

University Language Centre English for Academic Purposes Pre-sessional

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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 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.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Pre-sessional

The EAP Pre-sessional course is available for between 8 and 38 weeks of study (1-4 terms). The course provides students with the necessary academic English language proficiency required to progress to a degree level course.

Entry Level

There are 4 levels on the EAP course:

Term	Level	Entry Requirements
Term 1	Level 1 and 2	Applicants must have an IELTS score between 4.5 – 5.0 overall with no sub skill below 4.5
Term 2	Level 2 and 3	Applicants must have an IELTS score between 5.0 – 5.5 overall with at least 5.0 in writing and no sub-skill below 4.5
Term 3	Level 3 and 4	Applicants must have an IELTS score between 5.5 and 6.0 overall with 5.5 in writing and no less than 5.0 in any other sub-skill
Term 4	Level 5	See our summer Pre-sessional information .

Students with a higher level of English should apply for one of our [summer Pre-sessional courses](#).

On your first day on the EAP Pre-sessional course you will be placed in class according to your current English Language test score. Students will usually be placed in to the levels as follows:

Level	IELTS Entry test scores
1	4.5 – 5.0
2	5.0 – 5.5
3	5.5 – 6.0
4	6.0 – 6.5

Aims

The EAP Pre-sessional course aims to:

- engage students in improving their language skills through targeted skills classes and associated self-study,
- raise English language proficiency to facilitate each students aims and goals,
- introduce students to the study skills expected in the British academic environment,
- give students the chance to grow in confidence using English in both academic and general situations,
- enable students to progress to the summer Pre-session courses,
- help fulfil English language conditions of entry to degree level courses.

Term 1 – October – December 2020

This term will be delivered online. You will be able to study online from your home country. The online element has the same aims and learning outcomes as the face-to-face element. Importantly you will still be taught by an experienced tutor and so can expect to receive the same high quality learning experience as our face-to-face course.

For students who are able to travel to the UK, there will be an option for face-to-face learning one day per week.

How will term 1 be delivered online?

As a student on term 1 of our EAP Pre-session course, you will be expected to study for at least 21 hours per week. This will include:

- 14 hours live group learning classes with a tutor including individual and group tutorials each week,
- At least 7 hours integrated learning which you will do by yourself.

Live group learning classes will take place between 9.00-12.30 GMT. In addition, you will, be required to do at least 2 hours of integrated learning study each day.

Our live group learning classes will be taught by an experienced tutor via video link. You will be able to interact with your tutor and classmates as you would in a face-to-face setting.

Term 2 and 3: January – April 2021

The EAP course in Terms 2 and 3 will offer flexible routes:

Route 1:

You will study a blended course with a mix of online teaching and some small group teaching on campus (minimum 2 hours per week), subject to the latest government guidance for Manchester.

Route 2:

You will study your course fully online from home.

Both routes will consist of a Core EAP module where you will study English for Academic Purposes and a Culture and Communication module which will introduce you to different aspects of British culture. This means you will have 16 hours contact with your teachers. You will also be expected to do at least 6 hours of integrated study per week.

You will be assessed on both the Core and the Culture and Communication modules. You will have to pass all assessments on both modules in order to progress to the next level of study.

All students will have access to Blackboard which is our VLE and to other online facilities such as the University library. If you choose Route 1 and are based in Manchester, you will also be able to use the facilities on campus such as the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons, the main library and the Student Union. Obviously, you will need to observe social distancing guidelines in public spaces.

We aim to provide a safe learning environment for both students and staff; we hope that the face-to-face on campus classes will allow for discussion and interaction with your tutors and classmates if government guidance allows for this.

You can find out the latest information on campus opening and the University response to Covid-19 on our dedicated webpage: <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/coronavirus/>

Term 4

During the summer term, you will follow the [summer Pre-sessional](#) timetable.

Technical Requirements

To access the online lessons you will need:

- Access to a PC or laptop with internet connection
- Speakers and a microphone or headset
- A webcam
- A modern browser such as Google Chrome
- A fast internet connection – ideally 28.8 kbps speed or above (Broadband connection highly recommended)

Assessment

During October – June, Students on the EAP Pre-sessional course will have regular formal and informal (continuous) assessment. **To progress to the next term and level, students must pass all assessments with a minimum mark of 50%.** Failure to pass assessments may prevent you from continuing to the next level and your registration at the University may be terminated. The decision on whether you can progress to the next level will be at the discretion of the Course Coordinator.

During the summer term, you will complete written assignments and oral presentations. You will also be tested on your listening and reading skills. These assessments will form the basis of your ULC bands which will be reported to your chosen degree programme.

The University Language Centre is home to a regional IELTS testing centre for students who wish to re-take an IELTS test during their studies (additional charges apply visit www.languagecentre.manchester.ac.uk/ielts/).

Progression

Students who pass all assessments in each term will progress automatically to the next term. Your attendance and integrated learning work will be monitored and could affect your progress. At the end of the summer, students who meet their school requirements will be able to progress to their chosen degree programme (restrictions may apply).

Further Information

For further details and how to apply visit <https://www.languagecentre.manchester.ac.uk/study-english/our-courses/english-for-academic-purposes/how-to-apply/>

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