



# *The English Language Centre*

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## **International Foundation Certificate 2010 (36 week programme) In partnership with York St John University**

The English Language Centre **International Foundation Certificate** is offered in partnership with York St John University. The course focuses on English Language development and preparing students for study in their degree subject. This Certificate is the best option for students who do not have the required academic qualifications or English Language level required to enter a UK university. All ELC courses are accredited by the British Council and EAQUALS, and the school is a member of English UK. York St John University has been designated as a Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

- Students must be at least 17 to join this course.
- Students must have an English language level of IELTS 4.5 (at least 4.0 in reading and writing) or equivalent to start the course in September, and an English language level of IELTS 5.0 (at least 4.5 in reading and writing) or equivalent to start the course in January.
- Students are grouped according to their level for their General English tuition. We always have a minimum of 6 different levels in the school.
- Adult classes have a maximum of 14 students, with an average of 12 in the summer and an average of 9 during the rest of the year
- After successful completion of this course at ELC, **students will progress automatically to an Honours degree programme (BA/BSc) at York St John University.**

### **International Foundation Course Content**

24 hours of group classes each week: 9.15 – 16.00 Monday to Thursday, and 09.15 – 15.00 on Fridays

#### **Semester 1 6 September to 17 December 2010 (15 weeks)**

##### ***English Language Studies***

- Helps students improve their English language skills, and helps prepare them for degree-level study
- Introduces students to academic English
- Helps improve confidence, competence, and fluency in a range of communication situations
- Develops accuracy in grammar, spelling, and punctuation and extends vocabulary

##### ***British Culture and Society***

- Gives international students knowledge and understanding of a wide range of elements which make up British culture and society
- Helps students integrate into wider society
- Provides exposure to a wide variety of English usage, and complements work covered in the English language modules.
- Provides practice and improvement of English skills

### ***Communication Skills and IT***

- Helps students develop their skills of working in teams and groups
- Develops the skills of contributing and interacting effectively in group-based tasks and projects
- Provides an opportunity for students to integrate basic IT skills which will be used to support effective oral and written communication

### **Semester 2 3 January to 27 May 2011 (21 weeks)**

#### ***Advanced English Language Studies***

- Further extends English language skills and prepares students for study at degree level
- Develops students' understanding of, and ability to use, academic English
- Further improves confidence, competence and fluency in a range of communication situations
- Helps develop accuracy in grammar, spelling and punctuation, and extends vocabulary

#### ***English for Academic Purposes***

- Develops essay-writing skills in English
- Practice in understanding lectures
- Develops skills in participating in seminars and discussions in English

#### ***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
- Design Practice
- Education Studies
- English for International Business
- English Language & Linguistics
- English Literature
- Film & Television Production
- Film Studies
- History
- Information Technology
- Media
- Music
- Psychology
- Sport & Exercise Science
- Sports Studies
- Theatre
- Theology & Religious Studies

### **Tuition Fees 6,840 GBP per year (36 weeks) - 190 GBP per week.**

The fee includes:

- Diagnostic entry test
- Wireless internet and e-mail access
- Services of Student Support Manager
- Social programme: at least 2 evenings per week throughout the year. During the summer (31 May-27 August 2010), at least 3 evenings per week & an excursion every Saturday.
- All books and materials
- Use of the Multimedia Centre and Library
- Final report (if required)

A non-returnable Registration Payment of 100 GBP is charged for all courses. This consists of 50 GBP enrolment fee and 50 GBP deposit which is credited towards the tuition fees.

### **Accommodation Fees for Homestays**

Standard Homestay costs 112 GBP per week. This includes a single room, breakfast, and dinner each day (also lunch at the weekend), and basic laundry. We ensure that no two students of the same mother tongue are staying with the same family. Students should arrive with their Host Family on the Sunday before their course starts, and leave on the Saturday after their course finishes.

There is a 50 GBP non-returnable Accommodation Placement fee.

The school will be closed for the 2010 Christmas holiday from 18 December 2010 to 3 January 2011 inclusive. The school will also be closed for UK Bank Holidays on 2 and 5 April, 3 and 31 May, and 30 August 2010. On Bank Holiday Mondays (5 April, 3 and 31 May and 30 August 2010) full-day excursions are offered to students at no additional charge. On Friday 2 April, school-based activities will be offered to students at no additional charge.