

## ***University Language Centre***

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES 2015-16

#### **Teacher Refresher Courses (for Overseas Teachers of English) – Group Enrolment**

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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 of Arts, Languages and Cultures is internationally recognised in the fields of human cultures, beliefs, institutions and languages. The School also has several research centres and institutes including the Graduate School, the Martin Harris Centre, the Institute for Cultural Practices, the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Arts & Languages (CIDRAL), the Confucius Institute and the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI). SALC also consists of the following divisions: Art History, Drama & Music; Archaeology, Religions and Theology, Classics & Ancient History; English, American Studies & the Centre for New Writing; History; Language-Based Area Studies; Languages & Intercultural Studies and Linguistics & English Language.

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 ULC's pre-sessional courses are also accredited by BALEAP (British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes). The ULC is a UCAS Centre, a regional testing centre for IELTS and an internal testing centre for Cambridge (FCE, CAE, CPE) English examinations. 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.

##### **Teacher Refresher Courses**

These courses are specially designed to meet the needs of groups of ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) teachers. Participants or sponsoring organisations will be asked to complete a needs analysis questionnaire (available on our website: <http://www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/english/teacher-refresher-course/>) in order for courses to be tailor-made but will follow the principles as outlined below.

**Participants:** Experienced and practising teachers of English from overseas who wish to...

- develop their language skills further and enhance their knowledge of the English language
- reflect on their teaching skills and investigate new methods and strategies
- share teaching strategies and skills with other teachers

##### **Core Topics**

###### **Increase knowledge of...**

- aspects of English grammar
- vocabulary and colloquial English
- phonology and pronunciation
- varieties of English

###### **Share and discover new ideas about...**

- good practice in skills-based teaching
- error analysis and correction
- strategies for developing vocabulary
- approaches to grammar in the classroom
- assessment and evaluation
- classroom management
- effective lesson planning

###### **Develop interests with workshops in...**

- using learning technologies
- English for academic purposes
- British cultural studies
- managing people and resources
- self-access learning
- aspects of syllabus and course design

**Materials:** All course materials are provided.

**Timetable:** 21 hours per week. Sessions take place between 0915 and 1600.

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

**English language levels:** Advanced.

**Group/Course size:** Minimum of 10 participants. Participants will be taught in group sizes as agreed with institution/sponsor.

**Period of course:** Course dates are negotiable, however these courses are normally offered during the summer period only. The minimum period of study is 3 weeks.

**Certificates:** A Certificate of Attendance is given to course participants provided they have attended a minimum of 80% of the course.

**Accommodation:** From October to June, the ULC offers homestay accommodation to our full-time English language students, in partnership with a homestay agent. During the academic year (September to June), accommodation in the University's Halls of Residence may be bookable (subject to availability and course duration) and can be arranged through the University of Manchester Accommodation Office. Private accommodation can be arranged through Manchester Student Homes: [www.manchesterstudenthomes.com](http://www.manchesterstudenthomes.com). During the summer term (July to September) accommodation is available in the University's Halls of Residence and for participants on Teacher Refresher Courses, this can be booked through ULC.

**Social programme:** Full-time English language students at ULC are given membership to The International Society and two free day trips per month as part of their course fees. The International Society 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:** Participants may use the wide range of sports facilities available in the two university Sports Centres and are charged at the normal student rates.

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