

Manchester General English Programme

Our full-time Manchester General English programme is suitable for international students or professionals who would like to improve their **General English** skills.

Aimed at adults and with a minimum age of 18, the course will allow you to be part of the top rated¹ University Language Centre in one of the highest ranked global universities.

Situated in the middle of a vibrant University campus, we aim to improve your abilities in the four key skills whilst improving your confidence of communicating in English.

You will study for 18 hours per week – 14 hours of listening, reading, writing and speaking and 4 hours of targeted IELTS preparation.

For this course, you can book from 5 up to 20 weeks (registration available in 5 week blocks).

Entry Requirements:

Applicants must have IELTS 3.5 or 4.0 with no skill below 3.0, this course is aimed at students for who the aim or level of the [English for Academic Purposes](#) course is not suitable.

Students with an IELTS score of 4.5 or above should apply for the [English for Academic Purposes programme](#).

Applications:

To apply, please complete the application form and return to englishlanguage@manchester.ac.uk along with a copy of your English Language Certificate and current visa (if applicable). Please note that a minimum number of applicants is required for the course to run. Confirmation that the course will run will be provided at least 4 weeks before the start date. **Please do not book flights or accommodation, or get your visa until you have confirmation that the course will run.**

Fees and Dates:

£360 per week

Term Code	Term Dates	Start dates	Term Length	Total cost
T1/19	Monday 30 September– Friday 6 December 2019	30 September 4 November	10 weeks	£3600
T2/20	Monday 6 January – Friday 13 March 2020	6 January 10 February	10 weeks	£3600

Course Content and aims:

Core Language Classes take place every morning, Monday to Friday. These classes will consist of integrated skills development (listening, speaking, reading and writing), grammar and vocabulary development. Your teachers will use a course book which has been chosen as appropriate for your group and also a variety of other resources and materials we have in the Centre. Core Language Classes will be taught by your Group Tutor and another teacher. The Group Tutor has special

¹ El Gazette Centre of Excellence rankings based on British Council inspection 2017.

responsibility for your group and you will have tutorials with your Group Tutor to discuss your progress on the course and your future plans.

In the afternoons, Monday to Thursday, you will focus on IELTS. This class will introduce you to the topics and themes which commonly occur in the IELTS test. You will have the opportunity to practise all four language skills, especially the skills and language required for the IELTS test. The course will help you to develop your vocabulary and express ideas on issues and topics which frequently appear in the IELTS test.

On Friday afternoons there are no lessons, but you may use the Open Learning Centre in the Samuel Alexander building for private study or the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons. You will also be expected to do at least one hour of self-study per day.

Aims

The General English course aims to:

- improve the students general English foundation skills in all four skills – listening, reading, writing and speaking,
- improve students confidence in language communication
- prepare students planning to sit an IELTS test **(NB the cost of the test is not included in the course fees.)**

Assessment:

On the first day of your course, you will be tested so that we can verify your level of English. You must ensure that you arrive on time for the tests on your first day.

You will take formal tests in all four skills in Weeks 5 and 10. We also do continuous assessment throughout the whole course so that we can monitor your progression and your homework.

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:

Please note: this is **not** a feeder course to the Centre's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course. The syllabus, curriculum and aims are different and are aimed at students at different stages of their learning journey. There is no option to transfer directly onto the EAP course from this course.

If you would like to study on the EAP course when you have finished your General English Programme, you will need to take the IELTS exam. Students who achieve the required IELTS test score for entry onto the English for Academic Purposes course, or Pre—sessional, may then apply for these courses.