English language courses for non-native speakers of English

Our bridge to your future
The University of Hull has a number of courses that will help you prepare for your studies if English is not your first language.

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Full-time pre-sessional preparation for university study

University of Hull English Language (pre-sessional) Programme (UHELP)
This is an ideal programme of study for you if you plan to study at the University of Hull and you want to improve your English first.

This programme runs from September to September. You can join the programme for one, two or three semesters. Each semester consists of 12 teaching weeks. Students are assessed in each semester. These are the three entry points:

- September
- January/February
- June

What level of English do you need?
You can join this programme if your level of English is IELTS 4.5 or equivalent, with individual skills marks no lower than IELTS 4.0 (IELTS stands for International English Language Testing System, more information about this test can be found at: www.ielts.org).

If your level is lower than this, we will not be able to accept you on this programme yet, but you may be able to join the Scarborough programme (see page 7). You may have a different qualification in English. The following table tells you what qualifications we accept and gives you an idea of how they compare to the IELTS scores.

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* Please note that for some degrees (for example, Law), you may need a higher level of English. Please check the requirements for the course you wish to follow.

At the end of UHELP, you will generally need to achieve a minimum score of 55% (the equivalent of the Common European Framework B2) in each skill area and an overall mark of 60% in order to progress to your chosen course of study. This is in line with the UK Border Agency (UKBA) regulations.

Please note that some courses at Hull require a different entry level.
You need to check if other universities will accept this mark for their admissions.

How long do you need to study English?
If you know what your English level is, you can use the tables below to help you decide how long you might want, or need, to study English with us.

The most common requirement is the equivalent of IELTS 6.0 with a 5.5 in each skill (listening, speaking, reading and writing) by September. If this is the case, use these guidelines:

If you now have an IELTS 4.5, you should start in September and complete three semesters from September to September.

If you now have an IELTS 5.0, you should start in January and complete two semesters from January to September.

If you now have an IELTS 5.5, you should start in June and complete one semester from June to September.

However, if any of your skills are particularly weak, please allow extra time. For example, if you have an overall score of IELTS 5.0, but you have a 4.0 in writing, you would be advised to start in September and complete three semesters from September to September. Please contact us if you need further advice.

The following tables provide further guidance to help you decide when to start and how long to study. It is always a good idea to allow yourself more time than you should need to and aim for a higher level of English at the end of your course.

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How will this programme prepare you?

- It takes place at the University of Hull. You will be able to use all our facilities including the library and the Language Learning Centre.
- You will have classes in English for Academic Purposes, which will help you prepare for academic study.
- Our tutors are all well qualified and know how to prepare you.
- You will have language practice in all four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. This will help you with all aspects of university life.
- Individual help with your language learning is available through our specially trained Language Advisers.
- This is an intensive programme of study. All of the work that you do will be good preparation for your future studies.

For more information about all of our courses, please visit our website: www.hull.ac.uk/EFL.
How is the programme organised?
It is divided into three 12-week teaching periods or semesters. The content in each semester is similar, but there may be some differences in the summer semester.

Each semester contains 60 credits of work. This may mean three 20-credit modules or it may mean two 20-credit modules and two 10-credit modules.

This will depend on when you start and how long you are staying.

One credit should represent approximately 10 hours of work.

**Semester 1 (September to January)**
- Foundation English for Academic Purposes 1 – 20 credits
- Language Skills for Communication 1 – 20 credits
- Foundation British Studies – 10 credits

**Options (choose one of the following)**
- Foundation English for Law – 10 credits
- Foundation English for Business – 10 credits
- Online English Language – 10 credits

**Semester 2 (January/February to June)**
- Foundation English for Academic Purposes 2 – 20 credits
- Language Skills for Communication 2 – 20 credits
- Foundation British Studies – 10 credits

**Options (choose one of the following)**
- Foundation English for Law – 10 credits
- Foundation English for Business – 10 credits
- Online English Language – 10 credits

**Semester 3 (June to September)**
- Foundation English for Academic Purposes 3 – 20 credits
- Language Skills for Communication 3 – 20 credits
- English Practical Study Skills – 20 credits
What will you study in each module?

**Foundation English for Academic Purposes**
You will work on integrated skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) in an academic context with associated work on grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. You will have practice in listening to lectures, giving presentations, participating in seminars and writing essays and reports. In this module you will be assessed in reading and writing.

**Language Skills for Communication**
In this module you will work primarily on listening and speaking skills in a variety of contexts. You will have practice listening to authentic English and taking part in seminar-type discussions.

**Foundation British Studies**
These classes provide you with an introduction to the life, culture and institutions of Great Britain. This will help you to communicate and integrate more successfully with other students and to understand more about what is happening around you.

