

English language

At Sussex we can help you prepare for university study in the UK and provide support while you study, so you get the most out of your degree.

Sussex Language Institute

The Sussex Language Institute (SLI), at the heart of the campus, is the University's main centre for English language teaching.

It is inspected and accredited by the British Council and is a founder member of QuiTE (The Association for Quality in TESOL Education), so you can be sure of the quality of teaching and support. It's also home to a friendly and diverse international student community.

For more information, get in touch by emailing efl@sussex.ac.uk or visiting

www.sussex.ac.uk/languages

Pre-sessional English (before you start your degree)

If English is not your first language, you may need to improve your skills on a pre-sessional English language course before starting your degree.

Pre-sessional courses focus on English for academic purposes and study skills, rather than exam preparation. You will learn comprehension for lectures and seminars, critical reading skills, note taking, academic writing and key study skills (including citation and referencing).

A pre-sessional course will also prepare you for the culture and practice of studying in the UK, so you can really fulfill your potential during your degree.

Pre-sessional dates and tuition fees

The table below shows the length of pre-sessional study required, based on the gap between your current IELTS score and the English requirement for your degree course:

IELTS gap	Pre-sessional English course normally required	2009 dates	2009 tuition fee
0.5 below requirement	Module C	1 September-25 September	£950
1.0 below requirement	Module B and C	3 August-25 September	£1,900
1.5 below requirement	Module A, B and C	6 July-25 September	£2,850
More than 1.5 below requirement	Enquire about length required		

TOEFL equivalence

The table below gives guidelines for comparison between IELTS and TOEFL scores:

IELTS score	Paper TOEFL	CBT	IBT	Speaking	Writing
6.0	550 (TWE 4)	213	80	22	24
6.5	570 (TWE 5)	230	90	24	25
7.0	600 (TWE 6)	250	100	27	27

Free pre-sessional

If you are a postgraduate student, you will be refunded the tuition fee for Module C (£950) when you progress to your degree, providing you are:

- an overseas fee-payer;
- self-financing; and
- your offer is conditional upon a higher level of English.

Progression to your degree

There is no need to take another IELTS test when you finish your pre-sessional course, although you will be assessed by SLI through assignments and exams. Our pre-sessional progression rate is normally high – in 2007, for example, over 90 per cent of students progressed from pre-sessionals to their degree course.

If you are unlikely to progress, SLI staff will tell you as early as possible so you can work out an alternative study route, or you may be asked to take additional English courses alongside your degree (called ‘in-sessional English’).

In-sessional English (while you study)

In-sessional English language support is free if you are completing a full degree at Sussex.

Our friendly, highly qualified staff teach a range of classes in English language and study skills, such as workshops for academic development, tutorials to support individual work and small-group writing workshops, as well as providing help with lectures, seminars and presentations.

Other English language courses

Whether or not you are a Sussex degree student, you can join SLI all year round for a range of other English language courses, including:

- English for Academic Purposes
- General English
- Cambridge and IELTS examination preparation
- English Language Teaching.

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