

Cover Letter

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Dear Ms. Chang:

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My aspiration in applying to the Master of Art in English Teaching, NCCU program is to tap my theoretical and practical knowledge essential in the field of English teaching. I believe that your school is the ideal place for me to take the next step toward my goal (of?).

German is to me what English is to its beginners, especially under the condition of being an adult learner; thus I totally feel the same struggling process and stages existing in learning a foreign language. The joy and the sense of accomplishment I got in studying German were attributed to the multifold effective learning strategies I adopted. Moreover, not until I tutored a high school student for one year did I wonder at the magic power of EFL methodologies. Under the Communicative Approach framework, assisted with computers, my student became more intrinsically motivated, and his grades rose by an average of twenty points, which assured me of the efficacy of the trained techniques and the philosophy behind teaching.

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Except for taking related courses of this field, such as TESOL and Teaching Children English, I exert myself to improve my perceptive and productive skills

through joining in English self-learning programs in college, such as how to prepare for the TOEFL and improving English with movies. Moreover, I attended outstanding seminars held by ETA and schools periodically, where I absorbed multifold concepts, critical thinking and creative teaching techniques.

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At the present stage, I prefer studying in graduate school to taking educational programs in that I have greater passion for progressive methodologies, the correlation between theories and practices among ages, and socioaffective and psychological aspects as well. The courses in graduate schools are not only challenging but also meets my needs and goal, and that is why I have decided to continue my further study in your school, and I am looking forward to the interview with you.

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