



Why TEFL at ACT?

Experienced and highly qualified teaching staff

Study alongside international professors with degrees from leading universities in the U.S., U.K. and Greece with over 20 years of teaching experience.

World-class facilities

A 45-acre campus encompassing the 4,500m² Bissell Library, one of the most sophisticated private facilities of its kind in Southeast Europe, and the Stavros S. Niarchos Technology Center, which gives students access to the latest tools in information technology.



The American College of Thessaloniki (ACT) is the tertiary division of Anatolia College, an institution with a long and prestigious history that dates back to 1886.

ACT is accredited in the United States by NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. In addition to ACT having full NEASC accreditation, the undergraduate programs delivered at ACT are also validated by Open University, UK. ACT has also been granted a license by the Greek government to operate as a private post-secondary educational institution ("College").

ACT's comprehensive undergraduate curriculum leads to Bachelor's degrees in Business (with 4 Concentrations), Business Computing, International Relations and English (with 2 Concentrations).

Moreover, the College offers a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) with concentrations in Banking & Finance, Entrepreneurship, Management and Marketing in the Digital Era.

ACT also offers an extensive need and merit-based financial aid program.

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Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certificate Programs

You have her attention.



Are you ready to teach?

ACT
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Today, a TEFL Certificate is a minimum requirement for many English teaching jobs in most countries, including Greece and Southeast European countries. A TEFL Certificate is obtained by taking a specialized TEFL Training course that covers English teaching techniques and methodologies. While it may still be possible to obtain work in certain countries and in certain schools without training, you will be at a considerable disadvantage if you decide not to take a TEFL Training Course.

The benefits of a TEFL Course are clear. It will help you:

Get a Job - The majority of reputable language schools require TEFL Certificates. By meeting this minimum requirement, you will be eligible for the jobs you want.

Receive Better Pay - On average, TEFL Certified teachers earn more than non-certified teachers. Investing the time and money in a TEFL course will pay immediate dividends.

Teach More Effectively - Even if you are a native speaker, don't assume you can teach English! Like any job, teaching English requires a specific skill-set and knowledge base, which can only be acquired through training and practice. Even if you have considerable experience teaching other subjects, you still need to become acquainted with TEFL techniques and methodology before you can be an effective English teacher.



Program Overview

The American College of Thessaloniki (ACT) offers intensive TEFL courses at an **Introductory** and **Advanced** level. Both programs offer participants a solid grounding in current approaches to teaching English as a foreign language, with an emphasis on practical applications in classroom settings.

The **introductory program** is open to beginners with little formal teacher training, proficiency certificate holders and university students or graduates of English. Guided by an expert team of highly qualified TEFL instructors currently teaching at ACT, participants in the introductory program are taught to develop lesson plans, manage a classroom, design teaching materials for particular age groups, and teach grammar, listening/speaking, reading/writing and vocabulary.

The **advanced program** is aimed at teachers with some classroom experience who wish to enhance their teaching effectiveness, as well as those teachers who seek practical experience and new ideas for creative second language training. Participants in the advanced level course acquire a deeper understanding of both the theory and practice of teaching English as a foreign language. They also enhance their creativity and become updated with new developments in the field of teaching.

Building on their prior knowledge of the standard components of an introductory TEFL program such as developing lesson plans, teaching language skills, managing a classroom, etc, the advanced program addresses more specialized areas of the field such as educational technology, teaching through literature, the age factor in teaching, curriculum design & assessment and other field-related modules. In addition, the program includes an observational and guided classroom teaching practicum complementing instruction with substantive hands-on experience in real (not simulated) classroom settings.

Participants in both programs will have the opportunity to:

- Observe English classes being taught at Anatolia College (Anatolia High School and Anatolia Elementary School)
- Practice teaching at Anatolia College

Accommodation

Limited on-campus accommodation may be available for program participants outside Greece. Alternatively, the school may assist with reservations at a conveniently located local hotel or room.

Introductory TEFL Course Overview

- Developing lesson plans
- Managing a classroom
- Designing teaching materials for a particular age group
- Teaching grammar
- Teaching listening/speaking
- Teaching reading/writing
- Teaching vocabulary

Advanced TEFL Course Overview

- Teaching the Four Skills
- Educational Technology
- Teaching through Literature
- Testing and Evaluation
- Teaching Practicum

Participants in either course receive a Certificate of Completion.



TEFL participants doing practicum at Anatolia Elementary School

Duration

The Introductory Certificate Program lasts **30 hours**. The practicum is scheduled at the completion of the program depending on the participants' needs and other obligations. The course takes place over selected weekdays, as well as over two weekends.

The Advanced Certificate Program lasts **50 hours** and classes meet on selected weekdays, as well as over three weekends. The teaching practicum is a separate component within the program.



Please contact us for more information regarding the exact dates and schedule of the TEFL programs