

Information on TESOL-related Training Programs in South Korea

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Foreword

This document includes links to South Korean training programs in the TESOL field, including certification programs (such as CELTA and TEFL) and graduate programs in the field.

The section on certification programs includes links to articles and blog posts that explain the difference between CELTA, TEFL, and TESL, as well as which ones are useful for South Korea. It also has links to different in-class programs offered in Korea.

The section on graduate-level TESOL-related courses in the Republic of Korea includes links to university programs that offer at least master's degrees in those fields. However, with this, I had to be more selective, owing to how there are several hundred colleges and universities in South Korea.

To that end, I looked at both highly-rated universities, as well as national universities. I created an entry for each program that indicated (in English) that there were master's degree programs in TESOL, English Language Education, or other related fields, even if there was no other information on them. Too, if there was nothing in English, or if my browser displayed a security warning when I visited the university's website, I disregarded it.

The results can be seen below.

It is my hope that Korea TESOL is able to find a way to use this resource to become even better than before. And, it is my hope that some of its members are able to use the information contained here to continue their professional development, so as to become better English language teachers.

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Selecting a Short-term Teacher Training Course for South Korea

- What qualification do I need to teach in Korea? CELTA, TESOL, and TEFL explained (Waegukin, n.d.)
 - Website: <http://waegukin.com/teach-in-korea-celta-tesol-tefl>
 - Description: Blog post that goes over necessary qualifications for teaching English in South Korea. It includes a summary of what is needed, meanings of different acronyms, three reasons to go for those types of teaching certifications, and three types of programs to consider (as well as where they would be accepted).
 - Bias: reference; aimed at people who want to teach English in Korea; explicitly advertised i-to-i's teaching program
- What type of TEFL do I need to teach English in South Korea? (i-to-i, n.d.)
 - Website: <https://www.i-to-i.com/tefl-faq/what-type-of-tefl-do-i-need-to-teach-in-south-korea.html>
 - Description: Entry that goes over how many Asian countries require some kind of TEFL certification to teach English in them, and how many South Korean employers require it. It also touches on other requirements for teaching in Korea, as well as benefits of doing so.
 - Bias: informational; reference; advertisement for i-to-i's program
- Which TEFL Course Should I Take to Teach in Korea for EPIK? (Greenheart Travel, 2019)
 - Website: <https://greenhearttravel.org/blog/teach-abroad-south-korea/which-tefl-course-should-i-take-to-teach-in-korea>
 - Description: Blog post that goes over the three kinds of TEFL certification programs that are accepted by EPIK when applying (in-class, online with practicum, or online only), as well as the two that it recommends.
 - Bias: advice; advertises Greenheart Travel's TESOL Certification program

TESOL-related Certificate Programs in South Korea

CELTA Courses in South Korea

- CELTA Courses Seoul (Study CELTA)
 - Website: <https://www.studycelta.com/tefl-south-korea/celta-seoul/>
 - Description: Information on a CELTA training course in Seoul. It includes its fee and course dates, reading that's recommended, information about the training center, its five units, and applying.
 - Bias: informational; advertisement; program focused on teaching English to adults
- CELTA in Seoul (We Teach Korea, 2018)
 - Websites
 - Main site: <http://www.weteachkorea.com/celta-in-seoul/>
 - More information: <http://sce.igse.ac.kr/community/TheCambridgeCELTA/>
 - Description: Page that gives information on a CELTA course in Seoul, including what it is, upcoming programs, and application information. The other page gives further information, including the center's annual schedule and the program's cost.
 - Bias: informational; advertisement
- Lexis Korea - Gangnam (Lexis TESOL)
 - Website: <http://www.lexistesoltraining.com/seoul/>
 - Description: Page that goes over Lexis Korea, a teacher training company (with an office in Gangnam) that offers two CELTA courses each year. However, most of it focuses on the company itself.
 - Bias: advertisement

TEFL and TESOL Courses in South Korea

- South Korea TEFL Course (TravelBud, 2019)
 - Websites
 - South Korean program: <https://travelbud.com/tefl-courses/south-korea-tefl-course/>

