

The English Language Centre, York

Courses for University Entry

International Foundation Certificate Programme in
partnership with York St John University
Academic English and Preparation for IELTS courses

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Quality English language courses in the heart of the historic city of York

The International Foundation Certificate Programme

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A one year full-time intensive programme offering international students the opportunity to improve academic qualifications and English language ability leading to undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

The International Foundation Certificate Programme runs from September to May and is separated into two semesters – September to December and January to May.

- **Students** Adults 17+
- **Course Length** Entry 1 – September to May (36 Weeks)
Entry 2 – January to May (24 Weeks)
- **Class Size** Maximum 14 Students (average 10)
- **Levels** Entry 1 – September – IELTS 4.5 (4.0 Reading and Writing)
Entry 2 – January – IELTS 5.0 (4.5 Reading and Writing)

Semester 1 English Language Skills
Communication Skills and IT
British Culture and Society

Semester 2 Advanced English Studies
Academic English
Preparation for Subject Study

Preparation for Subject Study will take place at York St John University, which offers the following BA/BSc Subjects:

- Business Management (options – Finance, Human Resource Management, Information Technology, Marketing, Tourism)
- Contemporary Fine Art Practice
- Counselling Studies
- Dance
- Media
- Design Practice
- Education Studies
- English for International Business
- English Language and Linguistics
- English Literature
- Film & Television Production
- Film Studies
- History
- Information Technology
- Music
- Psychology
- Sport & Exercise Science
- Sport Studies
- Theatre
- Theology & Religious Studies

After successful completion of the International Foundation Certificate Programme at the ELC, students will progress automatically to an Honours Degree programme (BA/BSc) at York St John University.



Academic English and Preparation for IELTS

These courses are for students who intend to study at a University or College in the United Kingdom. The courses aim to offer a well-balanced weekly programme of 15 hours of General English plus 9 hours Academic English and preparation for the IELTS examination – a total of 24 hours teaching.

- **Students** Adults 17+
- **Course Length** Courses start on any Monday for as long as required. We can advise on the needs of individual students once we know their present level.
- **Class Size** Maximum 14 Students (average 10)
- **Levels** The school usually has a minimum of 6 levels throughout the year. A2/B1 is the normal entry level.

Course Content:

- General English improvement – grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation
- The 4 language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Academic writing: essays, reports and note-taking skills
- Reading academic textbooks and articles
- Communication in English in social and academic situations
- Familiarising with the format and nature of the IELTS examination
- Providing full practice examinations with assessments to identify the strengths and weaknesses to be worked on during the course

If required, the ELC can offer assistance in completing applications to universities and colleges.

Teachers are well-qualified and experienced English language experts who encourage students to participate fully in all aspects of the course both in the classroom and in the homework assignments. All the course teachers are available at specific times each week to see students individually and to discuss progress and advise on all aspects of their studies.



Travelling to York

We are always happy to advise on the best way to get to York and we can also arrange to meet you. York is centrally located within the UK, and has excellent transport links. We are very happy to organise airport transfers for students, or provide any other information that they require.

By Air

The nearest International Airport is Leeds-Bradford Airport (45 minutes by car). Our students also regularly fly into Manchester, Newcastle, Liverpool, Doncaster Robin Hood, Humberside and Durham Tees Valley. These airports are all within 2 hours by car. Students also use East Midlands, Stansted, Heathrow and Gatwick which are further away.

By Rail

York is very well-served by rail links, and it is easily reached by train from most main cities in the UK.

Accommodation

Most of our students prefer to stay with a Host Family who provide breakfast and an evening meal each day and lunch as well at the weekends. They also provide clean bed-linen, towels as required, laundry and lots of friendly conversation to help students practise the English they have learnt each day. All our families have been inspected by us and chosen with great care.

Accreditation and Professional Membership

Our English language teaching is accredited by the British Council and by EAQUALS.

Our International Foundation Programme is accredited by York St John University.

Our Teacher Training Courses are accredited by the University of Cambridge (ESOL).

We are very proud to be members of English UK which is a national association representing English language providers in the UK including private language schools, colleges and universities. English UK works in partnership with the British Council to manage the Accreditation UK scheme, a worldwide guarantee of quality.



Finally, we are also extremely proud to be full members of EAQUALS – the European Association for Quality Language Services – a pan-European association of language training providers. It is the only international association of language schools that has a formal inspection scheme to verify the quality offered by members. The aim is to promote and guarantee quality in language teaching institutions and to achieve this aim EAQUALS has created a demanding set of criteria for membership.

There are very few privately-owned independent English language schools who have achieved membership of EAQUALS.



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