

# English

FACULTY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Đại học chuyên ngành  
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**2014 Guide to  
Undergraduate programs  
(English Language)**

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**TRA VINH  
UNIVERSITY**

# TRANG PHỤ HUYNH

## Khoa Ngoại ngữ - Đại học Trà Vinh

nỗ lực trang bị cho sinh viên kiến thức chuyên môn và kỹ năng Anh ngữ, đủ năng lực làm việc trong môi trường đa dạng, tư duy sáng tạo, biết sống hòa đồng và hữu ích cho gia đình và xã hội.

### Chuyên ngành tập trung

Khoa Ngoại ngữ hiện nay đào tạo một chuyên ngành duy nhất: Ngôn ngữ Anh. Sau khi tốt nghiệp cử nhân, sinh viên có năng lực tiếng Anh tương đương bậc C1 của Khung Tham chiếu Ngôn ngữ châu Âu (CEFR), có kiến thức rộng và tư duy sáng tạo đủ khả năng làm việc trong môi trường chuyên nghiệp.

### Chọn cách vào đại học phù hợp

Chương trình cao đẳng được thiết kế để học liền thông lên bậc cử nhân khi hoàn cảnh gia đình cho phép, hoặc khi sinh viên muốn đáp ứng nhu cầu nghề nghiệp cao hơn. Vì thế nhiều môn học của bậc cao đẳng cũng được dạy chung với bậc cử nhân.

### Chương trình theo nhu cầu xã hội

Chúng tôi luôn làm mới và điều chỉnh chương trình học sát với sự phát triển của học thuật và phù hợp nhu cầu xã hội. Sinh viên học trên giảng đường, và qua hình thức tập huấn, hội thảo, thuyết trình, đồ án, và thực tập trong môi trường làm việc thực tế.

### Mở rộng hướng đi cho tương lai

Chương trình và phương pháp dạy nhằm tạo nhiều chọn lựa cho sinh viên sau khi tốt nghiệp: Học tiếp bậc cao hơn các ngành thuộc khoa học xã hội và nhân văn, hoặc làm giáo viên Anh ngữ hay trong lĩnh vực dịch thuật, báo chí, du lịch, thương mại, quan hệ quốc tế.

### Chuẩn bị khả năng thích ứng

Ngoài chương trình chính khóa, sinh viên còn tham gia các sinh hoạt ngoài giờ để trau dồi phong cách ứng xử chuyên nghiệp, phát triển tinh thần và kỹ năng làm việc tập thể để dễ thích ứng với mọi hoàn cảnh.

## Thông tin về Khoa Ngoại ngữ

### Nguyên tắc giảng dạy

Chúng tôi áp dụng các nguyên tắc sau:

- Tập trung vào kỹ năng giao tiếp và truyền đạt.
- Ngôn ngữ và văn hóa không tách rời nhau.
- Tài liệu giảng dạy liên quan đến thực tế.
- Sự tự học của sinh viên và động viên của giảng viên giúp chương trình thành công.
- Phương pháp dạy và mức độ sử dụng Anh ngữ tăng cường theo năm học.

### Giảng viên tốt nghiệp sau đại học

Đội ngũ giảng viên cơ hữu tốt nghiệp sau đại học ở các nước Châu Âu, Úc, và Bắc Mỹ. Ngoài ra còn có các giảng viên đến từ các nước nói tiếng Anh.

### Sinh hoạt ngoại khóa

Câu lạc bộ Anh ngữ và giao lưu với người nước ngoài rèn luyện kỹ năng truyền đạt và mở rộng kiến thức về văn hóa các nước nói tiếng Anh.

### Thành quả mới nhất

Khoa đã góp phần quan trọng để Đại học Trà Vinh được Tổ chức Khảo thí Anh ngữ Quốc tế Cambridge công nhận là trung tâm khảo thí Anh ngữ đạt tiêu chuẩn quốc tế từ tháng 8.2013.



## A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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Learning a language should be fun and geared towards meaningful tasks.

If you love English and aim to be able to use the language with an awareness of effective intercultural communication, then our principal goal is the learning of English as a global language.

At Tra Vinh University, the English training program offers language learners academic and open discussions, and an engaged learning space for English proficiency enhancement and personal development. Since 2006, the program has been receiving applications from Vietnamese candidates, the majority of whom live in the Mekong Delta. We've also received internship applications from Southeast Asian student-teachers.

The Bachelor of Arts in English is created in adherence to a three-component construct of an effective and competent student who is able to use the language to achieve his or her purposes of communication, sharpen his or her cognitive and creative powers in linguistically demanding subject matters, and hone the sense of ethical and social responsibility through research project based learning.