- All TESOL training programs (Xplore Asia):
<https://www.xploreasia.org/overseas-in-class-tesol-certification/>
- Online version:
<https://www.xploreasia.org/programs/online-tesol-training-and-certification/>
- Description: Overview of a four-week, 120-hour TEFL course offered in Incheon. It includes an introduction to it, summaries of what all is covered during each week, reviews of it, and opportunities for chatting.
- Bias: advertisement; informational; aimed at native English speaking teachers in teaching primary and secondary students in Korea (in both hagwons and public schools)
- Note: the TravelBud site does not mention practical teaching experience, but the Xplore Asia one does.
- South Korea TESOL Certification Program in Incheon (Greenheart Travel, n.d.)
 - Website:
<https://greenhearttravel.org/program/adult/tefl-certification/south-korea-tefl-certification-program-in-incheon>
 - Description: Page that explains Greenheart Travel's TESOL certification program. It gives an overview of it, lists dates for different courses (as well as whether or not they're full), eligibility information, price, accommodation, average weekday schedule, employment in Korea, frequently asked questions, process for applying, and pictures from past training sessions.
 - Bias: advertisement; informational; aimed at people who will be teaching English in South Korea
- TEFL Course (Asian College of Teachers, n.d.)
 - Website: <https://www.korvia.com/tefl/>
 - Description: Page that gives information on a TEFL certification program (either 120-hour, 140-hour, or 170-hour), including reasons to get TEFL certification, benefits of it, its format, an overview of it, its curriculum, frequently asked questions about it, and prices.
 - Bias: advertisement; informational; aimed at incoming native English speaking teachers with the Korean public schools

Graduate-level TESOL Programs in South Korea

Lists of South Korean Universities

- List of national universities in South Korea (Wikipedia)
 - Website: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_national_universities_in_South_Korea
 - Description: Page that lists national universities in South Korea, including flagship ones and ones focused on education, among others.
 - Bias: reference
- List of universities and colleges in South Korea (Wikipedia)
 - Website: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baekseok_University
 - Description: List of colleges and universities in South Korea, from A to Z. Each university listed includes the school name, a hyperlink to a page with more information on it, and where it is.
 - Bias: reference

Rankings of South Korean universities

- Best universities in South Korea 2019 (Times Higher Education, 2018)
 - Website: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-universities-south-korea#survey-answer>
 - Description: Article that lists the top 25 universities in South Korea. The top five — Seoul National University, Syunkyunkwan University, KAIST, Pohang University of Science and Technology, and Korea University — are covered in more detail.
 - Bias: ranking; recruitment
- QS South Korea University Rankings 2019 (TopUniversities.com, n.d.)
 - Website: <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/rankings-by-location/south-korea/2019>

- Description: List that ranks the top 50 universities in South Korea. The top five are KAIST, Seoul National University, Korea University, Sungkyunkwan University, and Yonsei University
- Bias: ranking
- Universities in Korea (UniRank, 2019)
 - Website: <https://www.4icu.org/kr/universities/>
 - Description: Page with links to different rankings of South Korean universities, including overall ranking, top university in different areas, and top kinds of universities in the country. At the bottom, there are links to pages with rankings of other universities worldwide.
 - Bias: ranking
 - Note: the page does not indicate how it determines a school's ranking

Individual Korean Universities

Universities in Gangwon-do

- Gangneung-Wonju National University
 - *Location:* Gangneung and Wonju (Gangwon-do)
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* Master's in English Language Education; Master's in English Language and Literature
 - *Website with information on the program:*
<http://www.gwnu.ac.kr/en/30251/subview.do> (includes phone number and e-mail address)
 - *Note:* Trying to access the school of education website by using Firefox (on May 13, 2019) resulted in a security warning. Thus, there is no information on this particular school's programs, aside from the fact that they exist
- Kangwon National University
 - *Location:* Chuncheon
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* Graduate program in English Education
 - *Websites with information on the program*
 - English Education (Korean, with courses listed in English):
http://edugradu.kangwon.ac.kr/sub02_05.php
 - List of graduate majors in education (English):
<https://www.kangwon.ac.kr/english/contents.do?key=1360&>
 - *Note:* there was some information in English on education programs, but little on the school's graduate program in English Education

