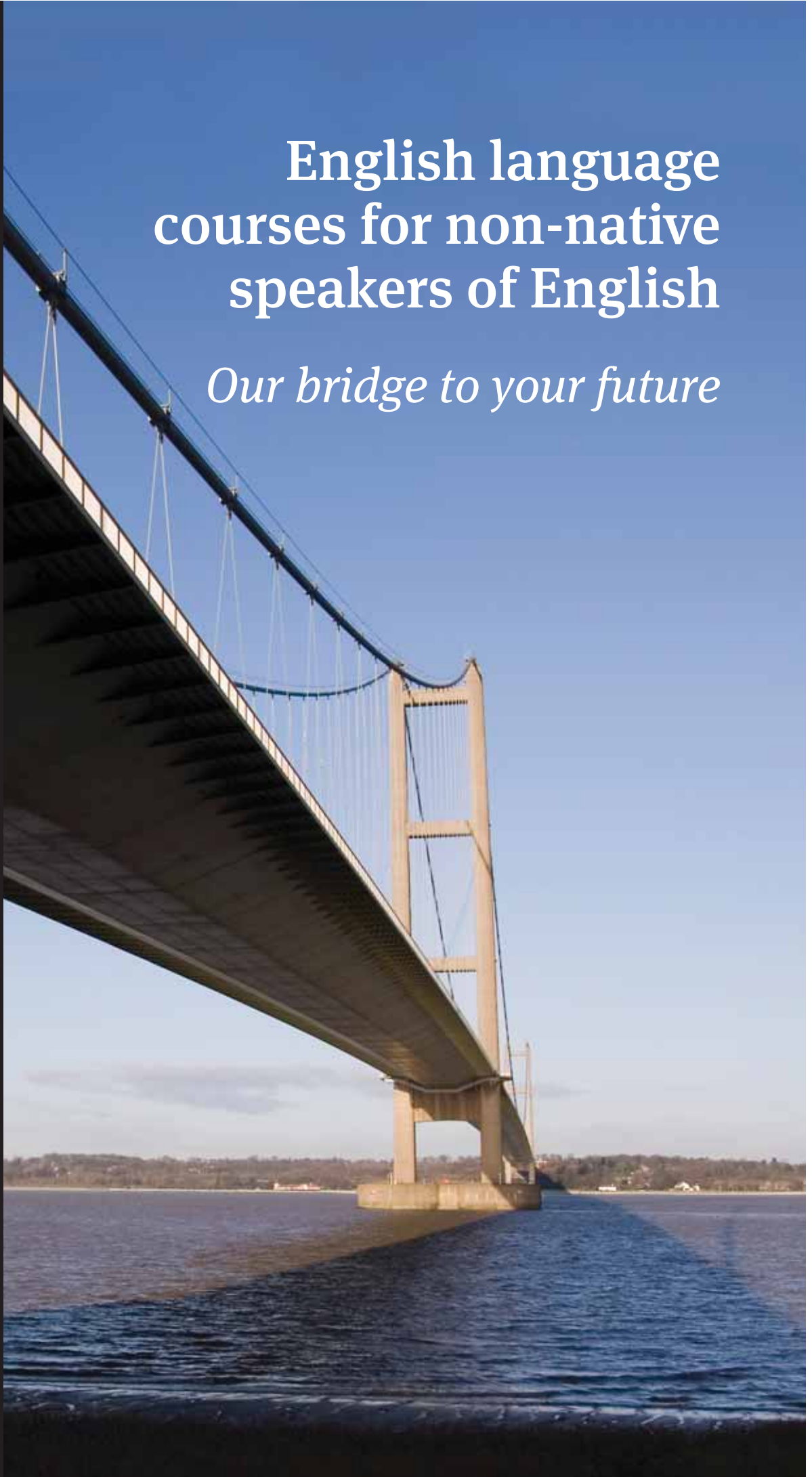


English language courses for non-native speakers of English

Our bridge to your future





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Introduction



‘The department of Modern Languages at Hull provides a friendly and supportive learning environment and offers modules which give you the skills to develop your language abilities. The facilities for language learning here are very good’.

