

English Language and Study Skills Enhancement (ELSSE)

ELSSE is open to students who hold unconditional offers of study at the University of Essex. If English is not your first language and you are coming to study at a University for the first time, this enhancement module will help you settle quickly and confidently into academic life. The module runs for 5 weeks. During this time, you will be provided with guided practice and expert advice on:

- Writing extended academic assignments
- Giving full-length seminar presentations
- Taking notes at live lectures
- Taking notes from assigned reading
- Reading to write (incorporating information from sources into assignments)

If you wish to enhance core language skills you can extend your programme of study to 10, 15 or 20 weeks.

Assessment on the Pre-sessional programmes

Assessment on the Pre-sessional programmes and on ELSSE is through continuous coursework. At the end of each five week period you will receive a report, detailing the progress you have made and suggestions for further improvement. If you hold a University offer, conditional on satisfactory completion of the Pre-sessional programme, a summary report and/or your test scores will be sent to your department. Sponsors are also issued with copies of this information.

For longer periods of study and/or for students with an English level more than one IELTS band below their degree entry requirement please see

the Preparatory English Programme, details available are at: www.essex.ac.uk/internationalacademy

IELTS/TOEFL comparison table

IELTS	IELTS Writing	PB TOEFL	PB Writing	iBT TOEFL	CB TOEFL Writing
4.5	4.5	480	2.5	54	17-18
5	5.0	500	3.0	61	19-20
5.5	5.5	520	3.5	68	21-23
6	6.0	540	4.0	76	24-25
6.5	6.5	570	4.5	88	26-27
7	7.5	600	5.0	100	28-30

IELTS stands for International English Language Testing System. It is the preferred language qualification for entry to UK universities. The test can be taken at Test Centres throughout the world. For more information, look on the official IELTS web site for candidates.

qualification for entry to university in the United States. For more information, look on the official TOEFL web site.

Accommodation

The University accommodation Section offers single, self-contained study bedrooms. Details on how to book accommodation will be sent to you with your offer.

TOEFL stands for Test of English as a Foreign Language. It is the preferred language

Programme dates and fees

Classic and ELSSE

Length	Start date	Deadline for applications	Tuition fee	Finish Date
5 weeks	19 August	22 July	£1125	All programmes finish on 23 September 2011
10 weeks	14 July	24 June	£2250	
15 weeks	26 May	22 April	£3375	
20 weeks	26 April	1 April	£4500	

Intensive

Length	Start date	Deadline for applications	Tuition fee	Finish Date
5 weeks	19 August	22 July	£1375	All programmes finish on 23 September 2011
10 weeks	14 July	24 June	£2750	



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Pre-sessional Programmes

Classic Pre-sessional pathway
For further studies in English for Academic Purposes



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Intensive Pre-sessional Pathway



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Pre-sessional pathway(s) and advanced programmes in English language and English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 2011

Introduction

The International Academy offers a range of programmes for students who wish to improve their English before starting a degree. Our aim is to provide core language improvement and preparation in the academic skills needed for successful study in the UK. All programmes and modules are full time. Our Pre-sessional programmes offer language proficiency pathways to University of Essex degrees without the need to re-take IELTS or TOEFL. You will have full use of the University resources including library services, computing facilities, general campus amenities and accommodation.

Why attend a language preparation programme?

- To enhance your English language proficiency
- To enhance your use of English for Academic Purposes
- To become familiar with the modes of teaching and learning at a UK University
- To be introduced to your prospective University of Essex department
- To be orientated to living and studying in Britain

The length of Pre-sessional study required will depend on how close you are to achieving your minimum language requirement for your course and how much time you have available. Maximum class size is 15 students.

Which Pre-sessional programme should you choose?

Students with conditional offers:

For those of you who have a conditional offer to study at the University of Essex, there are two different Pre-sessional pathway programmes available: classic and intensive.

The classic Pre-sessional pathway programme will prepare you for your academic studies with a distinctive focus on the language and study skills needed in an academic context, such as essay writing and project work. The programme runs for 15 and 10 weeks and provides language uplift of 1.0 and 0.5 IELTS bands respectively.

The intensive Pre-sessional pathway programme will improve your core language skills by focusing on your grammar and vocabulary development, as well as developing your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. The programme runs for 10 and 5 weeks and provides language uplift of 1.0 and 0.5 IELTS band respectively.

