



Full-Time English as a Second Language

What is the aim of the course?

To improve your English Language skills in:

- reading
- writing
- listening
- speaking

Who is the course for?

Students over the age of 16 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 6 hours of self study, which is supervised by one of our teachers. He/she will be able to help you with your individual needs, eg. extra listening practice, exam practice etc.

If you want more classes, you can join other courses eg: IELTS preparation, English for Business, FCE/CAE exam preparation 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. You will have the opportunity to join extra English classes, such as IELTS, General English, FCE/CAE exam preparation classes, English for Business or do supervised self study in the afternoons. On Wednesday afternoon the Students Participation Team offer a variety of sporting and other activities, eg. film club.

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

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

What are the entry requirements?

There are no entry requirements unless you are applying for a Tier 4 Student Visa.

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.

Who is the awarding body?

University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate.

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 IELTS, Cambridge PET/FCE/CAE/CPE or BEC examinations, you will have to pay the exam entry fee. Please see the Fees Information Sheet for approximate entry fees. Exams take place at specified times each year.

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 5th and Tuesday 6th September 2011 for students starting at the beginning of the academic year.

How long does the course last?

Term 1

Monday 5th September - Friday 16th December 2011

Half term break

Friday 21st October - Friday 28th October 2011

Term 2

Monday 9th January - Friday 30th March 2012

Half term break

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2012

Term 3

Monday 16th April - Friday 29th June 2012

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. A charge of 10 GBP is payable for each termly excursion.

In addition, the College organises a variety of activities which you can take part in, some at an extra charge but many for free. These include local and national trips, healthy lifestyle events, films, sports activities, debates, theatre performances, volunteering opportunities and societies. The College organises some events specifically for international students but most are open to everybody, giving you the opportunity to meet many other students at the College. Sports activities, particularly football and table tennis are popular and a number of international students play in the College teams. The Student Participation Team welcomes ideas for activities, so if what you are interested in is not on offer we may be able to provide it.

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.

Where can I get further information?

For advice or more details, please email:

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You can also visit:

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City of Bath College, Avon Street, Bath, BA1 1UP

You may also contact our **Student Advice Centre**

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Email: **enquiries@citybathcoll.ac.uk**

Website: **www.citybathcoll.ac.uk**

