I am delighted that you are considering the University of Liverpool as your choice for international study. In joining the University you will become a member of a truly global student body on campus. If you need support with your English, our accredited English Language Centre is ideally placed to give you the support you need, either before you start your academic programme or during your studies. And if you want a flexible on-campus General English course, for just you or for a group, you will find Activate English an attractive option. Our courses are specially designed to help you enjoy to the full all aspects of your life here: academic, domestic and social.

We hope that this guide will give you sufficient information about how the English Language Centre can support you and we look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant Liverpool student community.

Professor Janet Beer
Vice-Chancellor
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Introduction to the English Language Centre (ELC)

The English Language Centre (ELC) is the University of Liverpool’s specialist English language facility for international students.

If you need to improve your English before you can start your main programme of study at the University of Liverpool, we offer specially designed Pre-sessional Courses ranging from intensive short courses to all year round study.

We also provide a free comprehensive programme of In-sessional English support for current international undergraduate, postgraduate taught and research students and staff at the University, to run alongside your academic studies or work.

These programmes can be discipline specific focusing on relevant language used in particular subject areas or general academic English suitable for all international students and staff.

Another popular course we offer is Activate English, our General English language course for personal, professional and academic purposes, with a choice of start dates and entry levels and full- or part-time options.

In addition to our wide range of English language courses for individuals, we design and deliver Tailor-made courses to meet the requirements of organisations and their staff.

The ELC is also a registered IELTS testing centre running over 20 tests a year and provides IELTS training year round.
Our friendly and helpful staff will welcome you to your life in the UK.

Enjoy life on our attractive city centre campus.

I really improved my general English level whilst studying at ELC. In particular my reading and writing improved really quickly which was so useful throughout my further studies. The learning environment in ELC is fantastic and all my teachers were very kind and we are still good friends. I also met lots of good friends from other countries who helped me a lot when I was studying for my masters. Liverpool is a wonderful city, many people say it is the cultural centre of the UK and you can have an amazing time here.

Wen Tang China
Pre-sessional English 19 week course, completed an MSc in Human Resource Management, now working for a digital online company in Liverpool
Welcome to the UK, to Liverpool and to the University of Liverpool. Our English Language Centre is truly a great place to be. Our courses are specially designed to give you the English language skills you'll need to help you handle all aspects of your life here: academic, domestic and social. If you need to improve your English before you begin your academic studies, from Management to Biomedical Sciences, from Science and Engineering to Humanities and Social Sciences – we have a Pre-sessional English course for you. If you need support at the same time as you follow your main academic programme, we provide free-of-charge English language support classes targeted at specific subject areas. Or if you do not want to study an academic subject but simply want to improve your general English, then our Activate English course is designed to meet your needs. All our courses are taught by experienced, well-qualified, committed tutors who have the needs of you, the student, at heart. What's more we have an excellent student support team who look after your non-academic needs and help you live your life in Liverpool with confidence. I am sure that your time with us at the English Language Centre will be a truly memorable one where you'll have new experiences, make new friends and learn new skills. We really do look forward to meeting you.

Clive Newton
Director, English Language Centre
Every year we welcome students from around the world who have chosen to start their University of Liverpool experience by studying at the English Language Centre. We know that all of our students have different requirements, which is why we offer Activate English, our flexible General English course, as well as delivering Pre-sessional Courses that range from 6 weeks to 40 weeks. We also offer a pathway specifically for Management Studies for our Pre-sessional students. All our courses focus on developing the language and skills you will need to be successful, whether that is on your degree programme, or in your personal or professional lives. You’ll be confident that you’ve had the best preparation for your future.

Sarah Mattin
Pre-sessional and Activate English Director, English Language Centre

In the ELC, we understand how demanding studying for a degree in the UK can be for international students. That’s why we work so hard to support you throughout your studies here at Liverpool. Whether you need help with complex readings or writing an assignment, with preparing for a presentation or completing your dissertation, our extremely popular English classes are carefully designed to be of maximum relevance to your studies. We look forward to seeing you in class!

Ted Colclough
In-sessional English Director, English Language Centre

In addition to providing Pre-sessional and General English courses and In-sessional support, our skills and specialist knowledge allow us to design and deliver tailor-made courses for organisations. My role is to help design programmes that meet your requirements and manage the administrative processes involved in bringing groups of staff and students from overseas to study in Liverpool. Recent courses have focused on teacher development, undergraduate summer schools, and medical English for overseas doctors.

Michelle Dwyer
Commercial and Quality Director, English Language Centre
Why Study at the English Language Centre?

The University is a member of the Russell Group, the top 24 research-led universities in the UK and we are ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide. We have been providing high-quality English language teaching for over 25 years.

