Pre-sessional English Language Programmes 2018-2019
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University of Leicester pre-sessional programmes are designed to improve English and study skills while helping students to meet the required English language level for entry onto University of Leicester degree programmes. They are an excellent way of preparing for academic study in the UK.

The University of Leicester’s pre-sessional programmes are provided by the English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU), which has 30 years of experience of offering pre-sessional English. The ELTU is among the top three departments of its kind in the UK, based on the number of strengths identified by the British Council during recent inspections.

### Aims of the pre-sessional programme
- To allow you to meet the English language condition of your admissions offer to a degree programme at the University of Leicester.
- To help improve your language and study skills in preparation for your future academic courses at the University of Leicester.

#### Table 1: Programmes for applicants needing an exit level of IELTS 6.5

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<tr>
<th>PROGRAMME</th>
<th>ENTRY REQUIREMENT</th>
<th>START – END DATES</th>
<th>APPLY BEFORE (outside EU)</th>
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<tr>
<td>40 weeks (Module A,B,C,D)</td>
<td>IELTS 4.0 (Law applicants 4.5)</td>
<td>8 October 2018 - 13 September 2019</td>
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<tr>
<td>30 weeks (Module B,C,D)</td>
<td>IELTS 4.5 (Law applicants 5.0)</td>
<td>8 October 2018 - 14 June 2019</td>
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<td>20 weeks (Module C,D)</td>
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<td>7 January 2019 - 14 June 2019</td>
<td>5 November 2018</td>
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<td>6 weeks (Module E)</td>
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<td>Study Skills 2 weeks</td>
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Why study a pre-sessional programme at the University of Leicester?

- Successful completion meets the English language requirement for all University of Leicester degree programmes. There is no need to take another English language test, such as IELTS.
- Improve your study and academic skills – ideal preparation for your degree programme.
- Familiarise yourself with UK study culture.
- Practise your language skills in an English-speaking environment.
- Familiarise yourself with the city and the university and make friends before you start your degree.

Features of the pre-sessional programme

- Maximum class size of 16, facilitating interactive learning with classmates and tutor.
- Experienced, friendly and supportive teachers.
- Multiple entry points to accommodate students with IELTS levels from 4.0 to 6.0.
- Year-round courses with several start dates for Modules A to D.
- High pass rates.
- All study materials are included in the tuition fee.
- Free day trip to a place of interest, such as Cambridge, York or Stratford.
- Extra-curricular activities such as Book Club, English Club and end of summer pre-sessional party.
- Free coach collection service for summer pre-sessional courses from Heathrow Airport on specific dates.
- Full access to university facilities such as wifi, library and Students Union.
- Possibility of booking university accommodation.
- Student support service and advice with visas.
Entry requirements and visa information

It is possible to join pre-sessional programmes with either a Tier 4 visa or a Short-term study visa.

In either case, you must demonstrate that you have the minimum English level by producing the appropriate certificate when applying.

**Entry on a Tier 4 visa**

To successfully apply for a Tier 4 visa, you must have a Secure English Language Test (SELT) result, recognised by United Kingdom Visas and Immigration (UKVI), which meets the entry requirement for the course you are applying for. These can be seen in Table 2.

The two accepted tests are:
- IELTS Academic for UKVI
- Trinity College London ISE Tier 4 (Student).

You must also have the minimum scores required in each language area indicated in Table 3.

- The entry levels for applicants needing an exit level equivalent to IELTS 7.0, such as for Law, are 0.5 of an IELTS band higher e.g. IELTS 4.5 for a 40 week programme.
- The minimum age for enrolment is 18 years old.

If we make you an offer, you will need to accept your place and pay a tuition fee deposit of £200. We will then issue you with a Certificate of Acceptance for Study (CAS) for your pre-sessional programme so that you can apply for a Tier 4 visa. The CAS will state the latest date you can arrive. You must arrive by this date to be eligible for the course.

To be issued a CAS integrated with your Masters programme, a deposit of half of your full tuition fees (pre-sessional plus Masters) is required.

This information is correct at the time of printing but is subject to change in the future. Please visit the following websites for further information:
- [www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/overview](http://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/overview)
- [www.le.ac.uk/pseentry](http://www.le.ac.uk/pseentry)

### Table 2

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<th>COURSE</th>
<th>IELTS ACADEMIC FOR UKVI</th>
<th>TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON ISE</th>
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<td>4.0</td>
<td>ISE I with Merit in all components</td>
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<td>30 weeks (Module B,C,D)</td>
<td>4.5</td>
<td>ISE I with Distinction in all components</td>
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<td>20 weeks (Module C,D)</td>
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<td>ISE II with Pass in all components</td>
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### Table 3

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<th>EXAM</th>
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<td>Trinity ISE I</td>
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Entry on a Short-term study visa

For students entering the UK with a Short-term study visa, we can accept a wider range of test results. See Table 4 for more details. There is no minimum component score requirement.

