

## University Language Centre

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES 2015-16

#### Part-Time IELTS Preparation Courses

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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.

##### Part-time IELTS Preparation Courses (IPC)

These part-time courses run during the academic year from September to June and are designed for people already in the UK, with quite a good knowledge of English, who:

- want to know more about the test and have some practice before taking it;
- need to get a specific score in the IELTS test;
- have taken the IELTS before but not achieved the score they require and therefore must take it again.

The courses:

- focus on the four main skills tested (listening, speaking, reading and writing);
- familiarise you with the format of each section;
- develop strategies for dealing with each paper;
- practise the kind of questions used in the test;
- focus on the main parts of the interview.

**Course fee:** £390

**Course fee deposit:** A course fee deposit of £40 must be paid on application, before taking the entry test (if applicable). This deposit is only refundable if the course does not run OR the English level achieved in the test is too low for the course.

**Levels:** Upper-Intermediate or above (IELTS 5.5 minimum although course participants with band 5.0 may be permitted to join depending on individual band scores for skill areas). You will be asked to provide evidence of your present level of English when you complete the application form. Your application will only be accepted if we feel that you will benefit from the course.

If you are below Upper-intermediate level you should consider attending a full-time English course in order to raise your overall level. If you need a higher score you will need a longer full-time course. The length of the course you need depends on your present level. If you need help to decide, we can advise you.

**Entry Test:** If you are unable to provide evidence of your present level of English you will be invited to take an entry test at the ULC in order to establish whether your English is at an appropriate level to follow the course. Please see table for dates of tests – all tests take place in Oddfellows Hall.

**Timetable:** Classes normally take place 1600-1800 (4.00-6.00 pm) Monday-Thursday (8 hours per week) for 4 weeks (total of 32 hours). During the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> May (IPC8) classes will be held from Tuesday-Friday, 1600-1800 (4.00-6.00 pm).

**Materials:** You will be given a set of Specimen Materials and a book of practice tests. A variety of materials will be used during the course from the Specimen Materials pack and other published and in-house materials.

**Class size:** Maximum class size is 15 students.

**Age of students:** 18 years old +.

**Minimum period of study:** 4 weeks part-time (32 hours).

**Minimum student numbers:** Please note that a minimum of 5 bookings is required for these courses to run. Students will be informed whether it will run one week before the start of the course.

**Accommodation:** ULC is unable to provide accommodation for students attending part-time courses.

**IELTS Exam:** ULC is a regional testing centre for IELTS (held every 2 weeks from September-April and weekly from May-August). IELTS exam fees are not included in course fees. For 2015, the IELTS test fee is £150 (2016 IELTS test fee: tbc). If you want to arrange to take the test you need to check the availability of IELTS test dates first.

If our dates do not suit you, there is a link on our website where you can find the full list of UK IELTS test centres.

**Please note: Attending a Practice Course does not guarantee a place for an IELTS test and IELTS test dates fill very quickly, so early booking is vital.**

**Course fee:** £390 (32 hours)

Course Code	Start	Finish	Entry test date
IPC1	14 September 2015	08 October 2015	04 September 2015: 2pm
IPC2	12 October 2015	05 November 2015	02 October 2015: 2pm
IPC3	9 November 2015	03 December 2015	30 October 2015: 2pm
IPC4	04 January 2016	28 January 2016	11 December 2015: 2pm
IPC5	01 February 2016	25 February 2016	22 January 2016: 2pm
IPC6	29 February 2016	24 March 2016	19 February 2016: 2pm
IPC7	11 April 2016	05 May 2016	01 April 2016: 2pm
IPC8	09 May 2016	3 June 2016	29 April 2016: 2pm

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**How to apply:** Read our booking conditions (<http://www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/english/part-time/booking-conditions/>) and then send us a completed application form (with English language certificate if relevant) to [examprep@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:examprep@manchester.ac.uk) or post it to the address below. If you are eligible, you will be contacted and asked to pay the course fee deposit online before you are given an offer of a place on the course.

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