Quality teaching
The English Language Centre (ELC) is accredited by the British Council and our Pre-sessional and In-sessional courses are accredited by BALEAP. It is also a member of English UK which means you can be sure of the quality of the service offered. Whilst studying here, you will enjoy classes led by highly qualified, dedicated teachers and benefit from modern and dynamic English teaching methods in small classes with a maximum of 16 students.

International city
Liverpool is a multicultural, student friendly city where you can enjoy a good standard of living at a relatively low cost. You will also find it an extremely convenient base from which to explore the UK.

In 2016 Liverpool was voted one of the world’s friendliest cities by readers of Rough Guides.

Access to a world-class campus
25% of the student population at the University of Liverpool are international students. This means you will be part of a diverse international community whilst studying here, with an opportunity to mix with students from the UK and over 100 other countries around the world. You can access the many activities our Guild of Students and Sports and Fitness Centre have to offer as well as enjoy full use of the library and computing facilities. As an ELC student you also have a dedicated Resource Centre full of language learning materials, with a fully qualified member of teaching staff to assist you.

Full social programme
We will provide you with an excellent Social Programme (within your course fee) to help you to make lots of new friends and explore lots of interesting places throughout the UK. We also have a designated Social and Welfare Officer to provide you with advice and support during your time with us. Taking part in activities available to you outside of the classroom is a great way to improve your English and ensure you make the most of your time here.
Pre-sessional English Courses

The English Language Centre’s Pre-sessional English Courses are designed for international students who wish to enter an undergraduate or postgraduate degree programme at a British University.

We offer a choice of two Pre-sessional pathways:

Management Studies Pre-sessional Pathway: for students intending to study an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in the University of Liverpool Management School.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Pre-sessional Pathway: for students intending to study an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in any of our schools and departments other than the University of Liverpool Management School.

What are the main aims of the Pre-sessional Courses?

- Help you to fulfil any remaining conditions of entry to your academic programme, so you shouldn’t need to take another IELTS test once you are with us
- Develop your English language skills
- Improve your academic skills and language in preparation for academic study
- Raise your awareness of UK academic culture
- Help you to become a more autonomous learner
- Familiarise you with University systems, facilities and regulations.

What is included in our Pre-sessional Courses?

We know that coming to study in a new country can present many challenges. Our Pre-sessional English Courses enable you to prepare for living and studying in Britain prior to taking up your main programme of study.

Our courses include:

- High quality English language teaching in reading, writing, listening and speaking skills
- Weekly tutorials
- University registration, including access to all the University’s facilities
- The opportunity to take part in social activities including a range of trips
- Free email and internet access.

Students are taught in small classes of no more than 16.
Entry Requirements

Please use the following tables as a guide to find the course length most suitable for you. Please note that full details of all entry requirements are available on our website www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/pre-sessional-english-courses/entry-requirements

Typical* Management Pathway requirements

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*Please note that entry requirements may vary according to your intended academic programme.
Please see our website for further details.

Are you looking for information about 2017/18 entry?

All current information about Pre-sessional entry requirements, dates and fees can be found on our website: www.liverpool.ac.uk/elc/pre-sessional

Or you are welcome to contact us at E: elc@liverpool.ac.uk

*Please note that entry requirements may vary according to your intended academic programme. Please see our website for further details.
### Dates and Fees

#### Overview of ELC Pre-sessional Courses

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<td>£1,800</td>
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There are three holiday periods during the year when no teaching takes place. These are:

- **Holiday period 1**: Between Stages 1 and 2, 17/12/16 – 08/01/17
- **Holiday period 2**: Between Stages 2 and 3, 18/03/17 – 09/04/17
- **Holiday period 3**: Between Stages 3 and 4, 10/06/17 – 02/07/16

Please note that in addition to the holiday weeks shown above, the following days are Public Holidays:

- 14 April 2017
- 17 April 2017
- 1 May 2017
- 29 May 2017
- 28 August 2017

There will also be an ELC training day in February 2017. No lessons will take place on these days and the ELC will be closed.

This information relates to Pre-sessional courses starting in Summer 2017.

Are you looking for information about 2017/18 entry?

All current information about Pre-sessional entry requirements, dates and fees can be found on our website:

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/elc/pre-sessional](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/elc/pre-sessional)

Or you are welcome to contact us at

E: elc@liverpool.ac.uk
Pre-sessional Course Content

Course content
Both our Management and EAP Pre-sessional pathways are divided into 5 distinct Stages as detailed below. You can start at the beginning of any of the 5 stages depending on your English language level.

Stages 1 – 3
Stages 1–3 are suitable for you if you need more time to develop your English language skills before progressing on to your degree programme.

Throughout these Stages you will be in groups with students who will be going on to study many different degree subjects.