Alexandra Tincu-Straton
BA Combined Languages

About this brochure

This brochure describes a number of University of Hull courses that can help you prepare for your undergraduate or postgraduate studies if English is not your first language. These courses fall under five headings:

- full-time preparation for university study (from six weeks to a full year)
- short general language courses
- degree courses that include a language preparation year
- Masters Foundation Programme (with or without Intensive English)
- part-time English language courses

For more information about any of the courses covered in this brochure, please visit our website at www.hull.ac.uk/efl. For information about dates and fees, please see the insert.

Other courses that may interest you

The Department of Modern Languages offers a number of undergraduate and postgraduate courses which may be of interest to non-native speakers of English, including degree courses that do not incorporate a language preparation year. 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

Information about these courses can be found in the University’s Undergraduate Prospectus or in the postgraduate brochure for Arts and Humanities.



About the city of Hull

Hull combines the very best of an urban waterfront location with a rich heritage. Recent developments at the heart of Hull, such as the £160 million St Stephen's retail and leisure complex, have transformed the city into a thriving destination with an exhilarating mix of culture, shopping and nightlife.

The Deep, a stunning marine visitor attraction; the superb KC Stadium – home to Hull City football club and sell-out concerts; and the nationally renowned Hull Truck Theatre ensure that there is always something going on in Hull. The fascinating history of the city can be explored through its Museums Quarter, and the Ferens Art Gallery boasts a diverse collection of traditional and contemporary work.

Because of its location at the gateway to Europe, multinational organisations choose to base their operations in Hull and the region. In addition to being one of Europe's busiest port complexes and a manufacturing hub, the region is also home to the healthcare giants Smith & Nephew, Reckitt Benckiser and Seven Seas, as well as BP, Kimberly-Clark and BAE Systems.

The University is located in the most cosmopolitan part of the city. Leafy streets lead on to Newland and Princes Avenues, where a wealth of local and speciality shops, cafes, bars and restaurants can be found only 10 minutes' walk from the University. On a summer's day this bohemian quarter of Hull is the perfect place to while away an hour or two with friends, taking in the relaxed atmosphere and sharing a meal from the wide choice of cuisines on offer.

Location

The Hull Campus is only minutes away from beautiful open countryside, and approximately an hour's drive from historic York. The cities of Sheffield, Leeds, Manchester and Nottingham are also easily accessible by rail or road; and the direct train service from Hull to London takes around 2.5 hours. Hull is served by international airports at Manchester, Leeds and Humberside and by overnight ferries to Europe.

Accommodation

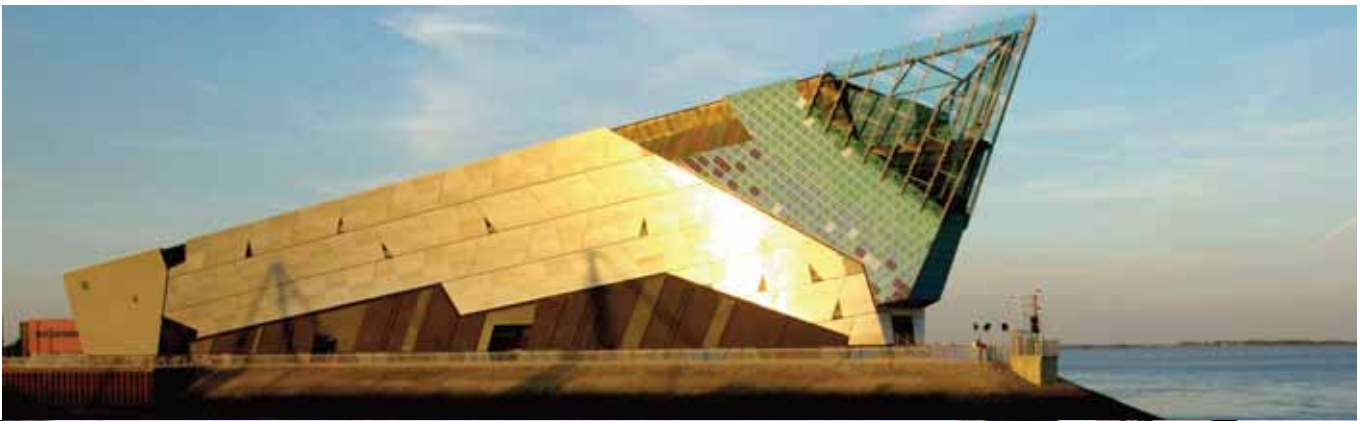
There are various accommodation choices, including residences owned, managed or directed by the University. The University's Accommodation Office can provide advice as to the right accommodation for you, as well as access to privately owned houses, flats and rooms.

