Co-ordinator: Dr John Hughes

Unit description
The rapid expansion of English as a global language has led to a demand for graduates across a range of disciplines to have skills and expertise in English language teaching. This unit aims to introduce the theory, concepts and practices used in teaching English as a second language (TESOL). The unit will focus on developing participants’ knowledge and understanding of English language teaching and learning. These skills will be developed specifically in relation to teaching international students in Australia and teaching in primary, secondary and tertiary contexts overseas. The unit will develop understanding of second language learning and intercultural skills. It requires an interest, but not a specific background, in teaching and languages.

Field trip
There will be a field trip to an English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) Centre.

About the staff
Dr John Hughes

Dr John Hughes is Associate Dean (Undergraduate Studies) in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, the University of Sydney. He has taught TESOL for over 20 years. He chaired the committee that established Australia’s first Graduate Diploma in TESOL(Adults) at the University of Technology, Sydney and his doctoral study was in the field of teacher professional development in literary education.

He studied TESOL at the University of London, Institute of Education and TESOL (Adults) at ACU National. Together with Valerie Hoogstad he was the editor of the acclaimed book Communication for Technical Scientific and Medical Professionals: Theory and Practice (Macmillan) and for the NSW Office of the Minister for Education he wrote the book Communicative Language Teaching.

Dr Hughes has a special interest in drama and language learning. In 1997 he was selected to be one of four Master Teachers of Educational Drama at the International Drama/Theatre and Education Research Conference, Canada. He is also Chair of the Education Committee of the Shakespeare Globe Centre Australia and in July 2004 he was invited to present his work on Shakespeare and students at the International Drama/Theatre and Education World Congress, Ottawa.

Other publications in books and refereed journals include:


**Indicative reading list**


