



# UCL

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC  
PURPOSES COURSES

**2013 ENTRY**



# UCL ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES COURSES (UCL EAP)



## UCL English for Academic Purposes Courses

### Key facts

#### Course aims:

- Fulfil UCL's English language requirements for degree programme entry (See the table opposite for a brief guide to the requirements)
- Satisfy the English language requirements for some courses at other UK universities
- Prepare students for academic study at UK universities.

#### Course objectives:

- Develop the study skills needed to succeed at a top UK university, including:
  - reading academic texts quickly and productively
  - expressing ideas clearly and accurately in academic writing
  - undertaking independent research
  - developing students' critical thinking skills
  - giving oral presentations and participating in seminars
  - effective note taking.

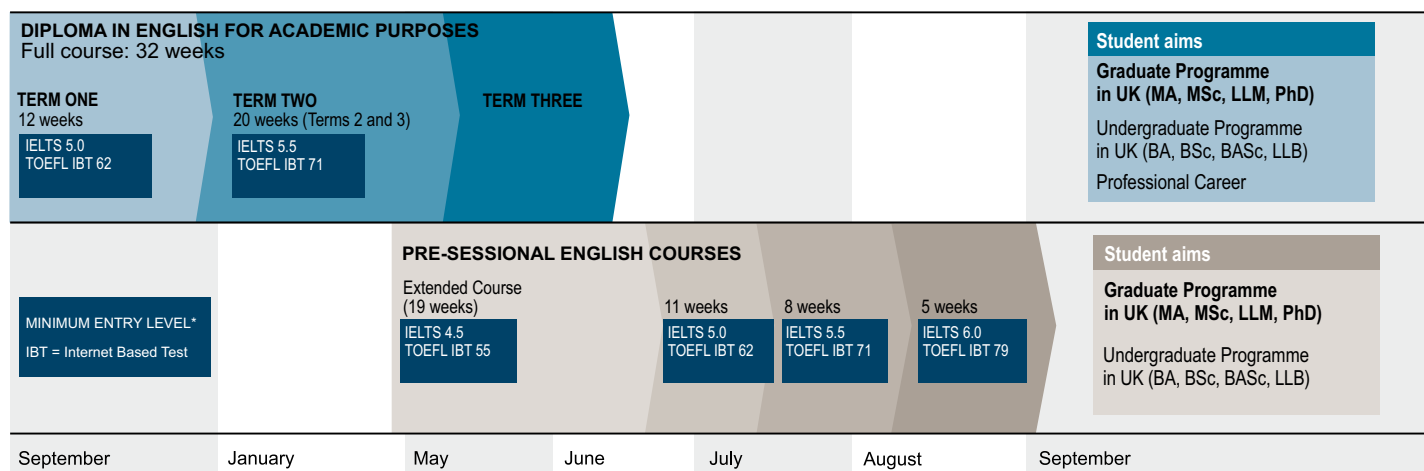
#### Course features:

- High quality tuition
- Taught in classes, seminars and lectures at UCL
- Taught in small groups with a maximum of 14 learners per class
- A minimum of 20 UCL teaching hours\* per week
- Weekly individual tutorials (one-to-one sessions with a Personal Tutor)
- Individual support and guidance on submitting degree applications
- Optional IELTS preparation classes
- Students are UCL students with access to UCL facilities and student accommodation options
- Opportunities to attend lectures given by leading UCL academics
- A social programme of events in London for all students.

\* The "teaching hour" at UCL is 50 minutes



## UCL English for Academic Purposes Courses: an overview



\*Applicants without an IELTS or TOEFL or equivalent score may take the UCL Centre for Languages & International Education's own English Test depending on course duration and immigration status.



# UCL (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON)

Welcome to UCL, one of the world's leading universities, located in the heart of London.



## UCL profile

Founded in **1826**. Over **24,000** students, of whom some **10,400** are graduates. **52%** female **48%** male students.

More than **9,100** students from countries outside the UK. **52** academic departments / units in **10** faculties:

- Arts and Humanities
- Brain Sciences
- Built Environment
- Engineering Sciences
- Laws
- Life Sciences
- Mathematical and Physical Sciences
- Medical Sciences
- Population Health Sciences
- Social and Historical Sciences



## World-class

UCL is one of the world's very best universities and is consistently placed highly in world rankings, including being ranked 7th in the QS World University Rankings.