Accommodation which is owned, managed or directed by the University is guaranteed for all unaccompanied overseas students, and further information on this can be found on the University's website at www.hull.ac.uk/accomm.

Cost of living

The cost of living in Hull is lower than almost anywhere in Britain (indeed, some 30–40% less than in London) and significantly lower than in comparable university cities. This means that accommodation and food are generally more affordable. Also, the location of our campuses and residences means that daily travelling costs are low (or non-existent), and that shopping for food, clothes and other everyday items is within easy walking distance.





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University of Hull English Language Programme

UHELP, as it is known, will be an ideal programme of study for you if you plan to study at the University of Hull and you want to improve your English before you start. It runs from September to September. You can join the programme for one, two or three semesters. Each semester consists of 12 teaching weeks, and 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 you have a level of English that is the same as IELTS 4.5. ('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, you will not be able to join the programme yet, but you may be able to join the Scarborough programme (see page 10).

You may have a qualification in English other than IELTS. The following table tells you what qualifications we accept and gives you an idea of how they compare to a range of IELTS scores.

Table of IELTS equivalents

IELTS	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0
TOEFL Computer ¹	152	173	196	213	232	250
TOEFL Paper-Based ²	475	500	525	550	575	600
TOEFL Internet-Based	53	64	70	78	86	95
PTE Academic	29	35	42	50	58	64
Cambridge European Framework	B1		B2		C1	
Cambridge exams	PET	FCE			CAE + CPE	
Password	4.0	4.5	5.0			

¹ The computer-based TOEFL does not include speaking and therefore may not be accepted by the UKBA.

² The paper-based TOEFL does not include writing or speaking and therefore may not be accepted by the UKBA.

How long do you need to study English?

If you know what your IELTS English level is (see the table of equivalents if you do not have IELTS), you can use the following tables to help you decide how long you might want, or need, to study English with us.

In order to start your academic programme in September

If your IELTS level is now	And you need to achieve	You should start in	And stay from
4.5	IELTS 5.0	June	June to Sept
4.5	IELTS 5.5	January	Jan to Sept
5.0		June	June to Sept
4.5	IELTS 6.0	September	Sept to Sept
5.0		January	Jan to Sept
5.5		June	June to Sept
5.0	IELTS 6.5	September	Sept to Sept
5.5		January	Jan to Sept
6.0		June	June to Sept
5.5	IELTS 7.0	September	Sept to Sept
6.0		January	Jan to Sept
6.5		June	June to Sept

In order to start your academic programme in June

If your IELTS level is now	And you need to achieve	You should start in	And stay from
4.5	IELTS 5.0	January	Jan to June
4.5	IELTS 5.5	September	Sept to June
5.0		January	Jan to June
5.0	IELTS 6.0	September	Sept to June
5.5		January	Jan to June
5.5	IELTS 6.5	September	Sept to June
6.0		January	Jan to June
6.0	IELTS 7.0	September	Sept to June
6.5		January	Jan to June

In order to start your academic programme in January

If your IELTS level is now	And you need to achieve	You should start in	And stay from
4.5	IELTS 5.0	September	Sept to Jan
5.0	IELTS 5.5	September	Sept to Jan
5.5	IELTS 6.0	September	Sept to Jan
6.0	IELTS 6.5	September	Sept to Jan
6.5	IELTS 7.0	September	Sept to Jan





How will this programme prepare you?