Here are some examples of the key areas and skills you will work on during Stages 1–3:
- Understanding and using English grammar for clear written and spoken communication
- Extending vocabulary knowledge and developing strategies for vocabulary learning
- Reading a range of different text types and using information from texts
- Producing short written texts with a focus on accuracy
- Developing listening skills and speaking skills in order to facilitate communication
- Planning and managing self-study time
- Improving study skills in order to become a more autonomous learner
- Becoming familiar with British culture.

Stages 4 and 5
Stages 4 and 5 take place over the summer. The specific content of these stages will vary depending on your chosen Pathway.

On the EAP Pathway, Stage 4 is a general English for Academic Purposes (EAP) module, then during Stage 5 you will be grouped with other students from similar academic disciplines and a lot of the course materials are discipline specific.

However, on the Management Studies Pathway you will study English for Management Studies specific modules throughout Stage 4 and Stage 5.

Here are some of the areas and skills you will work on:
- Giving academic presentations and managing questions
- Improving speaking and listening skills for academic seminars
- Taking effective notes in lectures and using notes as a basis for discussion
- Extending knowledge of vocabulary
- Understanding how longer texts are structured and using this knowledge to read texts and organise extended pieces of writing
- Understanding and using academic referencing systems
- Paraphrasing and summarising texts
- Producing an extended piece of writing based on personal research using a range of text-based sources
- Becoming familiar with UK academic culture and British culture.
Please note that you will not be able to combine scores obtained on other English language tests with your Pre-sessional test scores to prove you have reached the right English language level.

If you do meet the UKVI minimum English language requirements to study a degree programme here, but our Pre-sessional assessments show that you still need further English language support, you will be required to take additional English language classes whilst on your degree programme.

These required English language classes are provided free of charge by the English Language Centre (see page 19).

Most of our students go on to study at the University of Liverpool but we also welcome students who are planning to study at other UK universities. A comprehensive end of course report is provided for each student with the breakdown of your final results. If you are planning to study at another university you should check with that institution to see if they will accept results from the University of Liverpool, ELC Pre-sessional Course.

**Class timetable**
You will study for 21 hours per week: Monday – Thursday 09.30 – 15.30 and Friday 09.30 – 13.00.

You will also be expected to do some self-study and complete homework.

**Class size**
We have small class sizes. There will be a maximum of 16 students in a class. When you arrive you will take a placement test and you will then be placed in a class appropriate for your current level of English.
How to Apply

To apply for one of our Pre-sessional Courses you must apply online through the ‘Apply Yourself’ system. Full details of how to apply including access to ‘Apply Yourself’, guidance notes and payment policy can be found on our website www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/pre-sessional-english-courses/how-to-apply

Accommodation

University accommodation is available to ELC students. If you would like to live in University of Liverpool accommodation or if you have any accommodation related enquiries please contact the Accommodation Office directly on E: accommodation@liverpool.ac.uk or visit them online at www.liverpool.ac.uk/accommodation

As a student at the ELC you have access to all support services of the university including the accommodation team.

The combination of well-designed materials and exercises at ELC really helped me to develop and improve my English language writing and speaking skills. When I started I couldn’t even do a small piece of writing, I am now confident writing more than 10,000 words in 10 days! Without this course I would have found it very hard to undertake my postgraduate studies and research, I always recommend it to all my friends.

Waleed Alsalem Saudi Arabia
40 week Pre-sessional Course MSc in Molecular Biology of Parasites and Disease Vectors

Our accommodation is well-maintained, safe and comfortable.
Activate English

Activate English is a flexible General English course that is suitable for students who want to study English for personal, professional or academic reasons. The course has been specifically designed to provide you with the flexibility to choose the amount and level of English language study that works for you and includes a free social programme and academic study visits.

What makes Activate English different from other General English Courses?

- Our highly qualified and experienced tutors are skilled in helping you make rapid progress
- Full campus access gives you an insight into UK university life
- Regular access to a dedicated Social and Welfare Officer means that you also have support with non-academic problems
- Intensive Language Development classes help you to improve in all four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking)
- The focus on communication skills means that you can gain confidence quickly
- Classes in Social and Cultural Studies help you to understand the British way of life
- Regular free study visits enhance your understanding of British history and culture
- If you are planning to take the IELTS exam, targeted IELTS preparation classes will help you to apply what you are learning to this important exam
- Occasional mini project work allows you to work with classmates and integrate your skills
- Regular one-to-one tutorials allow your group tutor to give you personal advice about how to improve your English
- Your Course Coordinator and Course Director are available for additional academic advice
- Daily access to one-to-one advice and guidance about reading and extension work from the ELC Resources Co-ordinator will help you to target and improve any areas you may need extra help with
- Access to the additional books, DVDs and other materials available in our dedicated Resource Centre means you can do as much practice outside of class as you would like to
- You can mix with students from over 100 nationalities from across the university.
The flexible nature of this course and the set-up of our academic year means that you can choose to study for the number of weeks that is suitable for you. You must start on a Monday and finish on a Friday and the shortest amount of time you can study is 2 weeks if you are paying your own fees, or a minimum of 4 weeks if you are a sponsored student.

