



FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

The BLUE Programme

What is the aim of the BLUE Programme?

It is to help you to improve both academic and social English language skills as well as giving you a better understanding of university life in the UK.

Who is The BLUE Programme for?

It is for non-native speakers of English who come to study at British universities. (International / Overseas Students)

How can the BLUE Programme help me?

It will consolidate and extend your level of English beyond the minimum required by your chosen university. The programme will help you to understand spoken English more easily, i.e. lectures, tutorials and discussion groups. You will learn how to express yourself clearly in an academic context, speaking and writing.

Where will I study?

Your course will be based at our training centre in Southport, a town on the North West coast of England. Southport is 20 miles from Liverpool, 35 miles from Manchester and 15 miles from Preston; there are regular trains and buses to all three cities.

When can I take my course?

The Pre-University Course Option can be taken at any time during the year before starting your university course.

The In-Sessional Course Option is flexible and may be taken at any time during your university course. You choose the most convenient time which fits in with your university commitments.

How long are the courses?

The choice is yours; The Pre-University Course is a minimum of 3 weeks and The In-Sessional Course is a minimum of 1 week but you can choose to study for as many extra weeks as you wish.

Do I have to study all the weeks together?

The Pre-University course should be studied in one session.

The In-Sessional course can be split into any number of sessions of 1 or more weeks.

Is accommodation included in my course?

Yes, you can choose either hotel or host family accommodation (subject to availability).

Are meals included in my course?

Hotel - Breakfast only

Host Family - Breakfast & dinner

Lunch - with your teacher(s) each day Mon-Fri or Mon-Sun if you have a weekend programme

Who can take a BLUE Programme?

You must satisfy the eligibility criteria below.

- BLUE Courses are only open to overseas students who have accepted the unconditional offer of a place on a course at a British University.
- You must be over 18 years old when you start your BLUE Course.
- If you are not an EU (European Union) citizen you must have a valid visa for the UK, your university will advise you how to obtain one.

PLEASE NOTE: We will require evidence of the above before offering you a confirmed place.

How can I pay for my course?

- You can pay securely on our website using a PayPal account or by debit / credit card.
- Bank Transfer (Contact us for details)
- UK Cheque. PLEASE NOTE: We only accept cheques drawn on UK bank accounts