- It takes place at the University's Hull Campus. 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, and all of the work that you do will be good preparation for your future studies.

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
- General Language Skills Development 1 – 20 credits
- Foundation British Studies – 10 credits

Plus one of the following options

- 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
- General Language Skills Development 2 – 20 credits
- Foundation British Studies – 10 credits

Plus one of the following options

- 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 *or* English for Business Studies – 20 credits
- General Language Skills Development 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 practise listening to lectures, giving presentations, participating in seminars and writing essays and reports. In this module you will be assessed in reading and writing.

General Language Skills Development

A course book is provided for this element of the programme, which covers a variety of topics and gets you working on grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation as well as skills development (listening, speaking, reading and writing). In this module you will be assessed in listening and speaking.

Foundation British Studies

These classes provide 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 of what is happening around you.

Foundation English for Law

These classes 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, composing short pieces of legal writing, listening to short lectures, discussing legal issues and giving presentations. The course covers the subjects taught in the first year of an LLB degree, namely contract law, tort, legal systems, criminal law and public and constitutional law.

Foundation English for Business

These classes focus on a range of business topics and 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 1; politics and the media and the environment in Semester 2. Each unit involves activities to develop the four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) along 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 each of the two semesters.

English Practical Study Skills

In this module you will focus on research skills related to your subject area. This is a very practical course which involves project work.

English for Business Studies

You can take this course instead of Foundation English for Academic Purposes 3 if you are going on to study for a business degree. It will help you develop the English you need on business studies courses, and you will practise study skills such as listening to lectures, reading long academic texts, participating in seminars and writing extended essays in a business context.



University of Hull English Language Programme (Scarborough)

UHELP Scarborough, as it is known, is an extension of the standard UHELP programme described on pages 6–9, and is similarly designed for students who need to improve their English before starting their degree studies. It consists of five semesters in total and begins in March.

This programme allows students to join us with a lower level of English. To enter it, you will be expected to have IELTS 3.5 or equivalent (see the table of equivalents on page 6).

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 from March to September, focusing on a more 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.

The town of Scarborough

A university town

Providing its student community with a vibrant campus, satisfyingly reasonable living costs and high-quality, affordable accommodation – plus two beaches, harbourside cafes, a castle, museums and funfairs – Scarborough is a special place to live, learn and play.

Hit the shops, then hit the beach

The South Bay and the busy Brunswick shopping centre are only minutes apart, linked by the popular cliff lifts. Scarborough's largely pedestrianised centre incorporates all the major high-street names plus many specialist shops – some opened by our graduates – which contribute to the town's unique character. Boutique shopping and cafe culture are part of Scarborough's unique appeal.

The cultural mix

The student nights in many of Scarborough's pubs and clubs feature DJs, bands and open-mic evenings in an eclectic music scene – on which our own student bands wield an important influence.

The Stephen Joseph Theatre, the Futurist Theatre and the Spa Complex (which hosts our student balls and graduation ceremonies) are established venues for concerts, shows and plays, and three cinemas offer the latest blockbusters and specialist film seasons.

You will be able to participate in the annual National Student Drama Festival, which our students help to run, while other recurring highlights include a literature festival; Seafest (a combination of music, seafood and maritime-themed activities); a nationally acclaimed jazz festival; and other music festivals.

Summer Pre-session English Language Programme (Hull and Scarborough)

SPELP, as it is known, is a six-week intensive preparatory programme in English language for students who already have a level of English very close to the level required for their course of study at university. It runs from August to September each year and takes place on both the Hull and the Scarborough Campus.

Students have classes in English for Business Studies or English for Academic Purposes, Practical Study Skills and General English. They work on a project in their subject area and may be involved in introductory sessions in the department that they will join in September.

If students need to have their level of English assessed during the six-week course, this can be arranged.