Universities in Gyeonggi-do

- Dankook University
 - *Location:* Yongin, Gyeonggi-do (near Seoul)
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* MA TESOL
 - *Website with information on the program:* <http://tango987.wixsite.com/dankooktesol>
 - *Note:* the most recent application period listed was for fall 2017. So, if interested in this program, contact them first. (Contact information can be found at the bottom.)
- Sungkyunkwan University
 - *Location:* Suwon
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* Master's in English Education
 - *Websites with information on the program*
 - English Education (Special Graduate):
https://coe.skku.edu/eng_coe/programs/departments/en_intro.do#N
 - Schools / Departments (Education):
https://coe.skku.edu/eng_coe/programs/departments.do

Universities in Seoul

- Ewha Women's University
 - *Location:* Seoul
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* Master's degree in TESOL; various TESOL certificate programs
 - *Website with information on the program*
 - *Information on the program:*
http://www.ewha.ac.kr/mbs/ewhaen/subview.jsp?id=ewhaen_020205000000
 - *Contact information:*
http://www.ewha.ac.kr/mbs/ewhaen/subview.jsp?id=ewhaen_080000000000
 - *Note:* the website includes a listing of both the master's degree program in TESOL, as well as non-degree programs in TESOL
- Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
 - *Location:* Seoul

- *Degrees/certificates offered:* Master's Degree in English Language Teaching (ELT);
Master's Degree in ELT Contents Development
- *Websites with information on the program:*
 - Graduate School of TESOL (in English):
http://www.hufs.ac.kr/user/hufsenglish/gra_8.jsp
 - Graduate School of TESOL (in Korean): <http://tesolgs.hufs.ac.kr/>
 - Contact information:
<http://builder.hufs.ac.kr/user/hufsenglish/contact.html>
- Korea University
 - *Location:* Seoul
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:*
 - M.A. and Ph.D. in English education
 - Has master's and Ph.D. programs in various areas of linguistics, as well as English language and literature
 - *Websites with information on the program:*
 - Department of English education:
<https://graduate2.korea.ac.kr/gradeng/department/major.do?mode=view&articleNo=11057&article.offset=0&articleLimit=200&srCategoryId1=15>
 - Department of English language and literature:
<https://graduate2.korea.ac.kr/gradeng/department/major.do?mode=view&articleNo=11016&article.offset=0&articleLimit=200&srCategoryId1=15>
 - Department of linguistics:
<https://graduate2.korea.ac.kr/gradeng/department/major.do?mode=view&articleNo=11043&article.offset=0&articleLimit=200&srCategoryId1=15>
 - List of graduate programs (humanities and social sciences):
<https://graduate2.korea.ac.kr/gradeng/department/major.do?mode=list&srSearchKey=&srSearchVal=&srCategoryId1=15>
- Seoul National University (SNU/Seoul Dae [서울대])
 - *Location:* Seoul
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:*
 - Master's and Ph.D. programs in English language and literature
 - Master's and Ph.D. programs in English language education
 - *Websites with information on the program*
 - Department of English Language and Literature (description):
http://humanities.snu.ac.kr/en/English_Language_Introduction
 - Department of English Language Education:
<http://engedu.snu.ac.kr/eng/mastart/mastart.php>
 - Description of SNU's English Language Education, including its purpose:
http://edu.snu.ac.kr/en/English_Language_Education

- Graduate-level curriculum, Department of English Language Education: http://engedu.snu.ac.kr/eng/03_sub/3c_sub02.php
 - SNU's graduate school programs: <http://www.useoul.edu/gradaute-school>
- Seoul National University of Education
 - *Location*: Seoul
 - *Degrees/certificates offered*: Graduate program in English Education (elementary focus)
 - *Website with information on the program*: http://www.snue.ac.kr/eng/academics/index.do?sub_no=0&sub_one_dept_no=1&sub_two_dept_no=0
 - *Note*: there was little English language information on this site
- Sookmyung Women's University (SWU)
 - *Location*: Seoul
 - *Degrees/certificates offered*: TESOL MA (open to men and women);
 - *Websites with information on the program*:
 - TESOL MA: <http://tesolma.com/index.html>
 - TESOL programs at SWU: <http://tesol.sookmyung.ac.kr/>