All the academic subjects and extracurricular projects in the training program are interrelated and built, first, towards learners' construction of their understanding of how language is structured, organized and expressed to convey meaning in typical Anglophone cultures. Secondly, they are designed for learners' successful practice of using language to discuss and express their judgments on social and humanistic issues. The last function of curricular and extra-curricular subjects is to prepare students for applying linguistic knowledge in relation to other fields of study including research, interpretation, translation, and language teaching, in job-related tasks.

Individual leaning and team learning are combined at our Faculty. Students engage in extracurricular activities that support and motivate language learning, including the weekly English speaking club and the annual music show and art performance called Get-together. The activities, administered by our current students, alumni, and native fellow students from English speaking cultures, are very successful in realizing an English speaking zone where students discuss and put their action plans out of the school's door to reach the broader community. Our students are actively involved in charity work and engage in managing the environment. All of these help broaden their sense of social responsibility and enhance their real-life skills.

We wish to thank all nationally and internationally-recognized faculty members, and the exchange lecturers from the United States, Canada, Australia and the Netherlands, for their passion about and open-ended commitment to motivating and giving meaningful lessons to our students on their journey to a higher stage of intellectual development.

Dear students, let's learn to have practical skills and to be confident and well-prepared to adapt to the ever-changing realities of life. It will be a happy time to discover and create new things in your life. I am proud to go with you through the joyful and challenging times of the learning process for professional and personal achievements.

Come live and learn in a safe, green city of the Mekong River with a community of like-minded future professionals.

Nguyen Thi Phuong Nam, Ph.D.  
Dean, Faculty of Foreign Languages

# Bachelor of Arts (English Language) Diploma in English

*The English major fosters your abilities to think critically, research effectively, and express yourself eloquently.*

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## Bachelor Program

Program code	D220201
Duration (full time)	4 years
Location	Tra Vinh
Fees	Government supported

## Diploma Program

Program code	C220201
Duration (full time)	3 years
Location	Tra Vinh
Fees	Government supported

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### Programs overview

The Faculty of Foreign Languages offers two undergraduate programs.

Our undergraduate programs are designed to offer you an education that combines intellectual skills with practical experience.

**The BA degree program** aims to equip students with advanced levels of English language skills and cultural literacy for the use of English for a variety of purposes.

**The diploma program** is full time, and lasts for three years. Students who complete the program successfully will be awarded a TVU Diploma in English. The awarded diploma is recognised widely in terms of credit for transfer to other Higher Education institutions, or progresses into the bachelor program.

You will be prepared to adapt to the challenge of changing working environment, find employment in different areas including English teaching, communication and media industries, non- and governmental agencies, and translation.

The BA program also provides a strong academic foundation for students interested in pursuing post graduate education in a wide range of humanities and social science disciplines.



**Trần Thị Diễm Trang**   
**4th Year, Bachelor of English**

I firmly believe that everyone needs to learn the English language in today's globalised world. I'm passionate about English because it benefits me. Additionally I would ideally like to write and translate professionally. That's why I chose to embark on the B.A. degree in English at TVU. I also think being able to speak English is really 'cool'.

I realise in acquiring English skills there's a difference between learning about English and using the language in real-life situations. This is the biggest impression I have had in my final year.

I'm very fortunate to have been in this program and to have learned from and worked with native English speakers. My communication skills in English improved significantly from my third to final years of the degree program. Right now, I believe that I am able to work with people from different backgrounds.

## What you will study

You will learn by a variety of teaching methods including lectures, seminars, workshops, and independent studies, and work placements. You are instructed by the collective expertise at the Department but we also highly value independent and self-directed learning.

The program combines compulsory and optional studies. Usually, students may take from 16 to 21 subject credits per semester, including electives. Core courses are:

- » Listening and Speaking (6 levels in total)
- » Reading (6 levels in total)
- » Writing (7 levels in total)
- » Pronunciation
- » Phonetics and phonology
- » Syntax
- » Semantics
- » Written Translation
- » Oral Translation
  
- » British and American Literature
  
- » English Teaching Methodology

Students extend their studies with specialised electives:

- » Lexicology
- » Pragmatics
- » Language Related research



Additionally, in the first and second years of the degree program, students have to undertake compulsory general education courses to gain a sound general skill in written communication, teaching methodology, research methodology, applied phonetics, the Chinese language, and the principles of oral presentations.

In meeting graduation requirements, students in their fourth year must either submit a final minor thesis or take substitute courses to complete their BA degree program.



