ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING





Accreditation

Imperial English is accredited by the British Council for teaching English language courses in the UK. It is also a member of English UK.



Expertise

- The current team has experience of teaching and living in Spain, Greece, Germany, The UAE, Columbia, Russia, Iraq and China. Plus experience in UK universities, UK FE colleges and other British Council accredited schools in the UK.
- Our team understand that it can be difficult for students when they come to live and study in a new country. So the teachers and administrators will support you in and out of the classroom.
- Our teachers are familiar with IELTS and the Cambridge main suite examination requirements as well as the needs of students who want to study at UK universities
- Whatever you need, you can ask us. We will be there to support you in and out of the classroom.

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Course Features

- ✓ You do not need to buy any textbooks for classes. We loan you books and we supply additional study materials.
- \checkmark Maximum class size is 15. Average class size is 5 to 7 students.
- ✓ Flexibility: if there are several classes, you can study in the skills class that is more suitable for your level. For example, you could be in the Pre-Intermediate class for 'Writing Skills' but then be in the Intermediate class for 'Speaking Skills'.
- ✓ Variety: each class will have two or three teachers a day but most teachers will stay with you for the duration of your course for continuity. (Unless on one-to-one courses).
- ✓ Every two weeks you will have an individual tutorial with a teacher so you can talk about your progress and plan your studies.

Course Levels

- Elementary (A1)
- Pre-intermediate (B1)
- Intermediate (B1/B2)
- Upper-intermediate/Advanced (C1+)

Course Options

- Option 1: General English Language Programme (16 hours per week)
- Option 2: General English Language Programme with IELTS (21 hours per week)
- **Option 3: IELTS Programme (16 hours per week)**
- **Option 4: IELTS Intensive Programme (21 hours per week)**
- **Option 5: IELTS One to One (hourly basis)**

Option 6: IELTS Mock (3-4 hours with consultation)

General English

The General English course aims to make you more confident and accurate in the way you use and understand English. To do this, activities in and outside classroom include:

- Helping you to learn independently
- Helping you use critical thinking skills to explain problems and solve problems
- Developing your reading and listening comprehension skills

- Developing your speaking skills
- Developing your writing skills
- Developing your knowledge and accuracy in grammar and vocabulary

This programme includes the skill areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing as well as working on grammar, knowledge and punctuation skills.

The topic and the students are the focus of the week's work, not the textbook.

This course includes an element of Learner Independence Training as this aims to develop critical thinking skills and helps students take responsibility for their own learning.

In class, you will often work with a partner or small groups, but you also need to complete homework and do self-study outside class.

See the Imperial English website for details of the different classes.

IELTS

The IELTS classes aim to show you and give you practice in:

- Possible Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking questions and topics for the exam and how you can study for them.
- Showing you what the IELTS examiners want from your answers so that you are properly prepared.

This course is ideal if you are preparing for IELTS or if you want the challenges of 'Academic English'. IELTS is a key requirement to show your English language level to get a place at a UK University

If you study option 2 General English is combined with five hours of IELTS preparation classes per week to focus on skills and examination strategies.

Each student has their own target for the IELTS bands and our IELTS experts will advise you on how to achieve your target.

- In IELTS classes, if you are Intermediate or above, you will study on the IELTS preparation course
- If you are pre-Intermediate when you join, you will have introductory classes to build confidence.
- At Elementary level, you can have a 21-hour programme but will begin working on academic topics instead of IELTS.
- If you want to be successful in IELTS, you need:
- English Language skills
- Examination technique and strategies







 Good general knowledge of a range of topics. The full 21-hour a week programme includes these areas and is based on over 25 years of IELTS and English for Academic Purposes teaching experience.

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Other Courses

IELTS 1-1 lessons / IELTS Mock & Consultations are available if you are already in the UK and are having difficulties getting your target IELTS bands. Visit our website or e-mail admissions.

The following courses are available for closed groups. Visit our website or e-mail admissions for further information:

- English for Specific Purposes (also available as one-to-one classes)
- English for Academic Purposes
- Intensive IELTS Preparation
- General English Language Programme with IELTS Female Only

Assessment, Monitoring and Support

All students must take an Initial Assessment before starting classes.

