



Wimbledon School of English London

Pre-sessional English and Academic IELTS Preparation

This course provides a dedicated learning environment for those who wish to study at an English-speaking academic institution. This is a full-time course of 6 weeks, with 20 contact hours per week (please see additional leaflets for the 10-week and 4-week courses).

Min CEFR level: B2

Dates for 2018:

18th Jun – 27th Jul (Exam on 28th Jul)

22nd Oct – 30th Nov (Exam on 1st Dec)

Course Content

This course is in two parts: the first two weeks covers EAP (English for Academic Purposes) and study skills; the final four weeks covers IELTS preparation. Students are given guidance on how to develop their skills effectively at university level, and study vocabulary and grammar used in academic English contexts. The course also provides structured Academic IELTS preparation practice, guiding students towards achieving their required score in the exam. There is also a one-day visit to one of our partner universities giving students the opportunity to experience a real lecture & meet university academic staff and students.

Classes include:

Academic Writing

- ✓ Cohesion & coherence
- ✓ Describing & analysing data & trends
- ✓ Discursive essays
- ✓ Summarising
- ✓ Paraphrasing/avoiding plagiarism
- ✓ Developing an argument
- ✓ Punctuation
- ✓ Adopting academic conventions and style

Listening and reading skills

- ✓ Lecture note taking
- ✓ Signposting language in lectures
- ✓ Understanding fast speech
- ✓ Analysing academic texts
- ✓ Understanding writers' viewpoints
- ✓ Adopting effective proof reading strategies

All students have regular tutorials with their teacher to discuss progress and future study. Up to 2 hours' self-study will be set per night. Students will be required to take a mock exam at or before the start of the course to check that they are at a sufficiently high level to follow the course.

Study Skills

- ✓ Referencing and citation
- ✓ Summarising & paraphrasing
- ✓ Listening and note taking
- ✓ Critical thinking and analysis
- ✓ Giving presentations
- ✓ Participation in seminar discussions
- ✓ Library and research skills

- ✓ Develop autonomous learning

Examination Skills

- ✓ Format and procedure
- ✓ Strategies and time management
- ✓ Real time speaking practice
- ✓ IELTS preparation & timed exam practice

Included in tuition fees

- e-wimbledon learning platform
- Internet access and WiFi
- Welcome pack, student card & certificates
- Guidance on self-study from the Study Centre Manager
- Use of Study Centre and books / DVD libraries
- Monthly 1:1 tutorials with the main course teacher
- School based social activities – including some sports and parties

NOT included in tuition fees

- Registration fee
- Materials Fee
- Accommodation
- Bank charges
- Travel and Airport transfer
- Examination entry fees
- Insurance (can be arranged on request)
- Membership of fitness club