QS World University Rankings 2011/12		
Rank	Institution	Country
1	University of Cambridge	UK
2	Harvard University	US
3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	US
4	Yale University	US
5	University of Oxford	UK
6	Imperial College London	UK
7	UCL (University College London)	UK
8	University of Chicago	US
9	University of Pennsylvania	US
10	Columbia University	US



## Location

A central London campus offers outstanding academic, professional and social benefits. Vibrant and exciting, London's internationally renowned institutions, such as the British Library, are within walking distance of UCL. London inspires and UCL is at its heart.



## Diversity

Our students are selected on the basis of their talent and potential. Around 35% of UCL students come from outside the UK and there is a cosmopolitan, friendly and inclusive atmosphere throughout the university.

### UCL's English Language requirements for graduate study

- UCL EAP: UCL English for Academic Purposes (EAP) qualifications
- IELTS: International English Language Testing System
- TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language - IBT (Internet Based Test)

A full list of qualifications accepted by UCL can be found at [www.ucl.ac.uk/gradprospectus](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/gradprospectus)

#### STANDARD LEVEL:

For most programmes in the Faculties of:

- Brain Sciences
- Population Health Sciences
- Medical Sciences
- The Built Environment
- Engineering Sciences
- Mathematics and Physical Sciences

and the MFA in Fine Art

#### UCL EAP

Overall: 65%  
Subtests Minimum: 60%

#### IELTS

Overall: 6.5  
Subtests Minimum: 6.0

#### TOEFL IBT

Overall: 92  
Subtests (reading and writing): 24/30 minimum  
Subtests (listening and speaking): 20/30 minimum

#### GOOD LEVEL:

For most programmes in the Faculties of:

- Arts and Humanities
- Life Sciences
- School of Slavonic and East European Studies
- Social and Historical Sciences

and the Eastman Dental Institute

#### UCL EAP

Overall: 70%  
Subtests Minimum: 60%

#### IELTS

Overall: 7.0  
Subtests Minimum: 6.0

#### TOEFL IBT

Overall: 100  
Subtests (reading and writing): 24/30 minimum  
Subtests (listening and speaking): 20/30 minimum

#### ADVANCED LEVEL:

For programmes in the Faculty of Laws and Departments of:

- History
- Political Science

#### UCL EAP

Overall: 75%  
Subtests Minimum: 70%

#### IELTS

Overall: 7.5  
Subtests Minimum: 6.5

#### TOEFL IBT

Overall: 109  
Subtests (reading and writing): 24/30 minimum  
Subtests (listening and speaking): 20/30 minimum



# DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES



## Course aims

This is a preparatory course for international students who want to follow graduate or undergraduate programmes at UCL or at other UK universities. Some students may also wish to improve their English for professional purposes.

Typically students on the Diploma will have a starting level of between 5.0 – 6.5 IELTS (or equivalent).

By the end of the course, students will have developed the academic and linguistic skills required to succeed on a UK degree programme and be familiar with the academic culture and conventions of the UK Higher Education system.



## Course structure

The 32-week Diploma course consists of classes, lectures, seminars and tutorials.

**Term 1** Focuses on academic English, integrating the four skill areas of writing, reading, listening and speaking, including building grammar, vocabulary, seminar and note-taking skills. Weekly lectures by leading UCL academics include a variety of disciplines from Architecture to Zoology. Students' progress is closely monitored through homework tasks and in-class tests.

**Term 2** Focuses on the development of independent research skills, academic writing skills for research essays and presentation skills. These are subject-related and allow students to focus on their academic discipline (e.g. Engineering, Law, etc.). Core skills introduced in Term 1 continue to be built upon.

Research work is closely guided and supported by weekly individual tutorials. Weekly lectures will provide an excellent opportunity to expand subject terminology and knowledge.

**Term 3** Classes and seminars continue to build on core skill areas. Students will focus on an independent academic research essay.



## Course assessment

Students will receive the Diploma qualification based on the formal course assessments and examinations completed in Term 3.