We have deliberately built holiday weeks into our teaching year, as shown in the table below, to allow you to travel and see the UK and, crucially, put into practice what you have been learning in class. This, combined with the option to study Part-time or Full-time, puts you in control of your own learning.

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<td>Holiday period 3</td>
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Please note that in addition to the holiday weeks shown above, the following days are Public Holidays: Monday 2 May 2016, Monday 30 May 2016, Monday 29 August 2016, 14 April 2017, 17 April 2017, 1 May 2017, 29 May 2017, 28 August 2017. There will also be an ELC training day in February 2017. No lessons will take place on these days and the ELC will be closed.

Is this course right for me?

Activate English is the right course for you if you want to:

- Study on an intensive General English course for personal, professional or academic reasons
- Study on-campus and enjoy all the facilities of a top British university
- Choose how long you study for (minimum 2 weeks)
- Choose either Part-time or Full-time study
- Prepare for IELTS
- Practise your English by taking part in study visits outside of the classroom.
What is included in our Activate English Courses?
The fee you pay allows you to study in class for up to 21 hours per week and also to receive all the text books and materials necessary for your course*. If you require extra help or would like to borrow books and videos to use in your spare time, you also have free use of our dynamic Resource Centre which has plenty of material to help you to improve your English language when you are not in class.

*Please note you need to be studying for a minimum of 10 weeks to qualify for free text books.

In addition to a strong focus on improving your use of English, Activate English includes a module of Cultural Studies. Throughout the academic year, you will be introduced to new aspects of British and indeed the unique Liverpool culture, and you will be invited to take part in a number of related trips free of charge.

What visa do I need?
In order to study on this course you will need to show you have one of the following visas when you attend for your registration:

For non-EU students:
- Your passport with a short-term study visa (student visitor visa); or
- Your passport with a PBS Dependent visa; or
- Your passport with any other visa giving permission to study (however, please note that if you intend to enter the country on a Tier 4 visa then the Pre-sessional Course may be more suitable for you).

Please note that you can also study on Activate English for up to 30 days on a Standard or General Visitor visa as long as the main reason for your visit to the UK is not study.

EU students:
- An EU passport. (EU students do not require a visa).

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<td>Full-time General English plus IELTS or Cultural Studies and Skills Development</td>
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<td>Part-time (mornings) General English ONLY</td>
<td>£200</td>
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<td>Part-time (afternoons) IELTS ONLY</td>
<td>£80</td>
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For full details regarding all current study options, please visit www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre
### Class timetable

**Full-time**
Monday – Thursday 09.30 – 15.30 and Friday 09.30 – 13.00 (21 hours per week)

**Part-time**
**Mornings:** Monday – Friday 09.30 – 13.00 (15 hours per week)

**Afternoons:** Monday – Thursday 14.00 – 15.30 (6 hours per week)

You will also be expected to do some self-study and complete homework.

### Class size
We have small class sizes. There will be a maximum of 16 students in a class.

### How will my progress be monitored?
When you arrive you will take a placement test and be placed in a class appropriate for your current level of English. During the course your tutors will regularly assess your progress and discuss this with you during tutorials.

### Progression to a Pre-sessional English Course
If you want to study on our Pre-sessional Course, you will need to take an approved UKVI IELTS test and obtain a score which meets the Entry Requirements of the stage of the course you would like to start on. However, in order to study on the Pre-sessional Course you will require a Tier 4 Visa, Dependent Visa or EU passport. If you require a Tier 4 Visa, you can only get this by returning to your country.

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**From October 2016, all bookings will be eligible for long term study reductions:**

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(PPW) - Price per week. For full details regarding all current study options, please visit [www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre)
Entry Requirements

In order to start the course you will need to have a minimum level of English, which should be at the elementary level (Common European Framework Reference for Languages - CEFR A1).

Whilst Elementary (A1) is the minimum entry level qualification, the flexible nature of our Activate English course means that we can accommodate participants across a wide range of English language abilities up to and including Advanced (C1) level.

If you have an English language certificate you can send it to us with your application. We will confirm if it can be used to prove your English is elementary or above.

If you do not have a certificate we can send you an online test. All you need to do is tick a box on your application form.

