

CENTRE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

English Language courses



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Welcome to De Montfort University's Centre for English Language Learning where for many years we have been delivering high quality English language courses to international students.

All of our classes are taught by well-qualified, approachable and experienced teachers, in a friendly and supportive classroom environment. All of your tutors will do everything they can to ensure that your studies with us are productive and relevant to your academic needs.

Above all we wish you success during your time with De Montfort University (DMU), and hope that you experience the same satisfaction with your English language courses as our previous international students have done. We are confident that, having carefully chosen DMU, your English language skills will develop quickly in order to provide the best possible start to your academic studies. This will then enable you to commence and continue your studies with a clear, focused head start.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Philip Rule

Director of the Centre for English Language Learning



WHY CHOOSE DMU?

The Centre for English Language Learning is:

- Accredited by the British Council
- A member of English UK, the National Association of Accredited English Language Centres
- A member of the British Association for Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes (BALEAP)

This means you can be sure that you are receiving the highest standard of English tuition informed by current best practice, with regular monitoring and inspections from the British Council committing us to maintaining this quality.

Quality teaching in a top-class environment

The Centre for English Language Learning is located in the stunning and award-winning Vijay Patel Building at the heart of DMU's campus. This building includes:

- Well-equipped classrooms, all with interactive whiteboards
- A large language lab with audio, video and computer technology

Our full-time members of staff have many years of English teaching experience between them, and have taught in different countries all over the world from France to China.

Gold award in the Teaching Excellence Framework

The UK Government introduced the Teaching Excellence Framework to recognise and reward high quality learning and teaching and to ensure that prospective students can make informed choices about where they study.

The TEF panel judged that DMU delivers "consistently outstanding teaching, learning and outcomes for its students. It is of the highest quality found in the UK."

Leicester: the multicultural heart of England

Rich with history yet steeped in modern successes, Leicester is a shining example of a contemporary city that draws strength from its diverse heritage. Situated in the East Midlands and just over an hour from London, Leicester is the 10th largest city in the UK. Our students tell us it's the 'perfect size' - big and historic enough to impress, yet compact and friendly enough to call home.

Leicester is known for its vibrant culture, diversity and lively atmosphere, and there's always something going on. The city is big on shopping, sport, music, film, comedy and culture, much of it happening just minutes from DMU campus.

When it comes to affordability, Leicester's great for student essentials and was judged the third most affordable city for students in the NatWest Student Living Index 2019. It has also been named one of the UK's top 10 cities in which to live and work (Good Growth for Cities Index 2019).

Modern campus

- Home to 2,700 international students from more than 130 countries
- Ten minutes' walk from the city centre
- Compact, safe and well-lit campus

In recent years there has been significant investment to transform our campus into the modern, inspiring environment that students deserve. The main Kimberlin Library is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and across campus there are around 1,600 study places and 700 open-access computers.

Our QEII Leisure Centre provides state-of-the-art facilities including a 25 metre six-lane swimming pool, eight courts for sports such as basketball and badminton, a fitness gym, studios used for activities such as aerobics and yoga, a climbing wall and a café.

Accommodation

We understand that having the right surroundings allows students to be happy and successful. We will aim to provide university-sourced accommodation for all new international students.

Our halls of residence offer high-quality accommodation in the heart of the city and within easy walking distance of campus. For details of each halls of residence please visit dmu.ac.uk/internationalaccommodation

All our halls are self-catered, giving you the freedom to come and go as you please, and are furnished with DMU providing a bedding pack including a duvet, pillow and bedsheets. All halls are secure, with security cameras and electronic door entry.

Once you have confirmed DMU as your firm choice and paid your tuition fee deposit, you will be sent an email inviting you to book your accommodation online.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

Summer Elementary English Programme (SELP)

This course is for students with a low level of English who are serious about studying and want to study an academic course at DMU in the future.

Exit level: IELTS 3.0

Course length: 10 weeks

Maximum class size: 16

Classroom hours per week: 21

Aims of the course:

- To provide intensive learning in general English to help you live in England
- To develop basic academic skills including grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, spelling, listening and speaking

If you pass the final tests you can continue on to our Pre-sessional English Preparation Programme.

Pre-sessional English Preparation Programme (PREPP)

This course (formerly IGEC) improves your general English level, boosting confidence and creating the foundation for the study of academic English. There are two separate courses with intakes in Autumn and Winter each year.

Entry level: IELTS 3.0 for autumn and 3.5 for winter

Exit level: IELTS 3.5 for autumn and 4.0 for winter

Course length: 9 weeks for autumn and 8 weeks for winter

Maximum class size: 20

Classroom hours per week: 20-21

Aims of the course:

- To develop proficiency in English, improving skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking
- To provide a general introduction to British life and culture
- To provide an introduction to English study skills

By the end of the course you will be able to communicate effectively in English within everyday situations, read and write simple essays and be able to organise your studies and work on your own.

Pre-Sessional English Course

This programme is divided into five courses, A, B, C, D and E. Each course improves your skills and abilities in English for academic purposes up to a level suitable for degree level study.

Course length: 4-6 weeks per course

Maximum class size: 22

Hours per week: 20-25

Aims of the course:

The programme will focus on the skills you need for successful study at degree level, such as seminar skills and project writing.