**Foundation English for Law**
These classes will focus on legal vocabulary and the language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) that you need in an academic legal context. This should enable you to develop skills for reading and comprehension of statutes and cases, compose short pieces of legal writing, listen to short lectures, discuss legal issues and give presentations. The course will cover the subjects taught in the first year LLB course, namely, contract law, tort, legal systems, criminal law and public and constitutional law.

**Foundation English for Business**
These classes will focus on a range of business topics that will enable you to develop your business-related language and skills. You will use all four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and build key business vocabulary.

**Online English Language**
You will work through online units covering the following topics: education and health in semester one; politics and the media and the environment in semester two. Each unit will present activities to develop the four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) with work on grammar and vocabulary.

You will work independently on this module, but you will be expected to study for a total of 100 hours in semester one and a total of 100 hours in semester two.

**English Practical Study Skills**
In this module, you will focus on research skills using your subject area. This will be a very practical course, which will involve project work.

For more information about all of our courses, please visit our website: www.hull.ac.uk/EFL.
University of Hull English Language (Pre-sessional) Programme (Scarborough) (UHELP Scarborough)

UHELP Scarborough, as it is known, is an extension of the standard UHELP programme described on pages 2–6, and is similarly designed for students who need to improve their English before starting their degree studies. Please see the insert in this brochure for precise dates for this programme. Alternatively, refer to the website www.hull.ac.uk/EFL.

This programme allows students to join us with a lower level of English. To enter it, you will be expected to have IELTS \textbf{4.0 or equivalent in all four skills, but you do not need to have an overall score of 4.5 as with the standard UHELP}.

Students start on the Scarborough Campus, which is smaller than the Hull Campus. They live with a host family and follow an intensive language programme that focuses on a basic understanding of English. In September, students who have reached the equivalent of IELTS 4.5 move to the Hull Campus and join the standard UHELP programme.

Summer Pre-Sessional English Language Programme (SPELP)

There are a number of courses during the summer period on both the Hull and Scarborough Campuses and that students can join for shorter periods of time as follows:

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For each of the above courses, students attend classes that will help them to improve in all four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing). Classes include work on listening to lectures, taking notes, participating in seminars, giving presentations, reading at speed, writing essays, improving grammatical accuracy, building vocabulary and improving pronunciation. Courses on the Hull campus will offer extra classes in all four skills that students can sign up for. Courses on the Scarborough campus will have more classes that focus on reading and writing skills.

For information about the dates and fees for all of our courses, please see the insert.
For each of the above courses, students attend advanced English language classes as well as classes that introduce them to British Society and Culture. Students are expected to work on a project and give a presentation at the end of the course.

A bursary may be available for all the above programmes. Please contact us for more information.

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This course is designed for students who have already met the language conditions for their degree course but want to brush up their English, be immersed in English culture and be introduced to academic conventions at the University of Hull before commencing their programme of study.

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This course is designed for students who have already met the language conditions for their degree course but want to brush up their English, be immersed in English culture and be introduced to academic conventions at the University of Hull before commencing their programme of study.

For more information about all of our courses, please visit our website: [www.hull.ac.uk/EFL](http://www.hull.ac.uk/EFL).
Short General Language Courses (full-time)

These courses are for you if you are not planning to study at university but want to improve your English. If you want to come for fewer than 12 weeks between September and June, then you can join one of our short courses listed below:

Course 1: September to November (six weeks)
Course 2: November to December (six weeks)
Course 3: February to March (six weeks)
Course 4: July to August (four weeks) – Scarborough Campus

You will join classes with students who are doing the University of Hull English Language Programme with classes in the subjects described on pages 6 and 7, but you are not formally assessed.

If you would like a tailor-made course for a specific group of students, we may be able to arrange this. Please contact us with your request.

For more information about any of our courses, please visit our website: www.hull.ac.uk/EFL.
Degree courses with Foundation English Language

This course is designed for students who want to do an undergraduate degree at the University of Hull, but who need to improve their English before starting. We can offer one of our four-year BA degrees which include Foundation English. The following undergraduate degrees are currently on offer:

- BA in Music (including Foundation English)
- BA in Modern Languages (including Foundation English)
- LLB (including Foundation English)
- BA in History (including Foundation English)
- BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (including Foundation English)
- BA in Drama (including Foundation English)
- BSc in Computer Science (including Foundation English)

The first year of each of these programmes prepares you for academic study and enables you to achieve a higher level of English. It prepares you in the same way as the first two semesters of the University of Hull English Language (Pre-sessional) Programme (UHELP). The only difference would be that instead of the options listed there, you may be able to follow a module in your subject area. If you do the LLB (including Foundation English), you would follow the Foundation English for Law option, and if you do the BA in Modern Languages, then you would follow the Online English Language option. For other degree programmes, different options may be available.

