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 practise 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, Brazil
19 week EAP course
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To apply

Make an application through The University of Liverpool’s ‘Apply Yourself’ system. Before making an application it is your responsibility to make sure that your current English Language level meets the entry requirements for the Pre-sessional course of your choice.

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Ongoing support

The ELC’s support doesn’t end when you finish your Pre-sessional. We offer a wide range of classes which are free to all international students studying on a degree programme at the University of Liverpool. To enhance your academic skills you can choose to take one of our KnowHow Academic English classes, or book a one-to-one Writing Consultation. We also work closely with many academic departments to provide advanced language and skills classes closely related to specific degree programmes.

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Pre-sessional Courses

The English Language Centre’s Pre-sessional English courses are specifically designed for international students holding an academic offer from the University of Liverpool. If you have an offer for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University of Liverpool, but don’t have the level of English needed, don’t worry. One of our intensive courses tailored to your subject area gives you the best chance of achieving your English goals and being ready for the challenges of academic study.

Pathways designed for your course
General English, as you would study outside of a university environment, may prepare you for conversation but won’t increase your chances of success when you begin your degree. Choose to study language which is authentic, carefully planned by a professional team, and related to your academic studies.

We offer two Pre-sessional pathways:
- Management Studies Pre-sessional
- English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Pre-sessional, with three strands:
  - Science and Engineering
  - Humanities (including TESOL, Communications & Media, Architecture, Music and Philosophy)
  - Life Sciences

These pathways ensure that you aren’t just improving your English, but you’re also preparing for the specific demands of your course and improving your general academic skills.

We offer five start points throughout the year to allow you to study at the right level and for the optimum length of time to achieve your goal.

Our longest course begins in October and all courses finish in September. You can find the right course length for you online at www.liverpool.ac.uk/which-pre-sessional

The lower your current level of English, the longer we recommend you study in order for you to comfortably meet the level of English you need. Some students join us for a full year (40 weeks), whereas others only come for our 6-week course. Each stage of the course is carefully tailored to meet the needs of students at that level.

You can expect to improve your skills in:
- Reading authentic academic texts
- Paraphrasing, summarising and using referencing systems
- Planning and writing academic assignments
- Giving presentations
- Participating in seminars
- Taking effective notes in lectures
- Using academic vocabulary accurately
- Managing study time effectively

...as well as becoming more confident with your English, more familiar with the UK and British culture, and making new friends.
21 hours per week of tuition

Classes no larger than 16 students

Weekly tutorials

Dedicated resource centre for language learners – the Language Lounge

Guaranteed on-campus accommodation for pre-sessional students
The combination of well-designed materials and exercises at the ELC really helped me to develop and improve. Without this course I would have found it very hard to undertake my postgraduate studies and research. I always recommend it to my friends.

Waleed, Saudi Arabia
40 week Pre-sessional course, now PhD in the field of Biology