Short full-time general language courses

Our short 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, you can join one of these courses (duration in parentheses):

- Course 1: September to November (6 weeks)
- Course 2: November to December (6 weeks)
- Course 3: January/February to March (6 weeks)
- Course 4: March/April to May (6 weeks)
- Course 5: July to August (4 weeks)

You will join classes with students who are enrolled on the University of Hull English Language Programme and take classes in the subjects described on pages 8–9, but you will not be formally assessed.



Degree courses with Foundation English Language

For more information about any of our courses, please visit our website at www.hull.ac.uk/efl. For more information about dates and fees, please see the insert.

These four-year degree courses incorporating Foundation English Language are designed for students who want to study for a Bachelors degree at the University of Hull but who need to improve their English before starting.

The following undergraduate courses are currently on offer:

- BA in English as a Foreign Language, Literature and Culture (including Foundation English)
- BA in Music (including Foundation English Language)
- BA in Modern Languages (including Foundation English Language)
- LLB in Law (including Foundation English Language)
- BA in History (including Foundation English Language)
- BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (including Foundation English Language)
- BA in Drama (including Foundation English Language)
- BSc in Computer Science (including Foundation English Language)

The first year of each of these courses will prepare you for academic study and enable you to achieve a higher level of English. It will prepare you in the same way as the first two semesters of the pre-sessional University of Hull English Language Programme (see pages 6–9). The only difference is that, instead of the options listed there, you may be able to follow a module in your subject area. If you take the LLB in Law, you will follow the Foundation English for Law option; if you take the BA in Modern Languages, you will follow the Online English Language option. For other degree courses, different options may be available.

Then, in the second year, to help you continue to work on your English, you will be offered the option of taking a free elective module 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 course would be the same as the standard three-year degree. For details, see the University's Undergraduate Prospectus.

Entry requirements

For most of the degree courses that include Foundation English Language, you need to have IELTS 5.0 or equivalent to begin the foundation year. (See page 6 for a table of equivalents.) But for some, such as the LLB in Law, you need to have 5.5 or equivalent.

These are specially designed intensive courses for those who want to study at postgraduate level. They are intended for students who already have relatively good English but who need to improve their academic skills and English in order to study more effectively for a Masters degree.

What do the programmes do?

The Masters Foundation Programme is designed to familiarise you with the skills, methods and academic language required to work effectively at postgraduate level. The Masters Foundation Programme with Intensive English will also improve your English, especially your academic English.

You are guaranteed progression to your offered Masters degree course if you successfully pass the Masters Foundation Programme.

The programmes normally start in June and end in early September. The three months of Masters Foundation plus the 12 months of your degree constitute a 15-month programme of study.

Are there any preconditions?

Applicants should normally have at least a Bachelors degree, or an equivalent qualification, in a relevant subject.

Applicants for the Masters Foundation Programme normally also require an IELTS equivalence of 6.5 (minimum of 5.5 in all skills). Some departments may require a higher level of English.

Applicants for the Masters Foundation Programme with Intensive English normally require an IELTS equivalence of 6.0 (minimum of 5.5 in all skills), with a view to achieving an IELTS equivalence of approximately 6.5 by the end of the programme.

If you would like more information about either of these programmes, please email the Programme Leader, Campbell McPherson, at langc@hull.ac.uk.

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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) and to members of the local public. All of them involve attending one two-hour class per week 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

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, taking part in a seminar), listening skills (listening to a lecture, note taking) and reading skills (paraphrasing, 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 or advanced level of English and wish to extend their knowledge of English in a business context. Using business texts from a variety of sources, it builds up students' business vocabulary and functional language. All four skills are covered, and 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. You 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 audiovisual 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. You will study key areas of modern British society and culture as well as the behaviour and attitudes of the British people.

Students work and are assessed on all four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing), and there is an emphasis on vocabulary acquisition. Language is, of course, intimately connected with culture, so by studying this module you will acquire not only a far greater understanding of the English language and how it is used in the UK but also, by comparison, a greater understanding of other cultures with which you are acquainted. Topics include the media, British identities, politics, the monarchy, the law, education, the behaviour and attitudes of the British, and the 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, attaining a level of competence such as would be required in a professional working context. You will be 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 focuses 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, you will 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.







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