## Who you'll work for

Both undergraduate programs will equip students with English knowledge and skills sufficient for their later career and postgraduate study.

Many students graduated from the Faculty of Foreign Languages have been working as English teachers. Graduates may commence their careers in different directions in the fields of communication, translation, public relations and media.



## Huỳnh Nguyễn Nhật Hạ Year 3, Diploma in English



My teachers of English at TVU are very enthusiastic and knowledgeable. They want to bring exciting things in every class with funny stories and new activities. I was so happy when we worked in groups and very much enjoyed outdoor activities. The unforgettable memory was the 2011 GET TOGETHER program. My classmates danced and sang very well. We are TVU English students who study with all our strength and play with all our hearts.

My diploma in English actually helps me find a good job and when the time is ripe I will definitely try to further my studies at TVU.

## Student life

There's always something to do at TVU. With students and staff from different countries, you have a chance to meet new people, make new friends, and take part in social and cultural activities. All student activities, such as performing arts, the English speaking club, and engaging in joint activities with international lecturers and students, give you an opportunity to develop team work, interpersonal and communication skills, and a lot of fun in the process.

### The English Club

The English Club is a fun student activity club. It is a place for students and faculty to come together and participate in theme-oriented English speaking activities. There will be weekly meetings for the club members to enjoy an "English speaking only area" and discuss everything from career prospects to sustainability projects. It is also the goal of the English Club to provide help to those in need of practicing English.



### English Club Faculty Advisors, 2014

Huynh Do Thu

Kahn, D. Benjamin

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### The Communication Club

Communication is the key to success. That's why effective communication skills are essential.

TVU's Faculty of Foreign Languages is teaming up with the Center for Communication and Community Engagement to start up a communication club in 2014. The club is a fun group of students interested in pursuing communication skills, including video communication, multimedia, interviewing, reporting and broadcasting.

You will learn from experienced and qualified faculty about how to produce news for audio, video, electronic and printing platforms. You will also learn basics like video and photo-graph editing, and digital skills.

### Communication Club Faculty Advisor, 2014

Dr Ho-Dac Tuc

## About the Faculty

On March 1, 2014, the Faculty of Foreign Languages was detached from the Faculty of Economics, Law and Foreign Languages to establish itself as an independent faculty.

We are young, energetic, and creative (like you). Our faculty members are diverse.

Over 28 full-time faculty members bring together expertise from many English speaking countries, two of whom are internationally recognised experts in their fields. They write the books used in international universities and secondary schools. Some of our key faculty members include:



### **Dr Nguyen Thi Phuong Nam**

MA (TESOL, University of Canberra), PhD (English Language and Literature, University of Amsterdam).

Her publications include Second language writing and literary reading in university: Three empirical studies, “Improving L2 literature reading self-perception quality – An intervention study”, “Improving L2 writing quality – A series of two intervention studies”, “An experiment on pre-writing classroom instruction and its effect on fluency”,

“Quality of idea generation and self-efficacy of EFL Vietnamese novice writer students”. Her teaching and research are in the area of second language acquisition, language and literature.



### **Dr Ho-Dac, Tuc**

BA (Victoria), MA (Applied Linguistics, Melbourne), PhD (Sociolinguistics, Monash)

He has published widely both in English and Vietnamese in international refereed journals and books including Dịch Thuật và Tự Do, Vietnamese-English Bilingualism: Patterns of Code-Switching, Insight Text Guide to Only the Heart, “Tonal facilitation”, “Social relationships in code-switching of personal pronouns”. Previously he served as team leader of the World Bank’s Vietnam Higher Education Project in Ha Noi. His

research and teaching interests focus on communications, sociolinguistics, translation, journalism, and Southeast Asian culture.



### **Nguyen, Ngoc Huong**

MA (Victoria University), MA (HCM City Open University)

Diploma in TEFL (Carleton University, Canada)

Her teaching and research interests involve pronunciation practice, presentation skills and literature.



### **Khau, Hoang Anh**

BA (TESOL, Can Tho University), M.Sc. (TESOL, Cal State Fullerton, California, USA).

He presented at international conferences on TESOL-related topics at California State and BIOLA Universities, California. His research interests include language assessment, and teaching methodology.



### **Huynh, Do Thu**

Master of International Tourism and Hotel Management, Southern Cross Uni, Australia

Her current teaching areas include English for Specific Purposes and ESL.



**Nguyen, Van Nhan**

MA (Applied Linguistics, University of Southern Queensland)  
His teaching interest areas include interpreting and translation, and teaching methodology.



