required courses as listed by the department. In addition to the course work, students must complete a Master's Thesis or a Master's Paper and Internship, and present the results to the public. Submitting and receiving final approval of the Master's Thesis or Master's Paper constitute the final steps in the Program.



The American University of Armenia is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 985 Atlantic Avenue, #100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510-748-9001.

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