Other tests may be accepted and we may be able to arrange a test for you if you are already in the UK. Please email elp@le.ac.uk for more information.

Please note that a Short-term study visa has more restrictions than a Tier 4 visa. For instance, it does not give entitlement to work, to also bring family members into the UK or allow for the visa to be extended beyond the maximum 11 months.

Table 4

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<th>COURSE</th>
<th>IELTS</th>
<th>TOEFL iBT</th>
<th>PEARSON PTE</th>
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How do I apply?

Please go to www.le.ac.uk/pse to apply online. You will normally receive a reply in five working days. The last date for applications for each course is noted on Table 1 on page 3.

Please ensure you attach an official copy of your English language certificate to show your current level of English language.
### About the pre-sessional programmes

Our pre-sessional modules are structured so that it is possible to join at any stage and progress to the level required for academic study. Modules A, B and C progressively develop students’ language proficiency in preparation for Module D, with an increasing focus on academic skills.

### Course details

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<th>MORNING CLASSES: 15 HOURS PER WEEK (MONDAY – FRIDAY, 9.30 – 11.00, 11.30 – 13.00)</th>
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<th>AFTERNOON CLASSES: 6 HOURS PER WEEK (3 WEEKDAY AFTERNOONS, 14.00 – 16.00)</th>
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Case studies

Wael from Saudi Arabia
Before coming to the UK, Wael studied for a Bachelors in Computer Science and worked as an assistant teacher at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah. After completing the 20-week pre-sessional programme, Module C, he started a Masters in Advanced Computer Science at the University of Leicester and he is now hoping to do a PhD.

Wael describes the ELTU as “amazing - it is not like an institute, it is more like a family”. He says that he made some great friends in the department and is thankful to his teachers for their constant support. He did not expect the materials and activities to be so different from other English courses he attended before. Wael regarded as the course as being intensive and advises of the need to work hard, but acknowledges that it helped him improve his speaking and listening skills, as well as his academic writing. Wael recommends that students keep practising on their weaknesses, even after they have finished the course.

Wael enjoys living in Leicester because it is cosmopolitan and modern while also being cosy and quiet, in his opinion. Furthermore, he believes it is extremely well connected and geographically convenient so you don’t need a car - you can just walk to campus or to the shopping centre.

Yasuko from Japan
Yasuko is from Kyoto in Japan where she studied English literature and linguistics at university. She chose to come to Leicester because she wanted to study TESOL and phonology and only a few universities offer that option.

Yasuko was nervous when she started the pre-sessional programme because she initially lacked confidence in English and struggled with listening. She was the only Japanese student in her class but her classmates and teachers made her feel more comfortable. On the last day of the course, they all went out for a celebratory dinner which is one of her best memories. Yasuko learnt some very useful academic skills while studying on Module D such as how to write essays, reference correctly and avoid plagiarism. She believes that this was a major advantage for her when she started her Masters course.

Yasuko feels at home in Leicester because it is a multicultural city where she does not feel out of place. She recommends to be open to other cultures and join student clubs to make friends. Her favourite places include Bradgate Park for country walks and Mrs Bridges for afternoon tea. She also very much enjoys the various festivals taking place around the city such as Diwali and Bonfire Night!

Ahmad from Kuwait
Ahmad worked as a lawyer in Kuwait City for three years before applying for a Masters in International Commercial Law at the University of Leicester. Ahmad chose to study in Leicester because Leicester City Football Club had just won the Premier League!

Ahmad completed our 10-week summer pre-sessional programme and describes the ELTU as “fantastic”. He was impressed with the teaching style and how tutors encourage students to actively participate in class. He also enjoyed working in pairs. However, the most helpful thing was learning how to compose essays because he has to write a lot for his Masters. He adds that the in-sessional class for law students was also extremely useful and helped him understand complex legal terms he was unfamiliar with.

Ahmad describes Leicester as a small, quiet and beautiful city where people are friendly. He likes it that he can just walk or cycle and get anywhere quickly. He also appreciates the wide variety of restaurants available.

Ahmad recommends that students should live with people from other nationalities so that they can get more involved and practise their English. The trip to Oxford was a good opportunity for him to spend a whole day interacting with other students.

His final words of advice are: don’t be shy, participate in class, and learn to cook!
**Jing from China**

After completing a Bachelor degree and a work placement in a media company in Beijing, Jing decided to apply for an MA in New Media and Society at the University of Leicester to keep expanding her knowledge in this field and to improve her job prospects.