**Nguyen, Thanh Trung**

Master of Business and Commerce, Western Sydney University  
His current teaching areas include grammar and general English.



**Kahn, D. Benjamin**

BA (Education & History, Dartmouth College, USA)  
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Vietnam.  
His current teaching interests include English listening and

speaking skills as well as American culture and literature.



**Nguyen, Thi Ngoc Van**

Master of International Tourism and Hotel Management, Southern Cross Uni, Australia  
Her current teaching areas include English for Tourism, ESL.



**Huynh, Ngoc Tai**

MA (English Linguistics & Language Acquisition, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway).

His research and teaching interests include syntax, semantics, pragmatics, cross linguistics research, and English as a foreign language.



**Nguyen, Binh Phuong Thao**

BA (TESOL, Can Tho University)  
MA (TESOL, Southern Queensland, Australia)  
Her current teaching interest is in the area of English as a Second Language.



**Lien, To Trinh**

MA (Applied Linguistics, Southern Queensland)  
Her current teaching areas include writing, reading, syntax, grammar, and teaching methodology.



**Nguyen, Phuoc Tam**

BA (Chinese, Pedagogical University of Hue)  
MA (Chinese Linguistics and Literature, Yuan Ze University, Taiwan)

His teaching and research areas are in Chinese linguistics and literature, teaching methodology. As a freelance writer, he has published various translated articles in national journals.

# How to enrol

The minimum requirements for consideration for entry to our undergraduate programs are specified in accordance with a minimum grade-point set out by the MOET for each academic year.

## Step 1

Check out <http://tuyensinh.tvu.edu.vn> for more information on TVU's application process.

It's University application time. The earlier you start preparing for applications, the better off you will be.

## Step 2

Follow the instructions provided in the application package from the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET)

Stay organised: photocopy your certificates or equivalent level study and have them certified. Have at least 2 photos (4x6) with your name and contact address printed on the back.

## Step 3

Beat the deadline

Application deadlines are set by the MOET, your local Department of Education and Training and TVU for a reason and they won't open again just for you. Make sure to know application requirements beforehand so you won't miss the deadlines.

## Step 4

March, April, and July 2014 are critical Months

Ask for advice from your high school teachers about this year's deadlines for application.

Visit <http://tuyensinh.tvu.edu.vn> to enquire about the exam date fixed schedule.

Test Block for entry into undergraduate programs in English is D1, which comprises three test subjects: literature, mathematics, and English.



# What Makes Us Unique

Tra Vinh University is the greenest campus in the nation.

The University is among Vietnam's largest campuses. Thousands of employees and students pass through its 600,000 square meters on a daily basis.

TVU has grown from Tra Vinh Community College and earned the university status in 2006.

It is a public university located in the city of Tra Vinh, a beautiful green city of trees, rice fields, and rivers in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.

TVU Faculty of Foreign Languages was established on March 1, 2014.

We are young, dynamic, and creative (like you).

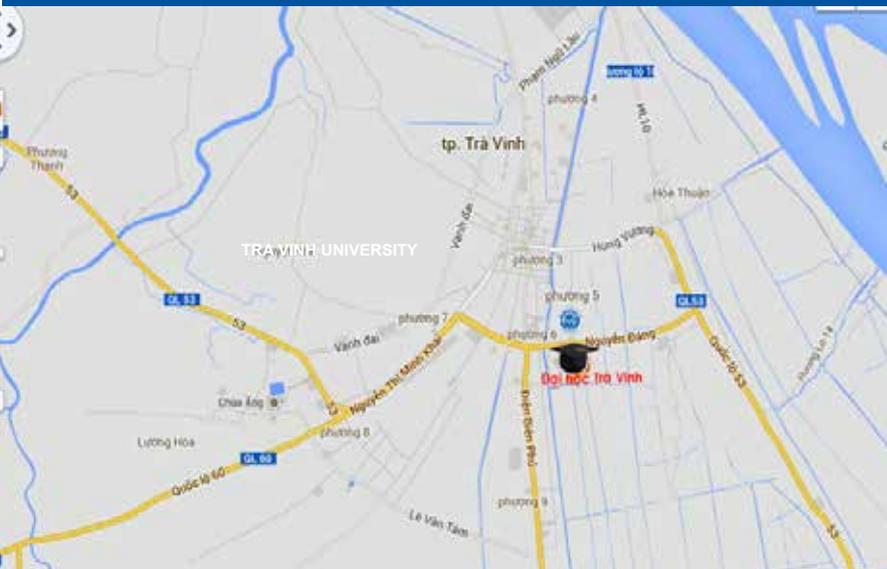
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