

## English Language Courses at ONCAMPUS London

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### English for Academic Purposes

The English for Academic Purposes course is a 2-term programme, consisting of 120 contact hours' study, and is a general introduction to the academic conventions observed at British universities. The course aims to develop students' skills in the following areas: academic writing; research and academic reading skills; referencing; critical analysis; listening and note-taking skills; reflective writing; seminar skills; and presentation skills. Emphasis is placed on developing confident, independent learners and raising awareness of the expectations of UK university study.

Assessments are designed to demonstrate learning across all four language skills and to allow students to experience a wide range of assessment methods commonly used in UK degree programmes.

\*All students on the Undergraduate Foundation Programme must attend the EAP course. Some students on the Master's Foundation Programme may take the EAP course, dependent on English language entry level.

**Course materials fee:** students are required to pay a fee of £25 for the course materials.

The fee covers the following: General EAP Handbook; Pathway EAP Handbook; printing of the Academic Poster (term 2); all additional materials provided throughout the course.

The **English for Academic Purposes** course is composed of two elements, as outlined below:

#### General EAP

The overarching aim of the course is to prepare students for academic study within the UK university context and to develop academic skills in addition to other transferable skills which will help them develop as independent learners.

**Course length:** 2 terms (approx. 8-10 weeks per term)

**Minimum age:** 17+

**Hours per week:** 4 (2 sessions of 2 hours)

Summative assessment will consist of the following: Academic Writing (Extended Essay); Academic Speaking (Individual Presentation); Reflective Journal; Academic Listening Examination

#### Pathway-specific EAP

This is an English for Specific Academic Purposes course which is intended to provide an introduction to the academic skills specific to students following a course of study related to their chosen pathway. Students will be exposed to academic reading texts related to the pathway topics, and tasks will also focus on developing field-specific vocabulary and critical thinking skills.

**Course length:** 2 terms (approx. 8-10 weeks per term)

**Minimum age:** 17+

**Hours per week:** 2 (1 session of 2 hours)

Summative assessment will consist of the following: Critical Reading Examination; Academic Poster (Group Presentation)

### *Course Completion*

To complete the **English for Academic Purposes** course successfully, students must achieve an overall grade of 40%.

## **IELTS preparation**

Students on the Master's Foundation and the International Year One Programmes with an IELTS (or equivalent) below 6.0 are required to attend an IELTS Preparation course. Students will develop the strategies and skills required to achieve success in the IELTS test and will be given opportunities for exam practice before taking the IELTS examination in an external centre before the end of their foundation programme.

**Course length:** 2 - 3 terms (dependent on English language level at entry)

**Minimum age:** 17+

**Hours per week:** 8 - 10 (3 – 4 sessions per week)

Formative assessment is ongoing in the form of regular IELTS practice tests in all four components (Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking). Summative assessment will consist of the external IELTS exam.

*\*Students on the Undergraduate Foundation Programme whose English language level on entry is between an IELTS 5.0 and 6.0 may be required to attend an IELTS Preparation course in terms 2 and 3 of their programme (in addition to their EAP course)*

## **English Language Preparation Programme**

This is a one-term programme for students whose English language level is not sufficient for direct entry onto the Undergraduate or Postgraduate Foundation programmes. The course runs in September and in June and consists of the following elements:

**Course length:** 1 term (approx. 8-10 weeks)

**Minimum age:** 17+

**Hours per week:** 16 - 18 (7 – 8 sessions per week)

The General English component (approx. 6 hrs/week) covers grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing and speaking skills. The Academic IELTS component (approx. 11 hrs/week) aims to prepare students for the IELTS exam and has a particular focus on the productive skills.

Formative assessment is ongoing in the form of regular IELTS practice tests in all four components (Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking). Students are required to take internal examinations at the end of the course and demonstrate sufficient progress to enable them to progress to the main Foundation programmes.

To progress to the Undergraduate Foundation Programme, students are required to achieve an overall IELTS 5.0 equivalent with no component lower than 5.0. To progress to the Master's Foundation Programme, students must achieve an overall IELTS 5.5 with no component lower than 5.5.

## **IY1 4 - term (Extended International Year One)**

This is a one-term programme for students whose English language level is not sufficient for direct entry onto the International Year One programmes. The course runs in September (and is also offered in June) and consists of the following elements: **Academic IELTS** (approx. 5 hours per week) and **Academic English for Business Studies** (approx. 10 hours per week)

### ***Academic IELTS***

Formative assessment is ongoing in the form of regular internal IELTS practice tests in all four components (Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking). Students are required to take internal examinations at the end of the course and demonstrate sufficient progress to enable them to progress to the main International Year One programme.

### ***Academic English for Business Studies***

Continuous assessment for this component consists of: two Reading, Writing & Listening tests (scheduled to take place in weeks 5 & 9 of the course) and an academic presentation (scheduled to take place in week 10).

**Course length:** 1 term (approx. 10 weeks)

**Minimum age:** 17+

**Hours per week:** 15 - 18 (5 - 6 sessions per week)