Tuition and practice is provided in:

- Academic reading
- Academic writing
- Academic listening
- Oral skills
- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Social English
- Pronunciation

Our teachers will also help to develop students' study skills such as independent learning, critical thinking and research skills which are all vital for successful study at undergraduate and post-graduate level at DMU.

ACADEMIC COURSES

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

The Centre for English Language Learning offers pathways in Modern Foreign Languages (French, Mandarin or Spanish) for students from a variety of programmes across DMU.

We cater for all language levels and experience from complete beginners (A1) to proficient learners (C2). Students can start a language pathway at any stage of their studies and progress at their own pace. Small group language classes are held weekly by our native and specialist tutors (typically as three-hour long workshops) and combine the study of speaking, listening, writing and reading skills.

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) in degree programmes

Students at DMU can study teaching English as a second language as part of the English Language with TESOL BA (Hons) programme. Students study one 30-credit TESOL module each year, building from the basics of teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in the first year, through to designing an ESOL syllabus in year three.





WHICH ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES DO YOU NEED TO TAKE?

Our entry requirements refer to the IELTS qualification which is the most popular English language qualification taken by students. We also recognise other equivalent English qualifications. Please contact us to find out more.

Most undergraduate and postgraduate courses require IELTS 6.0 or equivalent, while some postgraduate courses require 6.5. To check the entry requirements of your chosen academic course, please visit dmu.ac.uk/courses

Find your current IELTS level in the table below and the ticks (✓) underneath show which English language courses you need to take. Each course is intended raise your English level by the equivalent of 0.5 of an IELTS score.

ROUTE 1 Course	Your current IELTS level					
	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5
PREPP 3.5 (Spring)	✓	✓				
Pre-sessional A	✓	✓	✓			
Pre-sessional B	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Pre-sessional C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pre-sessional D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

ROUTE 2 Course	Your current IELTS level						
	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0
PREPP 3.0 (Autumn)	✓						
PREPP 3.5 (Winter)	✓	✓					
Pre-sessional A	✓	✓	✓				
Pre-sessional B	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pre-sessional C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Pre-sessional D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pre-sessional E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

You must be at least 18 years of age prior to starting on any of our English language courses.

For all course dates and fees please visit our website: dmu.ac.uk/englishlanguage

STUDENT SUPPORT

International student support

By coming to DMU you are embarking on an exciting and life-changing adventure, but you may still need some support along the way.

As an international student, you will have a range of support available to you that begins even before you set foot on campus and continues right up until you graduate.

English language learning support during your studies

Once you have started your full-time course you are entitled to free English language support.

We offer free English language support and study skills classes on topics such as academic writing style, referencing, paraphrasing and summarising.

Taught in a friendly classroom environment, with a workshop atmosphere, the sessions are available in the evening and during the day so should not clash with your existing timetable.

We also provide one-to-one bookable sessions which offer language advice for assignments.

De Montfort University Academic Test of English (DATE)

If you have not had time to take an IELTS test but meet our other academic entry requirements, we will be able to test you on the four main areas of English language: listening, reading, speaking and writing skills. The test is free but only available to students applying to DMU and subject to availability in your country.

If we meet you at an exhibition abroad, we will sometimes be able to administer the test but you will also be able to take the test at DMU in the UK. If you have applied and wish to take the test, you should contact us.

Support on arrival

We run a free pickup service from London Heathrow Airport (LHR), on key arrival dates between June and September. We also run new arrivals information sessions, campus tours, welcome breakfasts and other activities to help you find your way around and get used to your surroundings.

International Welcome Week

All new international students are invited to join the International Welcome Week, which is a great opportunity to adjust to a new city, make friends, meet staff and get settled before you start your studies.

The welcome week is free and includes:

- Social events
- Tours around the city and the DMU campus
- Trips to places of interest including Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare's birthplace)
- Information sessions and practical advice on looking for jobs, adjusting to British culture, healthcare and opening a bank account

Further information about welcome week and an online booking form for coach pick-ups is available at dmu.ac.uk/international

Trips and Visits

Throughout the year we run trips and visits at weekends to other towns, cities and tourist attractions in the UK. Previous trips have taken students to Oxford, Blenheim Palace, Liverpool, Windsor Castle, Cambridge and Chatsworth House.

APPLYING

We understand that deciding to study in the UK is a big decision involving a lot of planning and organisation. This is why we keep the application process as simple as possible, so that you have one less thing to worry about.

Applying for an English language course

If you only wish to study an English language course, visit dmu.ac.uk/englishlanguage or email us englishlanguage@dmu.ac.uk

Non-DMU students are welcome to study on our English language courses using Route 1.

Applying for a Bachelor's degree

If you only wish to apply to DMU you can apply direct. Visit dmu.ac.uk/international to begin your application.

If you wish to apply to several UK universities you need to apply through UCAS (ucas.com) for your degree course and then apply direct to DMU for your English language course using the online form at dmu.ac.uk/englishlanguage or email us englishlanguage@dmu.ac.uk

Applying for a Master's degree

If you are interested in studying for a Master's course at DMU, visit dmu.ac.uk/international to begin the application process.

Visa advice

If you need advice regarding a visa application, visit dmu.ac.uk/visaadvice



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