Students with unconditional offers:

For those of you who hold an unconditional offer of study at the University of Essex, there is the **English Language and Study Skills Enhancement (ELSSE)** module. ELSSE will enhance your academic skills and will help you settle quickly and confidently into academic life.

Classic Pre-sessional Pathway

Entry requirement to your degree	Overall IELTS score	IELTS writing score	Minimum length of pre-sessional pathway programme
7.0	6.5	6.5	10 weeks
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6.5	6.5	6.0	10 weeks
6.5	6.0	6.0	10 weeks
6.5	5.5	5.5	15 weeks
6.0	6.0	5.5	10 weeks
6.0	5.5	5.5	10 weeks
6.0	5.0*	5.0	15 weeks

* Students must have at least 5.0 in every IELTS component

Guide to classic Pre-sessional pathways for students with conditional offers

If you need to improve your English by one IELTS band or equivalent (overall and/or in writing), you should enrol on the 15 week programme. (You can also enrol on a 5 week pre-pathway module, extending your studies to 20 weeks if you wish). If you need to improve your English by half an IELTS band or equivalent (overall and/or writing), you should enrol on the 10 week programme. (You can also enrol on the 15 or 20 week programme if you wish).

Programme content

The 20 and 15 week classic modules will provide you with an introduction to English for Academic Purposes (EAP) which will include extended academic writing practice. In addition, it will provide core language and skills development, which includes grammar and vocabulary study, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills and pronunciation practice.

The 10 week classic module will provide you with an opportunity to develop your academic English. This module will include EAP (reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in academic context); project writing based on academic texts; and research and seminar skills.

Methods of teaching and learning

As well as developing your language skills, our aim is to help you understand and manage the way of teaching and learning at UK universities. All higher education institutions in the UK place considerable emphasis on independent learning. Our preparation programmes therefore contain a careful balance of taught classes and guided self study.

If you are entering a postgraduate level course of study in October, you will be placed in project groups which will give you a chance to work alongside students with similar academic interests. For core language and English for Academic Purposes study you will attend classes suited to your language proficiency level.

You will also have weekly one-to-one tutorials to guide you through study skills and project assignments. At later stages of the programme you will attend talks and lectures delivered by University of Essex academics and guest speakers.

By working with different groups for language and academic project work, you will have the chance to meet and make friends with a wide range of fellow international students. Our programme includes regular field trips to places of interest such as Cambridge, Norwich and London. We can arrange optional social activities and weekend trips for all our students.

Intensive Pre-sessional Pathway

Entry requirement to your degree	Overall IELTS score	IELTS writing score	Minimum length of pre-sessional pathway programme
7.0	6.5	6.5	5 weeks
7.0	6.5	6.0	10 weeks
7.0	6.0	6.0	10 weeks
6.5	6.5	6.0	5 weeks
6.5	6.0	6.0	5 weeks
6.5	5.5	5.5	10 weeks
6.0	6.0	5.5	5 weeks
6.0	5.5	5.5	5 weeks
6.0	5.0*	5.0	10 weeks
5.5	5.0*	5.0	5 weeks
5.5	4.5**	4.5	10 weeks
5.0	4.5**	4.5	5 weeks

* Student must have at least 5.0 in every IELTS component **Students must have at least 4.5 in every IELTS component

Guide to intensive Pre-sessional pathways for students with conditional offers

If you need to improve your English by one IELTS band or equivalent (overall and/or writing), you can enrol on the 10 week programme.

If you need to improve your English by half an IELTS band or equivalent (overall and/or in writing), you can enrol on the 5 week programme. (You can also enrol on a 10 week intensive pre-pathway module if you wish).

Programme content

The 10 and 5 week modules will provide you with the intensive practice needed for core language and skills development. The focus will be on grammar and vocabulary study, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills; and pronunciation practice.

Methods of teaching and learning

Our aim is to provide you with core language and English skills development. There will be plenty of opportunity to practice the language skills necessary to increase your English language proficiency. Teaching will involve interactive classes, tutorials, and lecture-style talks.

For grammar and vocabulary study students will attend classes suited to their language proficiency level.

On this programme you will have the chance to meet and make friends with a wide range of fellow international students. Our programme includes weekend field trips to places of interest such as Cambridge, Norwich and London. We can arrange optional social activities and trips for all our students.

