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English Summer Programme 2020 (ESP)

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The University Language Centre (ULC) is part of the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) in the Faculty of Humanities. The school brings together the largest concentration and widest range of high-quality research and teaching in language-based disciplines in the UK.

The ULC has over 30 years' experience of running English language courses for international students; and these courses are accredited by the British Council, through Accreditation UK. The centre is currently ranked as the top University language Centre in the UK according to the [EL Gazette's Language Centre Ranking](#). The ULC's Pre-sessional courses are also accredited by BALEAP (British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes). The ULC is a regional testing centre for IELTS. In addition to this, the ULC advises university staff on English language qualifications and the recommended period of Pre-sessional study. Teaching staff also conduct research into aspects of language learning/teaching.

English Language Study

Our full-time English Summer Programme is the ideal programme for University-aged students and professional people who wish to improve their English language proficiency and experience British culture through educational visits to local places of interest.

Content

- **Core Language Module:** These classes focus on improving grammar, vocabulary, the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing) and study skills. A course book is given to students for this part of the programme.
- **Target Modules:** Students on the English Summer Programme will study Integrated Skills with British and Manchester Cultural Studies with practice in the four language skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing through thematic areas integrating these skills.

Examinations: ULC is a regional testing centre for IELTS (held every 2 weeks from September-April and weekly from May-August) Students may take IELTS exam to obtain formal recognition of their English language proficiency. Fees for public examinations are not included in tuition fees.

Levels: Minimum IELTS 3.0 in all skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing (or equivalent at A2 on the CEFR). For students requiring a Tier 4 visa the minimum requirement is CEFR level B1 or above in all skills (UKVI IELTS 4.0 from a UKVI approved test centre. www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests)

Timetable: Minimum 21 hours per week (including tutorials). Classes take place between 1000 and 1600 Monday – Friday. Timetables will be confirmed at the start of the course.

Private study: Students may use the Open Learning facilities, the university libraries and computer clusters.

Class size: Maximum class size is 16 students.

Age of students: 18 years old +.

Minimum period of study: 3 weeks.

Testing and Assessment: Students are placed in a group at the start of their period of study appropriate to their current level. Students are assessed regularly and a final assessment is made at the end of their period of study.

Certificates: A Certificate of Attendance is given to all students at the end of their period of study which will provide the students current level of English on the Common European Framework of References for Languages (CEFR) scale.

Accommodation: During the summer term (July to September) accommodation is available in the University's Halls of Residence This can be booked through ULC.

Social programme: Students on the English Summer programme will be provided with a lively social programme provided by the Manchester Students Union. Students are given two free day trips per month as part of their course fees. The social

programme offers a wide and varied programme of evening activities, weekend day trips and overnight trips to places of interest within Greater Manchester, the North-West and the UK.

Sports activities: Students may use the wide range of sports facilities available in the two university Sports Centres and the Manchester Aquatics Centre, and are charged at the normal student rates.

Booking Conditions:

ESP: <http://www.languagecentre.manchester.ac.uk/study-english/our-courses/english-summer-programme/booking-conditions/>

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