



English for Academic Purposes

Studying in Britain

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English for University

Invest in your future



Our English courses for overseas students are designed for those of you who have already secured a place on a course at a British university but are concerned about how you will cope with academic study in English at a British university.

British universities require international students to reach a certain standard of English before they are offered a place on one of their courses. This is the minimum level which the university feels is necessary to be able to cope with the demands of the course. However, even having achieved the required level of English, many overseas students still feel ill-prepared for university study through the medium of English.

We offer the choice of Pre-University and In-Sessional English courses.

The BLUE Programme (British Life & University English) is designed to give you a firm foundation of English for academic purposes as well as the skills and cultural awareness you will need to maximise your potential and make a smooth transition into academic life at university in the UK.



The BLUE Programme

British Life & University English

Overview

The BLUE Programme offers pre-university and in-sessional EAP preparation for international students at university in the UK. The programme is designed for international students who have secured a place on a course at a British university but who are concerned about their ability to use English for academic study in the UK.

The Programme provides students with the skills and language needed for a smooth transition into academic life. The aim of the programme is to develop students' ability and confidence in using English for academic purposes as well as providing cultural awareness and study skills for university in Britain.

The programmes are all individual; you have a personal scheme of study, 1-1 tuition and a weekend programme*. Your course will also include homework assignments, cultural visits and activities to help you extend your use of English and become familiar with life in Britain. Each programme gives students the flexibility of when and for how long they wish to study.

**Optional for In-Sessional BLUE Courses*



Eligibility

International students wanting to enrol on the BLUE Programme must satisfy the conditions below:

- i) You have accepted an unconditional offer of a place on a course at a British university and you have enrolled at the university. OR
- ii) You are already enrolled and studying at a British university.

NOTE:

If you are not an EU (European Union) citizen you must have a valid visa for studying in the UK. Your university will advise you how to obtain your visa.

The BLUE Programme is available for either undergraduate or postgraduate international students.

BLUE Programme Course Options:

▪ Pre-University BLUE (3 weeks minimum)

This pre-university programme is designed to be taken any time in the year before a student begins his/her university studies. The course is a minimum of three weeks but can be booked for four or more weeks as required.

NOTE: This course is studied as one block of 3 weeks or more and includes weekend programmes of visits, activities, assignments & tutorials.

Pre-University 21 - (Core programme of 3 weeks / 150hrs)

Pre-University 7 - (Extra week Mon-Sun / 50hrs)

▪ In-Sessional BLUE (1 week minimum)

This programme is designed for international students who have started their university course but are finding studying in English more challenging than they expected. This programme is a minimum of one week but can be booked for any number of weeks.

The programme can be divided into separate weeks of study taken at different times. For example you may want three weeks of study divided into two sessions of 1 week & 2weeks. We offer this flexibility so that you can fit your English training around your university commitments and holidays. NOTE: **In-Sessional 7** (Monday-Sunday / 60hrs) & **In-Sessional 5** (Monday-Friday / 45hrs)



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Your Individual Course

The BLUE Programme Courses are delivered through intensive 1-1 tuition and training and are customised to your particular needs to enable you to focus on the areas of the language and the skills you require. There are written and oral assignments throughout your course and you receive continuous assessment from your team of teachers in order to enhance your progress at each stage.

Your course will focus on your particular difficulties in the language as well as improving your overall standard of comprehension and expression in all skills, listening, reading, speaking and writing. Homework usually consists of reading and writing assignments, and preparation for presentations.

The main focus of your course will be on how English is used in an academic context but you will also examine social and everyday English communication; this important element of your course helps you to understand and become accustomed to delivering academic English expected at a British university.

At the end of your course you will be given a certificate of attendance and a detailed written report which will be discussed with you. Your report identifies your strengths and weaknesses and offers advice for future improvement; it also indicates your level of attainment in line with CEFR, the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

What will you study?

- Language accuracy and fluency for academic purposes (listening, speaking, reading and writing)
- Note taking in lectures and from texts
- Reading academic texts
- Critical thinking
- Writing academic reports and essays
- Presentations
- The use of standard academic conventions
- Participating in discussions
- Social interactions
- Cultural awareness

BLUE Course Profiles

	Pre-University 21 & 7	In-Sessional 7 & 5
Core Programme	3 Weeks (21 day / 150 hr programme)	1 Week (7 or 5 day programme)
Extra Weeks	Optional	Optional
Weekend Programme	Saturday: Full day cultural visit, study lunch & assignment Sunday: Study lunch & afternoon Tutorial	In-Sessional 7 only
Schedule	Training is one session of 3 or more consecutive weeks	1 week units which can be taken separately or together in any number of sessions
Courses	Mon-Sun / 50 hours per week	Mon-Sun / 60 hours per week Mon-Fri / 45 hours per week
Study Lunch with teacher/s	(Mon-Sun)	(Mon-Fri) or (Mon-Sun)
Accommodation:	7 nights per week	5 or 7 nights per week
Hotel	Breakfast included	Breakfast included
Host Family	Breakfast & Dinner included	Breakfast & Dinner included



The BLUE Programme

Course Fees & Application

Course Fees

Pre-University BLUE	
Pre-University 21 - (3 weeks / 150hrs)	£8,850 GBP
Pre-University 7 - (Mon-Sun / 50hrs)	£2,950 GBP

In-Sessional BLUE	
In-Sessional 7 - (Mon-Sun / 60hrs)	£3,540 GBP
In-Sessional 5 - (Mon-Fri / 45hrs)	£2,655 GBP

BLUE Programme Application

To apply for one of the BLUE courses please fill in the BLUE Booking & Application Forms.

NOTE: Before filling out your forms please make sure you are eligible to apply:

- 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.

Application Process

1. Complete the booking and application forms, attach copies of any documents asked for and return them to us by email.

Alternatively you can print out your application and post it to:

BLUE Application, Sandown Heritage,
Sandown House - 10 Welbeck Road - Southport, PR8 4AE – Merseyside - United Kingdom.

2. We will confirm receipt of your application and booking.
3. If your application is successful an invoice for the course you have booked will be issued. PLEASE NOTE: Course fees must be paid in full by the date specified on your invoice to confirm your booking.
4. We will then contact you to arrange your arrival and course details.

If at any time you have questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact us:

blue@sandown-heritage.com



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 Courses are 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 courses 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 (depending on your chosen programme)

Who can take a BLUE Programme?

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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