

## FULL TIME ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE 2010 - 2011

### What is the aim of the course?

To improve your English Language skills in:

- reading
- writing
- listening
- speaking

### Who is the course for?

Students who want to:

- improve their English Language skills
- gain qualifications
- progress to other college/ university courses and/or employment in the UK, or another English speaking environment.
- meet students from all over the world
- experience life in a British State college environment.

### What is the content of the course?

You will be using language in a practical way and will have lessons concentrating on:

- reading and writing
- vocabulary and grammar
- listening and speaking
- life in the UK

One hour per week is for tutorials which are to help you with your individual learning needs.

In addition to the fifteen hours of class time, you have the opportunity to attend 4.5 hours of self study, which is supervised by one of our teachers. He/she will be able to help you with your individual needs, e.g. extra listening practice, exam practice etc.

If you want more classes, you can join other courses eg: IELTS preparation, English for Business or General English at an extra fee.

If your English is at the required level, you may be able to join other college courses at an extra fee. The maximum class size is sixteen for the ESL fifteen hour per week course.

### Sample timetable:

General English classes are held in the mornings and in the afternoon. You will have the opportunity to join other English classes, such as IELTS or English for business or do supervised self study. On Wednesday afternoon the Students Union offer a variety of optional sporting activities.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 –11.00	General English/ *Core Skills				
11 – 11.30	Break				
11.30 –12.30	Tutorial	Speaking/ Listening – language lab	Exam focus	Life in the UK-	Project
13.30 –15.30	Supervised self study or pre- IELTS (optional)	Supervised self study or English for business (optional)	Supervised self study or sport (optional)	Supervised self study or Exam English (optional)	

\*Core skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing plus vocabulary and grammar development.

### What are the entry requirements?

There are no entry requirements.

### Is there any form of assessment?

At the beginning of the course, you will have an assessment so that you will be placed in the best class for you.

During the course, you will have to do homework every day.

### What qualifications will I gain?

Depending on your level of English, you can take one or more nationally/ internationally recognised qualifications. Any ESOL Skills for Life examination fees are included in the course fees. If you want to take the Cambridge PET/FCE/CAE or CPE examinations, you will have to pay the exam entry fee. Exams take place at specified times each year.

### Who is the awarding body?

University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate.



## Do I need to provide any equipment?

You will need to buy course books.

## When does the course start?

You can join the course on any Monday but we recommend that you join at the beginning of a term. The minimum enrolment period is 4 weeks. The orientation programme is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 for students starting at the beginning of the academic year.

## How long does the course last?

**Autumn Term starts:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**Autumn Term ends:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**Half Term** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**Winter Term starts:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011

**Winter Term ends:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**Half Term** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**Spring Term starts:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**Spring Term ends:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011

**Half Term** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011

**Summer Term starts:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**Summer Term ends:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011

## What are the leisure and social/cultural activities?

Once a term, you will visit a place of national and/or local interest for example Oxford, Cardiff and places of interest in Bath as part of your study programme. In addition, the College organises a variety of activities which you can take part in at an extra charge. These include local, national and sometimes also international trips, sports activities and international evenings. In April a number of our students visited Thorpe Park and in June they went to Wimbledon to see a Tennis game. Our students have also enjoyed excursions to London. Local theatre visits are organised by the College and international evenings give you the opportunity to meet many other students at the College. Sports activities, particularly football, basketball and tennis are popular and a number of international students play in the College teams.

## What facilities are available?

The College prides itself on providing a wide range of high quality resources and facilities which include:

- learning centre which provides books, newspapers, journals, CDs, DVDs and computer access
- language centre which provides specialised language learning resources and e-learning materials
- modern language laboratory
- well-resourced classrooms
- restaurant and cafeterias

## What can I do after the course?

You can progress to a higher class and if your English is at the required level, you may be able to join other courses at the college and study in classes with English speaking students.

If you have the necessary qualifications and English Language skills, you can also progress to a range of courses at other colleges or universities.

## Frequently asked questions:

**Q** Can I pay by instalments?

**A** Yes. There are certain requirements. Details on request.

**Q** Can I join other classes at the college?

**A** Yes, we encourage you to join other classes and study with English speaking students but it will depend on your level of English.

## Where can I get further information?

For advice or more details, please email: [intstudent@citybathcoll.ac.uk](mailto:intstudent@citybathcoll.ac.uk)

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