Universities in other parts of South Korea

- Andong National University
 - *Location*: Andong, Gyeongsangbuk-do
 - *Degrees/certificates offered*: Master's in English Language and Literature; graduate program in English Education
 - *Websites with information on the program*:
 - Graduate school of education website: http://eng.andong.ac.kr/eng/html.do?menu_idx=107
 - Graduate school of education website (in Korean): <http://gse.andong.ac.kr/>
 - Graduate school website (e-mail address at the bottom): http://eng.andong.ac.kr/eng/html.do?menu_idx=105
 - *Notes*
 - It is a bit difficult to tell which graduate degrees this school has.
 - The Korean language version of this school's website appears to have more complete information than the English language one.
- Chonnam National University
 - *Location*: Gwangju
 - *Degrees/certificates offered*: Master's in English Education

- *Website with information on the program:*
http://global.jnu.ac.kr/Academics/Special/Sp_Education
- *Note:* There was little English-language information available on this particular program
- Gongju National University of Education
 - *Location:* Gongju, Chungcheonnam-do
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* Graduate program in English Education (elementary education focus)
 - *Website with information on the program:*
http://www.gjue.ac.kr/gjue/eng/sub02_02.do
 - *Note:* aside from listing this program, there was no other English-language information on it
- Gyeongsang National University
 - *Location:* Jinju
 - *Degrees/certificates offered*
 - Master's in English Language and Literature
 - Graduate program in English Language Education
 - *Websites with information on the program*
 - Master's programs: https://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/02_04.jsp
 - Graduate education programs: https://eng.gnu.ac.kr/sub/02_04_03.jsp
 - *Note:* there was no English-language information on any of the programs, aside from listing them
- Gyeongin National University of Education
 - *Location:* Incheon
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* Master's degree in Elementary English Education
 - *Website with information on the program:*
<http://sub.ginue.ac.kr/english/index.html?menuno=1665>
 - *Note:* aside from listing this program, there was no other English-language information on it
- Korea National University of Education
 - *Location:* Cheongwon, Chungcheongbuk-do
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* Master's and Ph.D. in English Education and Elementary English Education
 - *Websites with information on the program:*
 - Explanations of different graduate programs:
http://en.knue.ac.kr/icons/app/cms/?html=/home/en4_1.html&shell=/index_shell:71
 - List of graduate degrees: <http://en.knue.ac.kr/> (click on “Academic Degree Curriculum” on the left)

- *Note:* there was little English-language information on the graduate programs in English Education
- Kunsan National University
 - *Location:* Gunsan, Jeollabuk-do
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* Graduate program in English Language Education
 - *Website with information on the program:*
https://www.kunsan.ac.kr/en/index.kunsan?menuCd=DOM_000000403002000000
 - *Note:* aside from listing this program, there was no other English-language information on it
- Pusan National University
 - *Location:* Busan
 - *Degrees/certificates offered*
 - Graduate program in English language and literature
 - Graduate program in English language education
 - *Websites with information on the program*
 - English language & literature:
http://www.pusan.ac.kr/eng/CMS/OrganizationMgr/UndergraduateInfo.do?mCode=MN020&gc_code=312100&gc_parent_code=310000
 - English language education:
http://www.pusan.ac.kr/eng/CMS/OrganizationMgr/UndergraduateInfo.do?mCode=MN020&gc_code=361300&gc_parent_code=360000
 - List of graduate programs (English):
<http://www.pusan.ac.kr/eng/CMS/OrganizationMgr/Undergraduate.do?mCode=MN020>
 - Main page (English): <https://www.pusan.ac.kr/eng/Main.do>
- Suncheon National University
 - *Location:* Suncheon, Jeollanam-do
 - *Degrees/certificates offered:* Master's in English Language Education
 - *Websites with information on the program:*
<http://eng.suncheon.ac.kr/web/eng/graduate-schools>
 - *Note:* aside from listing this program, there was no other English-language information on it