The test helps you and the teachers see your level, your strengths and weaknesses, and decide which class will be best for you. At Imperial English we like you to know WHAT you are studying, WHY you are studying it & HOW you can study effectively. This helps to establish your study plans and set targets.

Progress Monitoring

- There are regular progress checks through homework and review tests.
- Students have an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) that you work towards
- In-class assessment includes weekly checks, individual and group presentations, discussion activities and project work. All these show your progress and identify any difficulties that you may have.
- You can also say how you feel about your progress when you have a tutorial or write your 'Learner Journal'.
- Can have a 1-1 tutorial every two weeks.

The Portfolio Assessment

Students who stay three months or longer can work towards a Imperial English Language Certificate or Diploma by keeping a portfolio of writing, presentations, projects and other work.

Student Support

We understand that you cannot study well if you are worried about bank accounts and accommodation or you are feeling homesick. The administration staff are friendly and supportive and are always willing to help with registrations, applications and other personal paperwork queries.

Your Time in Birmingham

Birmingham is in the centre of England and has very good train and road links. This means that most large cities and tourist attractions are only two or three hours away. Some are much nearer. You do not have classes on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays so can do independent sightseeing. Birmingham is the second city in the UK and is famous for the Bull Ring Shopping Centre. There are restaurants offering dishes from around the world. And with five universities there are plenty of attractions and leisure facilities for students.

For football fans the city is the home of Birmingham City and Aston Villa. Wolverhampton and West Bromwich Albion football clubs are nearby. Birmingham also has an international cricket stadium.

Entry Requirements

- Students must be aged 18 or over to join any course at Imperial English.
- The shortest course we offer at Imperial English starts at 2 weeks to make sure that you have enough time to develop and use your skills.
- We do not accept absolute beginners. All students must have some English before they start the course – please contact us if you would like to discuss this further: info@imperial-english.co.uk

Class size

At Imperial English we have a maximum class size of 15. The average class size is 6–7 students.

Enrolment Dates

All programmes are continuous enrolment so you can join on any Monday throughout the academic year. Excluding public holidays.



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Excursions

There is a one full-day excursion per term to a famous tourist attraction outside Birmingham included in the fees for fulltime students. In the spring and summer terms, teachers will also take you to places of interest near the us (there may be a small extra charge for these).

Accommodation

We do not provide accommodation for students. So please make sure that you have made plans for accommodation in Birmingham and your finances before you travel to the UK. However, on request we can provide you with information of accommodation agents/home stay groups. You need to tell us as soon as possible to avoid any delay.

Sample Timetable

| Day | 9.30 - 11.00am | 11.15 - 12.30pm | 1.30 - 3.00pm | 3.15-4.15pm |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Monday | General English | 'Words & Meanings' | Writing Skills | Grammar Workshop |
| Tuesday | General English | Listening & Speaking Skills | IELTS Writing | IELTS Writing |
| Wednesday | General English | Reading & Speaking | IELTS Reading & Listening Skills | IELTS Reading & Listening Skills & Vocabulary Extension |
| Thursday | General English | Speaking Skills | Presentations or Reading Circles | News & Culture |

Course Fees

| Course Options | Hours (per week) | For EU Students (1 week) | For International Students (1 week) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| General English Language Programme | 16 | £250 | £290 |
| General English Language Programme with IELTS | 21 | £328 | £380 |
| IELTS Programme | 16 | £320 | £320 |
| IELTS Intensive | 21 | £420 | £420 |
| IELTS Mock Exam | 3-4 | £75 | £75 |
| IELTS One-to-One | 1 | £40 | £40 |
| Placement Test | 1-2 | Free | Free |

Exams

Most of the students at Imperial English are working towards IELTS. Please note that each IELTS exam costs £200. There is a UKVI IELTS Test Centre in the city.



How to apply?

Application forms are available on www.studyuk.imperial-english.com Contact the College directly via telephone: 44 (0) 121 212 0888 or email: info@imperial-english.co.uk

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