### Coursework

worth 40% of the final score:

- research essay
- oral presentation
- seminar

### Final examinations

worth 60% of the final score:

- writing skills examination
- listening and note-taking examination
- reading skills examination

Entry Points 2013-14 Entry	Tuition Fees	Minimum Entrance Requirements*	Subtests Minimum*
<b>September Start</b> <b>Terms 1, 2 and 3: 32 weeks</b> Start: 23rd September 2013	£13,000	IELTS: 5.0 TOEFL IBT: 62 (Internet Based Test)	4.5 15 in subtests 17 in writing
<b>January Start</b> <b>Terms 2 and 3: 20 weeks</b> Start: 6th January 2014	£9,000	IELTS: 5.5 TOEFL IBT: 71	5.0 17 in subtests 20 in writing

The Diploma finishes on 30th June 2014. Diploma programme dates include examination results and additional course administration, where necessary. Diploma tuition and course examinations end no later than the 13th June 2014.

\*The information above is for guidance only. Each application is considered on an individual basis taking into account the applicant's existing level of English (including subtests), academic history and final score needed. Some applicants may take the Centre's own English language test as an alternative to obtaining an IELTS or TOEFL score.

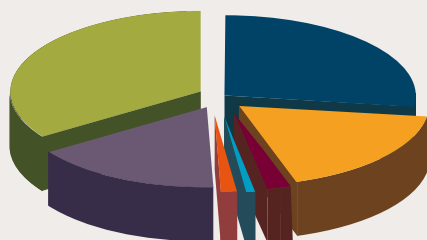


## The qualification

The UCL Diploma in English for Academic Purposes is recognised as satisfying UCL's English language proficiency requirement, and is also accepted by a number of other leading institutions in London and the UK.



## Diploma in English for Academic Purposes student nationalities 2011/12 Entry



- Europe
- Middle East
- Africa
- South East Asia
- South Asia
- Central Asia
- East Asia: China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan

### Example activities included during a typical week:

- Finding and referring to sources – research skills
- Selecting and referring to key points from a research article – reading skills
- Developing an argument and incorporating sources to support it – writing skills
- Looking at reporting verbs and the passive to refer to sources – grammar and vocabulary skills
- Presenting and supporting opinions in seminars – speaking skills
- Giving effective presentations – speaking skills

For sample timetables please refer to the course website.

# PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH COURSES

## Course aims

These intensive English for Academic Purposes courses are designed for international students who plan to enrol on a graduate degree programme (MA, MSc, LLM, MPhil/PhD) at UCL or at another UK university. A smaller number of students join the Pre-session course holding an offer of a place on an undergraduate programme.

### Selecting the correct Pre-session Course

Students will usually need to raise their level of English significantly in a short period of time due to the requirements of a conditional offer of a place on a Master's or PhD programme.

Pre-session Course applicants should consider:

- The minimum entry requirement for the particular Pre-session Course
- The time needed to reach the language level required for their future degree programme
- Their current level of English.

It is **estimated** that strong students should be able to improve their English language level – in each sub-skill – by the equivalent of **approximately** 0.5 IELTS every four weeks of the course (together with a minimum of 10 hours additional self-study per week).

### Examples of minimum length of study required:

- A student with an **IELTS of 6.0** who needs a final score of **IELTS 7.5** for entry onto their following degree programme may be considered for the **11-week Course**, although the **Extended Course** would be recommended.
- A student with an **IELTS of 6.5** who needs a final score of **IELTS 7.0** for entry onto their following degree programme may be considered for the **5-week Course**, although the **8-week Course** would be recommended.

## Course structure

Students will follow a mixture of classes, lectures and tutorials each week. Subject option classes provide the opportunity to work with other students who share similar academic interests. The timetable also includes a lecture programme given by leading UCL academics.