In the second year, to help you continue to work on your English, you can choose to do a Free Elective in one of the following areas:

- English for Academic Purposes
- English for Business
- English for Maths, Science and Technology
- British Society and Culture
- High Level General English
- English for Law

The rest of the degree programme would be the same as a standard three-year degree programme.

These courses are also listed in the University Undergraduate Prospectus.

The entry requirement for most of these programmes is IELTS 5.0/5.5, although for some, such as the LLB, it is higher at 5.5/6.0. Students who need a Tier 4 student visa to study in the UK will be required to have IELTS 5.5 in all four language skills or level CEFR B2 in all skills shown through another acceptable test (see page 2).

For more information about all of our courses, please visit our website: www.hull.ac.uk/EFL.
Part-time English Language Courses

The following courses are available to students at the University of Hull (either as part of their programme of study or as an extra course with a separate fee), to exchange students who are here for either one or two semesters, and to members of the local public. All these courses consist of one two-hour class per week (with the exception of the Online English Language course*) for either one or two semesters between September and June.

- English for Academic Purposes
- English for Business
- English for Maths, Science and Technology
- British Society and Culture
- High Level General English
- English for Law
- Online English Language*

**English for Academic Purposes**
This course is designed primarily for people who already have an advanced level of English and who want to study more effectively through the medium of English. The course lays most emphasis on different aspects of writing, including academic style, structure and referencing conventions. In addition, speaking skills (giving a presentation and taking part in a seminar), listening skills (listening to a lecture and note-taking) and reading and writing skills (paraphrasing and writing a summary) are all practised. Grammar and vocabulary are taught according to the students’ needs.

**English for Business**
This course is designed for people who have a good/advanced level of English and wish to extend their knowledge of English in a business context. Using business texts from a variety of sources, the course builds up students’ business vocabulary and functional language. All four skills are covered. Activities include writing a business report, taking part in a business meeting, investigating the ethics of big businesses and giving a presentation.

**English for Maths, Science and Technology**
This course is designed for people who would like to work on English in EMST contexts. Using a range of mathematical, scientific and technology related materials, students work on all four skills, as well as grammar and vocabulary as appropriate. Students will have the opportunity to write and present a report on an EMST subject, take part in EMST seminar discussions and work with authentic EMST texts and audio-visual materials.

**British Society and Culture**
This module provides non-native speakers of English at an upper-intermediate or advanced level with a chance to develop their English language skills in a subject area of practical use to them while they are living and studying in the UK and later on in their careers. Students will study key areas of modern British society and culture, as well as the behaviour and attitudes of the British people.

Students will work and be assessed on all four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and there will also be an emphasis on vocabulary acquisition. Language is, of course, intimately connected with culture, so by studying this module students will have a far greater understanding of the English language, how it is used in the UK and also, by comparison, a greater understanding of other cultures with which they are acquainted. Topics include media, British identities, politics, the monarchy, the law, education, behaviour and attitudes of the British and origins of the English language.
High Level General English
This module provides the opportunity for non-native speakers of English studying at university level to develop their general English language skills at a higher level than is currently possible with other English language modules. It aims to provide non-native speakers of English at an advanced level with the opportunity to develop their English language skills to a high level of competence, such as would be required in a professional working context. Students are expected to achieve this high level of proficiency in all skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and should develop a confident command of complex grammatical structures and a sophisticated range of vocabulary.

English for Law
This course is designed primarily for people at an advanced or upper-intermediate level who are starting the first year of their LLB course, or who intend to study law in the future, and for those who would like to work on English in legal contexts. The course will focus on the English required for the subjects normally studied in the first year of an LLB course – contract, constitutional law, tort, legal systems and criminal law. Using a variety of legal materials, students work on all four skills as well as grammar and legal vocabulary. Activities include reading legal documents, writing a legal essay, listening to law lectures, giving a presentation and taking part in discussions.

Online English Language
Unlike the other courses listed above, this course does not have class contact time. It can be followed either for one semester (September to January or January to June) or two semesters (September to June). It can be followed by students on campus or at a distance.

Students work through online units covering the following topics: education and health in semester one; politics and the media and the environment in semester two. Each unit presents activities to develop the four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) with work on grammar and vocabulary.

Students work independently on this module, but are expected to study for a total of 100 hours in semester one and a total of 100 hours in semester two.

For more information about any of our courses, please visit our website: www.hull.ac.uk/EFL.

Degree courses without a language preparation year
The Department of Modern Languages offers a number of undergraduate and postgraduate courses that may be of interest to non-native speakers of English. Information about these courses can be found in the University Prospectus or the Postgraduate Prospectus for Modern Languages.

For example:

BA Combined Languages (English can be one of the languages chosen)
BA English as a Foreign Language, Literature and Culture
MA TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
MA TESOL with Translation Studies
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