

Wenzhou-Kean University

Lecturer in English, School of English Studies

About Wenzhou-Kean University

Wenzhou-Kean University (WKU), located in Wenzhou, China, one of three Sino-American universities along with NYU Shanghai and Duke Kunshan University, is approved by the Ministry of Education of China. Launched in 2012, WKU offers a unique model of higher education in partnership with Kean University, a comprehensive, public university in the state of New Jersey that is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. WKU sits on approximately 500 beautiful acres and currently enrolls about 2,900 undergraduate students, and it is now in the midst of a rapid growth that will bring enrollment to 7,000 students within the next five years. All instruction is in English and all curriculum is provided by Kean University. In addition to its current 18 undergraduate programs, WKU has been approved by the Ministry of Education for offering 8 Master's and 3 doctorate programs. Wenzhou is one of the most vibrant and economically advanced developed cities on China's East Coast, located one hour by plane and just over three hours by high-speed train from Shanghai.

Wenzhou-Kean University currently offers the following degree programs: Doctor of Educational Leadership (Ed.D.), Biotechnology Science (M.S.), Computer Information Systems (M.S.), Instruction and Curriculum (TESOL concentration, M.A.), Global Management (M.B.A.), Architecture (M.Arch.), Accounting (with emphasis on international standards and practices) (B.S.), Finance (B.S.), Global Business (B.S.), Marketing (B.S.), Management (Entrepreneurship Option and Supply Chain Management Option) (B.S.), Economics (B.S.), English in Global Settings (B.A.), Psychology (B.A.), Communication (Public Relations option) (B.A.), Biology/Cellular & Molecular (B.S.), Computer Science (B.S.), Environmental Science (B.S.), Mathematics (Data Analytics Option) (B.A.), Architectural Studies (B.A.), Graphic Design (B.F.A.), Interior Design (B.F.A), and Industrial Design (B.I.D.). In addition, Wenzhou-Kean has a substantial commitment to the teaching of ESL/EFL.

About the Job:

Lecturer:

The School of English Studies in the College of Liberal Arts at WKU seeks to fill several lecturer positions to teach a full range of undergraduate English courses including, but not limited to: ESL, first-year Composition, World Literature, Translation and or Interpretation, Writing/Rhetoric, Technical and Professional Writing, Literature, Linguistics, and ESL Methods and Teaching Techniques. A Lecturer is a full-time, 12-month employee who teaches 39 credits per year and provides student and learning support services during the assigned period. Lecturers will be expected to participate in the full range of faculty responsibilities, including high quality teaching, advising, student learning support, curriculum development, program assessment, student recruitment and retention, office hours, senior project supervision, internship opportunities, research experience for undergraduates, and service to the university and/or professional community. Lecturer positions are non-tenure track and may be renewed on an annual basis.

All faculty positions are full-time, on-site assignments, effective for the start of the Fall 2021 semester.

Teaching experience with non-native speakers in a foreign country is highly desirable. Teaching assignments and related responsibilities may include day, evening, weekend and online courses. Interest or experience in using advanced instructional technologies to improve the teaching/learning process is highly desirable. All faculty may be required to teach General Education courses as needed. Opportunities are also available to teach disciplinary support courses. Candidates with an interest in teaching across disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Tenure-Track:

The School of English Studies seeks to fill three tenure-track positions starting on site for Fall 2021: one in literature, one in rhetoric and composition and/or technical and professional writing, and one in applied linguistics with a special emphasis on translation and TESL. A tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor is a full time, 10-month employee who teaches 24 credits per academic year (course release is available for grant proposal development and other substantial research initiatives). Tenure track faculty develop and teach courses related to their academic specialty and research interests, in addition to General Education courses as needed. Candidates will be expected to participate in the full range of faculty responsibilities, including high quality teaching, research, advising, student learning support, curriculum development, program assessment, student recruitment and retention, office hours, senior project supervision, internship opportunities, research experience for undergraduates, and service to the university and/or professional community. Tenure-track appointment requires publications in internationally recognized and vigorously peer-reviewed journals on English, Rhetoric and Composition, Linguistics, or other closely related subjects.

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Qualifications:

Lecturer:

A Master's degree in English or a closely related field is required for Lecturer positions, but a Ph.D. is preferred. Applications from candidates with certification in ESL and advanced degrees in other fields housed within WKU's College of Liberal Arts will also be considered. A minimum of one year of teaching experience in a college or university setting is preferred. Native English speaker is required for all positions.

Tenure Track:

A Ph.D. in English, Rhetoric and Composition, or Linguistics is required; ABD can be considered with completion prior to the effective date of employment. A minimum of one year of teaching experience in a college or university setting is preferred. Native English Speaker is required for all positions.

Application Information:

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until positions are filled. Candidates should send cover letter, CV, statement of teaching philosophy, unofficial transcripts, and the email contact information of three professional references. Please send all materials to Search Committee Chairperson at wkuenglish@wku.edu.cn. Official transcripts for all degrees and three current letters of recommendation are required before appointment.

Faculty positions at WKU offer:

- Annual salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- A well-rounded healthcare coverage, academic travel up to \$2,000, housing options and subsidy up to \$3,000, home traveling up to \$6,000 (2 international round-trip airfares), a reimbursement to cover relocation expenses up to \$1,000, shuttle bus to campus for work, and up to 8% front-load retirement benefits within accordance with completion of years of service with the University.
- WKU tuition waiver up to 80% for spouse/dependent children of faculty, and tuition discount of private/international kindergarten, elementary, middle and high schools for children of faculty.
- A collegial environment.
- The opportunity to teach high quality students with more than a third of WKU graduates being admitted to the graduate schools at the World's Top 50 Universities, and about 70% of its graduates at the World's Top 100 Universities.

Background Screening:

Wenzhou-Kean University conducts background screenings on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer and may use a third-party administrator to conduct background screenings.