If you have any questions please contact E: elc@liverpool.ac.uk

What I really enjoyed about my course at ELC is the different teaching styles of all the excellent teachers we were blessed to have. We even performed our English play, Pygmalion, with the help of our teachers. I also really enjoyed the many social activities organised by ELC which allowed us to visit lots of interesting places and do fun things. I have so many wonderful memories of being here which will be treasured in my heart forever.

Sun Xiaomei China
Activate English
How to Apply

Applying for Activate English is an easy online process; simply follow the link below and complete all the steps:

www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/activate-english/how-do-i-apply/

In order to allow time for your application to be processed, we need to receive your application at least 5 working days before the Monday you want to start your Activate English. If you need to apply for a visa and make travel arrangements, we suggest that you submit your application much earlier than that.

If you would like further information about applying to study Activate English then please email E: elc@liverpool.ac.uk

What happens next?

Make your application on our website by selecting the weeks you wish to study.

We will send you confirmation by email. This means we are processing your application. We aim to do this in 3 days.

When we have all the information we need, you pay for the first 2 weeks of study. Your place is now secure and we will send an unconditional offer letter.

Use your offer letter to secure a visa if you need one. Accept your unconditional offer by email.

We will send you information about registration, arrival, welfare and social activities in the weeks leading up to your arrival.

On an agreed Monday, we will welcome you to the University of Liverpool and you will begin your course.

Accommodation

University accommodation is available to all students if you need it. For all related enquiries please contact the Accommodation Office directly on E: accommodation@liverpool.ac.uk or visit them online at www.liverpool.ac.uk/accommodation

As a student at the ELC you have access to all support services of the university including the accommodation team.

Our accommodation offers both private and social spaces.
In-sessional English Support

The English Language Centre also provides an extensive and innovative programme of English language support for international students who are already studying at the University.

Our extremely popular classes are:

- Free of charge
- Taught by highly-experienced, approachable English tutors who are fully committed to helping you develop your language skills
- Provided throughout the academic year, giving ample time for you to make significant improvements to your use of English
- Designed to develop your Academic English skills generally and also, in many cases, to provide very specific support focusing on your own particular subject area.

Regular attendance can make a significant contribution to your performance on your main study programme and help you achieve your full academic potential.

**Academic English classes for International undergraduate students**

Discipline-specific classes for undergraduate students are provided in a number of instances in response to requests for support from individual academic departments.

Specific Academic English classes are currently available for international students on the following programmes:

- Life Sciences (Year 2)
- Chemistry (Year 2)
- Geography and Planning/ Civic Design (Year 2)
- e-Finance (Year 2)
- Electrical Engineering and Electronics (Year 2)
- English and Communication Studies (Year 2)
- Management School (Year 1, 2 & 3).

**Academic English classes for International postgraduate taught students**

These classes are discipline-specific. This means that support is available which focuses on language use in different subject areas within the Humanities and Social Sciences, and in Science and Engineering.
In a growing number of cases, when requested by individual academic departments, very specific support is provided. In these cases, the English Language Centre works closely with departments in designing courses which closely relate to your core academic modules.

In this way, English classes can, for instance, work with key texts relating to your subject area, consider language issues relating to departmental coursework and help you prepare for examinations.

This highly-focused approach is currently adopted in the following areas:
- Architecture
- Geography and Planning/Civic Design
- Engineering
- Individual postgraduate programmes within the Management School
- Law
- MA TESOL/Applied Linguistics
- Music Industry Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics and the Mass Media.

**Academic English classes for International research students**

Thesis Writing Workshops are held for international researchers in two broad areas: Humanities and Social Sciences, and Science, Engineering and Medicine.

The classes focus on the purpose and language use of the various chapters typically making up a thesis in a particular discipline. In this way, participants will be able to develop a better sense of how a thesis might develop from chapter to chapter. Sessions include the analysis of text from completed theses and published research articles, as well as exercises designed to develop use of vocabulary and grammatical accuracy. There is also an opportunity to examine samples of your own writing.

Our In-sessional support programme can be joined at any stage of a research project and attendance for the full duration of the project is possible, thus having the opportunity to develop your language skills over the longer term.
**General Academic English classes for all International students**
These classes are open to all international students and staff members and aim to develop academic language skills in a more general sense. They can be used as a supplement to the discipline-specific support described on page 19. Classes cover the range of language skills and include:

- Academic Writing
- Dissertation Writing
- Academic Speaking, Presentation Skills and Pronunciation
- Academic Reading
- Academic Listening
- Grammar and Vocabulary
- Britain Today.

**1:1 Academic Writing Consultations**
These sessions provide an opportunity for you to discuss your writing on an individual basis with an English Language Centre tutor. You are encouraged to submit a sample of your work ahead of the session to enable the tutor to review your work and provide feedback including suggestions for improvement.