- Attending a live academic lecture and noting key points – listening skills
- Studying in the Self-Access and Resources Centre
- Taking part in the UCL student union sports clubs and societies
- Meeting the Centre's educational advisor
- Having a one-to-one tutorial with your personal tutor
- Visiting the Houses of Parliament – social programme

Entry Points 2013 Entry	Tuition Fees	Minimum Entrance Requirements*	Subtests Minimum*
<b>Extended Course (19 Weeks)</b> Start: 29th April 2013	£7,600	IELTS: 4.5 TOEFL IBT: 55 (Internet Based Test)	4.5 in all subtests 15 in all subtests
<b>Eleven-week Course</b> Start: 24th June 2013	£4,800	IELTS: 5.0 TOEFL IBT: 62	5.0 in all subtests 17 in all subtests
<b>Eight-week Course</b> Start: 15th July 2013	£4,000	IELTS: 5.5 TOEFL IBT: 71	5.5 in three subtests 18 in three subtests
<b>Five-week Course</b> Start: 5th August 2013	£2,750	IELTS: 6.0 TOEFL IBT: 79	6.0 in three subtests 20 in three subtests

All Pre-session Courses finish on 20th September. Programme dates include examination results and course administration. Tuition and examinations end no later than 6th September 2013.

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## Course assessment

All examinations take place in the final week of the Pre-session Courses.

### Coursework

worth 40% of the final score:

- research essay
- oral presentation

### Final examinations

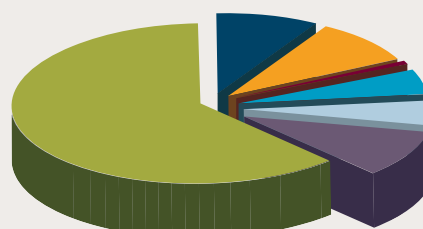
worth 60% of the final score:

- writing skills examination
- listening and note-taking examination
- reading skills examination

## The qualification

The UCL Pre-session English qualification is recognised as satisfying UCL's English language proficiency requirement, and is also accepted by a number of other leading universities and institutions in London and the UK.

Pre-session student nationalities 2011 Entry



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- Africa
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- Latin America
- Central Asia
- East Asia: China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan

# APPLICATION AND ACCOMMODATION

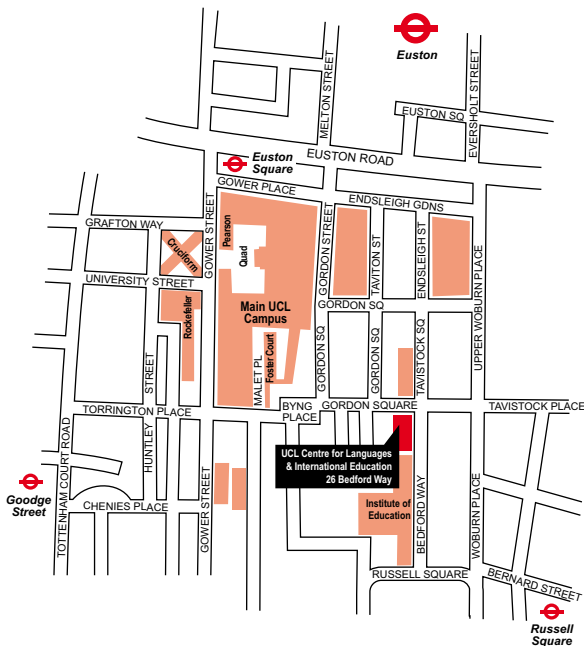


## Applying for a place on a UCL English for Academic Purposes course

Please apply as early as possible to secure your place on the course and in UCL accommodation.

1. Select the appropriate course for your English language level, academic aims and availability from the information provided in this brochure and on our website.
2. Applications forms can be found online at [www.ucl.ac.uk/eap](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/eap). These should be completed and returned with the relevant documents.
3. When your application has been assessed we will contact you to confirm whether we can offer you a place on the course and will send you an offer pack. Entry will depend on an applicant's existing level of English (including subtests), academic history and final score needed.
4. Our offer pack includes information about how you can formally accept your offer and pay the course fees, as well as how to apply for UCL accommodation if you are eligible.

### UCL in Bloomsbury, Central London



## UCL student accommodation

A range of central London accommodation options are available for applicants holding an offer of a place on a UCL EAP course. Full details will be included in your UCL EAP course offer pack.

### Single room costs per week (2012-13 academic session)

UCL Student Houses (self-catered)	UCL Halls of Residence (catered)
£105 - £189 approx.	£159 - £176 approx.



## Diploma in English For Academic Purposes

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