She found it difficult to improve her English in China and students she talked to on a WeChat group recommended that she came to the ELTU. They highlighted the importance of learning the British academic style to be successful in her future studies.

Jing now realises that completing the 20-week pre-sessional programme was worth the investment. She got to experience different teaching methods and ways of thinking. She studied hard and managed to improve her English from 5.0 to 6.5 IELTS. She believes that her tutors were friendly, professional and they gave her good directions and advice for the future.

Jing had an amazing time when she took part in the English Club and went to visit Leicester Castle and Gardens with teachers and classmates from different countries. She was able to practise her speaking in a friendly environment and it was also a great way for her to discover new places in Leicester.

She feels like Leicester has become her home and she misses it when she goes away. She thinks it is a lovely place to live and study.

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**Shuoxiang (Frank) from China**

Shuoxiang is originally from Tang Shan, near Beijing. Before coming to the UK, he studied Business Administration at Nanjing University Of Finance & Economics. The Premier League victory of Leicester City Football Club inspired him to come and pursue his studies in Leicester and he has become a big fan! Shuoxiang enjoys living in Leicester as he describes it as being a peaceful, colourful and friendly city with a strong sense of community and belonging, particularly on match days or during the many festivals. Shuoxiang decided to join the pre-sessional programme because he wanted to come to the UK early and get a chance to make friends and adapt to the UK lifestyle. Shuoxiang followed his teachers’ recommendation to be respectful and open to other students and cultures.

His best memories are the times he spent socialising with international students and staff at English CLUB, visiting interesting places such as the New Walk Museum, Guildhall and Leicester Cathedral. He also enjoyed playing table tennis and chatting with his international friends in the Student Common Room. His advice to future students is: “don’t be shy, become friends with everyone and don’t always stay with people from your own country, it will help you improve quicker!”

Shuoxiang has now completed his MSc in Finance and is hoping he can study for a PhD in Leicester.

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**Kubra from Turkey**

Kubra was a third year student in Istanbul when she first heard about the DNA fingerprinting technique developed by the University of Leicester. This motivated her to apply for a Masters in Cancer Cell and Molecular Biology at the university and she is now hoping to carry on with a PhD in Genetics and Genome Biology.

Kubra describes Module D as being intensive and targeted, which was just what she needed to improve her English and prepare for her academic studies. She thought the programme was very well structured with clear connections between each part of the course. She very much enjoyed the vocabulary game her class played every week. It was like a competition and they learnt a lot while having fun. She made really good friends during her time at the ELTU.

Kubra thinks Leicester is a pleasant and peaceful city to live in. She loves spending time visiting Leicester free museums such as New Walk Museum and Newarke Houses.

Kubra was nervous before coming to Leicester but now realises that she had nothing to worry about. She says that the ELTU staff are friendly and helpful and recommends that students need to study hard and always remember their aim, which is progressing to the degree course, not just improving English.
Accommodation

Pre-sessional students are usually accommodated in university halls of residence. Applications for rooms should be made online. Further information can be found at www.le.ac.uk/accommodation.

Please note that this accommodation is not suitable for families. However, family accommodation to suit a range of tastes and budgets may easily be rented from private landlords.

Payment of fees

A £200 deposit is required for you to secure your place on the course. The remainder of your course fees should be paid in full prior to the start of the course. This can be done using one of the following methods:

• Online by credit or debit card (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Maestro and Delta)
• Bank transfer
• Cheque or banker’s draft

Please contact feespayment@le.ac.uk for further information.
About the ELTU

In addition to pre-sessional programmes, the ELTU offers many other courses, including:

• Free in-sessional courses for the University’s international students

• English language courses for Erasmus/Study Abroad students

• Teaching training courses, such as the Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)

• A range of International Summer Programmes

• Bespoke specialised English courses for professionals, teachers and academics.

About the University

Established in 1921 and granted its royal charter in 1957, the University of Leicester is ranked among the top 160 universities in the world by The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings. It has gained worldwide recognition for pioneering work in establishing genetic fingerprinting in 1986 and for the recent discovery and identification of the remains of King Richard III. The university is situated on a compact campus twenty minutes’ walk from the city centre and has a range of excellent facilities and services, including the award-winning David Wilson Library.

About the city

Leicester is one of the most lively and diverse cities in the UK, known for its multi-cultural society and friendly and safe atmosphere. Situated in the centre of England, Leicester is well connected by road, rail and air and is only just over an hour by train from London. As well as a wide range of modern shopping and leisure facilities, Leicester has a rich history dating back 2000 years and hosts a wide array of cultural events. Leicester is also a renowned sporting city with Leicester City winning the English Premier League football title in 2016 and Leicester Tigers holding the record for English Premiership titles in rugby union.

“... The tutors are very helpful and they really help me improve my English."

Risa, South Korea
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