You can book a 1:1 consultation and upload all relevant documents using our online booking form [www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/in-sessional-support/writing-consultations/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/in-sessional-support/writing-consultations/)

**Frequently asked questions**

**Is attendance at In-sessional English Courses compulsory?**
The classes are not compulsory, though it is strongly recommended that international students who do not have a very high level of English do attend. Regular attendance throughout the academic year is also recommended if you wish to improve your English significantly. Language learning takes time and patience. In other words, be realistic and don’t expect miracles after one or two classes!

**Will I have to take English tests if I attend classes?**
In-sessional English classes do not involve any assessments. They are solely intended to support you throughout your main study programme by helping you to improve all aspects of your English language.

**When do the classes take place?**
Classes are available throughout the academic year at a range of times during the week. In the case of discipline-specific classes, times are agreed with your department so that you will be free to attend and they will not interfere with your main programme of study.

**Do I need to register?**
There is no need to register for our In-sessional English classes, but you will need to bring your student card. If you wish to attend a class you simply go to the appropriate room at the time indicated on the timetable.

**How can I find further information?**
Information on classes can be found in a variety of ways. Details are available at [www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/in-sessional-support](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/in-sessional-support). All international students are also automatically enrolled for the English Language Support module on VITAL, the University’s online learning platform. Alternatively, you are very welcome to visit the English Language Centre in person to speak to a member of staff.
We are experienced in designing and delivering courses and managing the administrative processes involved in bringing groups from organisations and institutions overseas to study English language in Liverpool. Each new course presents its own challenge; however drawing upon the extensive knowledge of our professional staff, we strive to deliver an unrivalled product.

Our tailor-made courses will be of interest to you if you are:

- An academic looking for on campus study abroad opportunities for your staff or students
- An education agent looking to place individuals or groups in an accredited centre within a prestigious university
- A training manager who wants to access the highest level of expertise in designing and delivering courses in English for Specific Purposes for staff in your organisation.

We offer:

- Study abroad and “summer school” opportunities for students of overseas universities
  - Groups can be integrated into our Activate English course for a course length of your choice, allowing them to split into different levels and study alongside other students at the ELC
  - Alternatively, we can teach closed groups, allowing for a more tailor-made syllabus
- English language improvement for the staff of institutions
  - Your staff can be taught in different classes on our Activate English course, allowing them to be involved with varying levels of English from elementary to advanced
  - Alternatively, a more focused syllabus can be designed. These courses will normally be taught as closed groups

Design a course with us and access ELC and university facilities.
English for specific purposes courses for staff working in industry and the professions
  - These courses can cover Business English, English for Law, English for Medicine and many other areas. These courses are normally taught as closed groups
Teacher development courses for teachers of English.

Some examples of courses we have delivered:
- Teacher development for Chinese primary level English teachers
- Teacher development for Russian teachers of English for Academic Purposes

Teaching academic subjects through the medium of English for Chinese lecturers
- English language short courses for Saudi university teachers and administrators
- English Language summer schools for Korean undergraduates
- Study abroad term for Turkish foundation level university students
- English language and professional development for Turkish government officers
- English for Chinese Medical Practitioners.

To discuss your requirements in more detail, organise a group booking, or if you are interested in becoming a registered agent of the ELC, please contact E: ELC-coms@liverpool.ac.uk

ELC provides many excellent learning resources to students; books, videos and access to the university computer system. All the staff are very helpful and friendly and the teaching staff work so hard they never give up on any student.

Apart from my English language course, ELC also helped me to familiarise myself with the University and British education. Living in Liverpool has enriched my understanding of British culture, history, architecture, media, lifestyle, and politics, as we have just experienced an election. I enjoy exploring everything that is new to me in Liverpool such as the history and heritage of the buildings. I also like visiting other places in the UK, hiking and taking photographs in places such as the Peak District, the Lake District, and Wales. Try to take advantage of every opportunity to improve your English as fast as you can.

Guanlin Li
P. R. China
Chinese Immersion Programme
IELTS Training and Testing

Which test do we offer?
We offer both Academic and General Training IELTS, however we are not a UKVI approved test centre.

Can I study for IELTS at Liverpool?
- You can study for Academic IELTS at the English Language Centre
- Classes take place Monday to Thursday 14.00-15.30 (6 hours per week) and can be combined with Activate English for a fuller timetable
- We welcome students with CEFR A2 (pre-intermediate) onto IELTS preparation. If your English is below pre-intermediate level, we advise you to first spend at least 10 weeks on our full-time General English improvement course, Activate English
- Students studying for IELTS have full campus access including resource centre, library and computing facilities
- You will take your test in familiar surroundings, in buildings in which you have studied.

