

MA in Professional Development for Language Education

NILE'S MA in Professional Development for Language Education (MAPDLE), validated by the University of Chichester, is a flexibly delivered, modular postgraduate programme for professionals involved in ELT or in other sectors of language education who wish to develop their specialist skills. The programme is led by recognised specialists in their field, including Jason Skeet (Programme Leader), Phil Ball, Martyn Clarke, Gavin Dudeney, Thom Kiddle, Alan Mackenzie, Tony Prince, Simon Smith, Johanna Stirling and Malgosia Tetiurka.

The MAPDLE has been offered now for over 21 years and was designed specifically for working professionals, to be affordable, accessible and flexible. It offers high levels of personal choice and control over the routes followed and the timing of modules.

Fast track opportunities

Students have up to six years in which to complete the MA, but those who have the Cambridge Delta or Trinity Diploma in TESOL will be exempt from the core module so long as they also have an undergraduate degree. Other prior learning, certificated and/or experiential may also be considered.

Mode of Delivery

Each module consists of a face-to-face or online course followed by a six-month period in which to complete post-course assignments with the distance support of the course tutor.

Face-to-face taught courses are offered for all our modules except Developing Learner Autonomy and the Dissertation. These courses are taught in Norwich or in one of our accredited centres in South America or Switzerland and are of two or three weeks' duration. Face-to-face courses in Norwich are eligible for EU funding support.

All modules are also available through fully tutor-led online delivery.

Start dates: Various (see dates of modules overleaf).

How to Apply: Direct to the Registrar, NILE: registrar@nile-elt.com or via our website www.nile-elt.com.

Entry Requirements:

Candidates should have a degree in a relevant discipline, language teaching experience, and also a level of proficiency in English sufficient for successful completion of a course of study at postgraduate level. Access to current language learners for classroom investigation is necessary for candidates who take the core MALTM module, and for some electives (MADLA, MATYL, MATALL, MACLIL). Access to current language learners is useful but not required for the Dissertation and for the other electives (MAMAT, MATEA, MAMILE, MATEAP, MATD).

The modules:

The MAPDLE is a 180-credit award (worth 90 points in the European Credit Transfer System)

The **Core Module**, Language Teaching Methodology (MALTM), is worth 60 credits.

The **Elective Modules** (see the list below) are worth 30 credits each. Two electives will need to be chosen from the list overleaf.

The Dissertation (15,000 words) is supervised at distance and applies the knowledge and skills acquired on the previous modules. It is an obligatory module for completion of the MA and is worth 60 credits.

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Module name	Course code	Course dates
Dissertation:		
A 15 000 word, research-based dissertation on a topic of the participant's choice	MADISS	Individual start dates
Face-to-Face Courses in Norwich:		
Core Module: Language Teaching Methodology	MALTM	29 June – 17 July 2020
Content and Language Integrated Learning	MACLIL	3 – 14 August 2020
Management in Language Education	MAMILE	20 – 31 July 2020
Materials Development for Language Education	MAMAT	3 - 14 August 2020
Technology Assisted Language Learning	MATALL	20 – 31 July 2020
Trainer Development	MATD	20 – 31 July 2020
Testing, Evaluation and Assessment	MATEA	20 – 31 July 2020
Teaching English for Academic Purposes	MATEAP	3 – 14 August 2020
Teaching Young Learners	MATYL	6 – 17 July 2020
Online Courses:		
Core module: Language Teaching Methodology	MALTMO	13 January – 22 April 2020 7 September – 16 December 2020
Management in Language Education	MAMILEO	20 January – 25 March 2020 21 September – 25 November 2020
Technology Assisted Language Learning	MATALLO	20 January – 25 March 2020
Trainer Development	MATDO	20 January – 1 April 2020 20 April – 1 July 2020 21 September – 2 December 2020
Teaching Young Learners	MATYLO	21 September – 2 December 2020
Content and Language Integrated Learning	MACLILO	20 April – 24 June 2020
Materials Development for Language Education	MAMATO	20 January – 25 March 2020 20 April – 24 June 2020 21 September – 25 November 2020
Teaching English for Academic Purposes	MATEAPO	20 April – 24 June 2020
Testing Evaluation and Assessment	MATEAO	20 January – 25 March 2020 21 September – 25 November 2020
Developing Learner Autonomy in Language Education	MADLA	Start at any time

Tuition fees:

Core Module (Language Teaching Methodology):	£2,300
Elective Modules (x2):	£1,150 each
Dissertation:	£2,300
Total Cost (academic year 2019/2020 fees):	£6,900

Please note that all courses starting after 1 September 2021 may be subject to a fee increase