Who we are

The University of Liverpool English Language Centre (ELC) has 25 years’ experience delivering both regular, year round classes and bespoke programmes for overseas institutions, industry and government sponsors. The ELC has been accredited by The British Council and British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes (BALEAP), meaning that it is regularly inspected and has been found to meet the standards of these quality assurance schemes.

The ELC is fully embedded within the University of Liverpool’s academic and administrative structure, which means we can benefit from 110 years of experience offering education and training.

All staff members at the ELC are specialists with postgraduate qualifications in English Language Teaching. In addition, a good number have teacher trainer status and experience. The ELC delivers over 5,000 student weeks of English tuition on full-time courses annually and over 2,500 hours of part-time classes per year. We also have access to academic faculties who can add their expertise to your chosen course. As a Russell group university we can be confident in bringing the finest practitioners in the sector to our courses.
Alumni
Development doesn’t stop when you leave the programme. When you study at the University of Liverpool English Language Centre you become part of the global alumni network of 195,000 people in over 200 countries. Connect with other international alumni online or at events, or benefit from continuing journal and library access and exclusive discounts.

Facilities
All clients have full access to the facilities of the University of Liverpool including free Wi-Fi and email, libraries, social amenities and University accommodation services. You are eligible to join our sports centre and take part in social programmes designed to get the most out of our great city.

Bespoke Courses
The ELC can create fully bespoke courses, or assist your planning with a modular construction. Based around a core of General English or Teacher Development we offer add-ons to provide you with the solution you are looking for. For more information contact E: elc-coms@liverpool.ac.uk

Core Modules (choose one)
- General English Improvement
- English Language Teacher Development and Classroom Observation
- Higher Education Lecturer Training with Classroom Observation (EMI)

Optional Modules
- IELTS Training and Testing
- Additional Skills Practice (Speaking, Listening, Reading & Writing)
- Specific Subject Related Study
- Cultural Studies
- English for Academic Purposes
- Additional Social Programme Events
- Library Research
- English for Specific Purposes

For an overview of the content of these modules, please refer to www.liverpool.ac.uk/english-language-centre/tailor-made-courses/ or contact us at E: elc-coms@liverpool.ac.uk

We also offer additional services such as Airport Pick up, Meal plans, gym membership and classes, and booking of in-country group travel. The Commercial and Quality team would be happy to talk through your needs or to provide example proposals to give some ideas of what we can offer you.
Courses for Industry and the Professions

Modern enterprise and industry increasingly demand an international outlook as well as English language ability, not just for managers but across all staff. The ELC are expert in developing these skills, and the city of Liverpool offers the opportunity to explore industry from its 19th century roots to global names in manufacturing and the modern creative economy.

Modules incorporating English for Specific Purposes and Applied Education can be incorporated into a core of General English to give attendees confidence in their communicative skills and specific, tailored experiences which will inform their work.

A workforce of highly-motivated and well-trained staff can make a huge difference to your organisation’s efficiency, productivity and bottom line, and the ELC can assist you in achieving this.

Shanghai Health Authority

The Shanghai Jiading District Health Authority wished to provide career development training for 14 practicing doctors from Shanghai hospitals, Community Health Services, Medical Emergency Centres, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The desire was to improve the participants’ ability in English to comprehend and participate in various medical environments, increase fluency and confidence, and to directly observe and enhance knowledge of the organisation and practice of medicine and professions allied to medicine in England.

Our solution was a 7-week course delivered in conjunction with The University of Liverpool Institute of Psychology, Health and Society. Course participants spent the first two weeks studying General English and English for Medical Purposes full-time and then moved on to a five-week period of professional training and professional work placements. The programme was delivered on and off-campus and included access to university social programmes and facilities.
Courses for Universities

The ELC understands that achieving internationalisation can be a daunting project, which is why we offer a range of solutions for universities or departments seeking to begin offering international study. We offer courses for students and for academic staff seeking to develop their English Language teaching practice, or to learn to teach academic subjects in English. We are able to offer courses beginning at any time of year.

Our modular approach allows course participants to determine the main focus of their study and add subsidiary modules as required; perhaps study a General English and cultural studies course, or to devote more time to their particular discipline, for example chemical engineering or academic lecturing. For those wishing for full immersion, we can offer contact with our academic departments, trips and guest speakers related to the subject being studied.

**English for Nursing**

Kyungil University, South Korea wished to send a group of 16 Nursing students to improve their level of proficiency in English, particularly in the area of English for Nursing studies and also to give them some insight into nursing as it is practised in England. They wanted a 6-week programme including both General English and specialised study.

For the first 4 weeks the group was integrated into the ELC General English programme, Activate English and then spent 2 weeks studying English for Nursing and following an applied education programme incorporating outside visits and seminars on the subject of Nursing in England. The School of Health Sciences contributed to this element of the course with expertise, teaching and use of facilities.

**Training for language teachers**

Anhui Polytechnic University, China wished to enhance the practical and theoretical knowledge of their English teaching staff, including current practices and issues in the field of English Language Teaching with a particular focus on English for Academic Purposes in the Chinese context. They also wished to familiarise participants with British Culture and the British way of life. The ELC created an 8-week course in which the teachers would engage in a structured classroom observation programme within the English Language Centre, Teacher Development workshops, workshops led by our expert teacher trainers, guided library research, an enhanced social programme of visits and activities, as well as cultural studies classes and cultural events and use of university facilities.
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Courses for Government

The University of Liverpool is well placed to offer courses for government officials seeking to add to their international experience. With globally recognised academic departments such as Law, Planning, Politics and Public Health, there are impressive opportunities to engage with current thinking. And with links to regional government and police, combined with specific language development or cultural studies, the ELC can offer a tailored experience that ensures both successful communication and first-hand experience of UK policy.

Different governmental departments have different needs and expectations from their staff so we encourage you to make contact and begin to create your ideal course, whether using our modular approach or in designing something unique to your organisation.

Focused experiences for Government Agencies

The National Security Council of Turkey wished to send selected staff members for an intensive English Language training and testing programme incorporating opportunities for professional development of not less than 9 months duration.

It was proposed that the students initially join Activate English, designed to be suitable for professionals wishing to improve their ability and confidence in using English both socially and for professional purposes. They were offered IELTS training and testing as an additional module.

After developing their confidence and English proficiency, the students had the opportunity to participate in a 7-week English for Specific Purposes and applied education course. This included outside speakers, visits and guided research on: The Administration of Justice in the UK, Policing, Counter Terrorism and Drug Policy, The Organisation and Administration of the British Education System and The Structure and Practice of Local and National Government. Students also attended local council meetings, met with their local Member of Parliament and were invited to relevant university lectures and events.
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