Can I take my test at Liverpool?
- If you are intending to use your IELTS results to apply for either an undergraduate or postgraduate degree application at the University of Liverpool, you will be able to take your test at this Centre
- Whilst the majority of UK universities will accept an IELTS test taken at our Centre in support of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree application, we strongly advise you to check that your intended university will accept our IELTS test
- If you are intending to use your IELTS results to apply for a Pre-sessional Course or a Foundation course in the UK, then you will need to take your test at one of the UKVI approved SELT Centres. Please see www.ielts.org/
- If you are intending to use your IELTS results for any purpose requiring a UK visa, other than those we have mentioned, then you will need to take your test at one of the UKVI approved SELT Centres
- If you are intending to use your IELTS results for any purpose that does not require a UK visa, then you will still be able to take your test with us.
Academic or General Training?
There are two modules to choose from – Academic IELTS or General Training IELTS.

Both modules cover all four-language skills – Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

Everyone takes the same Listening and Speaking tests. There are different Reading and Writing tests for the Academic and General Training modules. Generally the Academic module is for candidates wishing to study at undergraduate or postgraduate levels, and for those seeking professional registration.

The General Training IELTS module is normally for candidates wishing to migrate to an English speaking country (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK), and for those wishing to train or study below degree level.

We would strongly advise, however, that if you are in doubt as to which module to take, you should contact the organisation you are applying to in order to check their requirements. For a complete list of our test dates please visit our website www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/ielts/test-dates

Applying for a test
Applications for all tests can only be made online using the dedicated online application form, which can be accessed via the following link https://ielts.britishcouncil.org/liverpool

Test fee
Please visit www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/ielts/test-fee/ for the current test fee.

For all other test day related information please visit www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/ielts

Applying for IELTS training
Please book your IELTS training through the Activate English page www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/activate-english/how-do-i-apply/
Your Student Experience

Student Welfare and Support
Student Welfare and Support is a priority for the ELC and for the University of Liverpool as a whole. We understand that coming to study at a University in a different country is a big change and can present you with many challenges. Studying at the ELC means that you benefit from daily drop-in sessions with our Social and Welfare Officer, who is happy to provide you with advice about living and studying in the UK and help you with any problems you may have whilst you are studying with us. The University also has an excellent range of student support services that you can access, including the International Support Team, Counselling Service, and Disability Support Team.

Our social programme takes you out of Liverpool and helps you explore the UK!

The entire course was well delivered and it gave me the opportunity to really improve my English and engage with the British culture. I also think it is important to engage in lots of the extra activities and classes provided, because then you can practice all your classroom knowledge. I joined the Film Society and Archery Club, which were motivating and interesting and helped me to improve my English and social skills, engage with British people and make new friends.

Cintya Mendes Moraes Brazil
EAP course (19 weeks)
BSc Chemistry
Social programme
The ELC offers a diverse Social Programme which helps you to make friends, explore the UK and practice your skills. You will benefit from:

- Weekly Conversation and Film Clubs with our friendly Support Assistants
- Free tickets to a selection of the Guild of Students’ ‘Give it a go’ trips for example days out to Oxford, Chester, and the Lake District National Park
- Regular excursions including our Summer series ‘Icons of Liverpool’.

All included in your course fee.

The University has fantastic facilities which means that whilst studying here you can continue to participate in your current hobbies as well as starting new ones.

The Guild of Students
In addition to the ELC Social activities, as a registered student you benefit from full access to the Liverpool Guild of Students programme of events.

Liverpool Guild of Students is the students’ union of the University of Liverpool. The Guild was founded in 1889 and has supported student activities and the student voice ever since. They provide trips, events and volunteering opportunities and have over 200 different sports, hobby, religious and cultural societies which you are encouraged to join.

University Sports and Fitness Centre
Students also benefit from an excellent Sports and Fitness Centre which is home to many different sports clubs and teams. Students receive a discounted membership and there are also daily, weekly and monthly passes available.

Taking part in activities outside the classroom is a great way for you to improve your English in an informal environment, make new friends and have fun.

For more information: www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/social-and-welfare/

The river Mersey is a key part of Liverpool’s identity and offers leisure and cultural activities as well as a connection to industry.
I enjoyed many things about studying English at ELC; the professional tutors who always give their best, the variety of English language materials used during the course and the fun social activities like the trips to other cities. Liverpool itself is a beautiful city, with friendly, helpful people and the greatest football team in the world. Liverpool is also cheap for things like food, transport and goods compared to other English cities and I would highly recommend it to other students.

Qussay Al-Jubouri  Iraq
Pre-sessional English 30 week course, now studying PhD in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

From well-equipped gyms, to trips around the UK and to iconic Liverpool sites, we have something for everyone.
We do not consider our courses appropriate for people under 16 years of age and in view of the adult academic nature of the courses we provide, we consider an ideal enrolment age to be 18 years or above. We are prepared to consider exceptions on a case by case basis, but it is important that parents and guardians understand that students are not supervised outside of class time, which is normally 9.30 – 15.30 Monday to Thursday and 9.30 – 13.00 on a Friday.

At the English Language Centre we take the safety and wellbeing of all our students very seriously and realise that this is especially important in the case of younger students. For this reason, if you are going to be under 18 years of age when you start your course and you would like to apply for one of our courses, the following special requirements will apply to you:

- You will need to show us that there is an adult in the UK who is happy to take responsibility for you until you turn 18. This can either be a professional guardian or a family member or family friend. We ask you to tell us about the arrangements you have made by filling in a Guardian Declaration form, which is available from our website at www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/faqs/

- You will also need to arrange to live with a responsible adult. This can be either in homestay accommodation with a British family or with a family member or family friend.

If you are applying to study on a Pre-sessional Course, then you should send the two declaration forms to E: elc-admissions@liverpool.ac.uk

If you are applying to study on Activate English, then you should send the declaration forms to E: acteng@liverpool.ac.uk

Please send us your declaration forms at the same time as you make your application, as this will speed up the processing of your application.

Before you apply you should carefully read the ELC Safeguarding Policy and show it to your parents or guardians. The ELC Safeguarding Policy is available on our website at www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/faqs/

Under 18s at the English Language Centre are given an extra service which includes weekly dedicated under 18s drop-ins with the Social and Welfare Officer and enhanced information packs.
The City of Liverpool

Looking for a city with sheer wow-factor? Liverpool’s culture and creativity will stir your soul. Globally significant architecture, magnificent museums, astounding art and world-shaking music. Liverpool is a truly memorable and distinctive place and once you’ve experienced it, it will never leave you.

www.itsliverpool.com
Liverpool for culture
Liverpool has more galleries and museums than any city outside of London including a Tate gallery sitting on the river Mersey and the award winning Museum of Liverpool. And if you are interested in Music, Liverpool is home to the Beatles, and continues to offer year-round access to music events; from clubs to festivals, from the Philharmonic Orchestra to the free International Music Festival in Sefton Park. Liverpool is full of theatres too, attracting West End musicals and premières by local writers.

Liverpool for eating and drinking
As well as the facilities on campus, Liverpool offers an incredible range of cafes, bistros and restaurants offering food from all around the world. You can enjoy informal cafe meals on Bold Street or experience fine dining at 60 Hope Street, within ten minutes of the ELC. And if you want to experience clubs or traditional pubs, the city centre has over 250 to choose from. It’s no wonder Liverpool nightlife has become world famous!

Liverpool for sport
For many people, Liverpool means sport. Two of the UK premiership’s biggest football teams play within a mile or so of the city centre. Liverpool offers rugby, horse racing and golf, as well as watersports on the Mersey and on the coast. If you enjoy the great outdoors, North Wales is accessible for hiking and climbing, and the city itself has many quiet cycle routes.
Liverpool for shopping
If you are looking for an all-day experience, Liverpool ONE houses 160 shops, many with student discounts, all open late into the evening – as well as a multiplex cinema! For quirky independent brands and vintage clothing you will love, visit Cavern Walks and Bold Street. Lonely Planet rated Bold Street, Liverpool, as one of the best shopping streets in the UK in 2014.

Liverpool for relaxing
In the South of the City you will find Calderstones, Sefton Park and Lark Lane. These are home to grass, lakes, cycle routes, relaxing cafes and independent shops to browse for souvenirs. You can even visit Sefton Park’s original Victorian Palm House. In the North you will find the unspoilt coastline of Formby as well as the iron statues of Crosby Beach. However you choose to relax, you can find your inner-calm in Liverpool.

Liverpool for international students
Liverpool is diverse. The university is home to 100 different nationalities and the city reflects this international mix. Home to the oldest Chinatown in Europe and the first Mosque in the UK, the city has a history of welcoming the world. When eating out, visitors can choose from many different types of restaurants, cafes and bars suitable for all tastes and budgets, including Middle-Eastern, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Brazilian, Korean, Thai and European cuisine. As well as international cultural festivals and events, Liverpool has places of worship for every major religion and faith.
Energetic, spirited, beautiful, creative, ambitious...

there is nowhere quite like Liverpool.
Liverpool’s waterfront is a UNESCO listed heritage site.

Liverpool is globally connected with its own international airport. (Liverpool John Lennon Airport, photo taken by Finizio, Creative Commons, Flickr)

Sitting within the city centre, the university is a part of a vibrant global city.

**Map of the UK**

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