Pre-sessional English Language Programmes 2017-2018
The pre-sessional courses were very useful and the team are like your family. My English improved so rapidly.

Alregab, Saudi Arabia
Pre-sessional programmes

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 is accredited by the British Council and has nearly 30 years of experience in offering pre-sessional English.

**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 6.0 or 6.5**

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<th>PROGRAMME</th>
<th>ENTRY REQUIREMENT</th>
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<td>40 weeks  (Module A,B,C,D)</td>
<td>IELTS 4.0 (Law applicants 4.5)</td>
<td>9 October 2017 – 14 September 2018</td>
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<td>6 weeks (Module E)</td>
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<td>Study Skills 2 weeks</td>
<td>Unconditional offer from the University of Leicester</td>
<td>17 September 2018 – 28 September 2018</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.
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.

- Module E is for Masters and PhD applicants only. For Masters applicants, it may be possible to integrate your offer with that for your academic programme. Please visit www.le.ac.uk/integrated-offer for more information.
- 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.

To be issued a CAS integrated with your Masters programme, a deposit of half of your tuition fees 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)
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>
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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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Ahmed from Saudi Arabia

Ahmed worked as a teaching assistant in Marketing before coming to the UK. He decided to come to study at the ELTU based on recommendations from friends as he said that the ELTU has a very good reputation among Saudi students.

Ahmed completed our 10-week pre-sessional programme and was impressed with the ELTU’s encouraging environment. He learnt very valuable lessons from his tutors who motivated him and gave him the structure he needed to develop his academic skills, particularly his writing. Ahmed would recommend the ELTU to anyone who is serious and committed to improving their English, especially in the academic field. Ahmed advises students to make good use of the ELTU lending library which contains many useful books.

Ahmed describes Leicester as enjoyable, affordable and multicultural. He likes it that there are so many parks and that the city organises a lot of events and activities, particularly for children. Ahmed said the extra-curricular activities organised by the ELTU are a great way of getting to know other students and he made what is now a close friend during the course trip to Lincoln. But his best memory is his birthday party when classmates and staff all came together to celebrate and he felt like he was with family.

Metaib from Saudi Arabia

Before coming to the UK, Metaib studied English Literature at King Faisal University in Laaha. After completing the 20-week pre-sessional programme, he started a Masters in TESOL at the University of Leicester and also took part in the in-sessional programme, attending weekly English language support classes to complement his academic study.

Metaib describes the ELTU as ‘family’ because students and staff develop strong bonds. He thinks that everyone is friendly and supportive and the ELTU delivers high quality teaching using a wide range of materials. Metaib adds that the pre-sessional programme not only helped him improve his English, but it also prepared him for academic studies, suggesting that students who have not done the pre-sessional programme can take time to adjust to the UK academic style and online tools.

Metaib’s best memories at the ELTU are the times he spent at the English Club, visiting Leicester museums or playing football in the park with his teachers and friends. He also had a great time when he went on the course trip to Cambridge.

Metaib enjoys living in Leicester because it’s a very multicultural city where people tend to be open and friendly. He also mentioned that the weather is quite temperate and pleasant!

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.

Zhandarbek from Kazakhstan

Zhandarbek is originally from Karaganda City. After gaining a bachelor degree in State and Local Administration from the Euroasian National University in Astana and working for the Ministry of Labour, he won a Bolashak scholarship.

Zhandarbek decided to come to the ELTU because his friends told him it is one of the best language centres in the UK and Leicester is a great place to live. He describes it as being in the heart of England so everywhere is just a hop away, it’s cheaper than most cities, and the University is close to the city centre. Zhandarbek loves playing football, especially in the beautiful Abbey Park, and he has become a fan of Leicester City Football Club.

Zhandarbek describes his tutors as having a kind and respectful approach, encouraging him to break language barriers he had previously struggled with and allowing him to fully express his thoughts in English. He also enjoyed spending time socialising with his international friends in the Student Common Room and on course trips, adding that taking part in social activities are the best ways to practise speaking.

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
• Preparation courses for Cambridge English exams
• 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.

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

Risa, South Korea

About the University

Established in 1921 and granted its royal charter in 1957, the University of Leicester is ranked among the top 25 universities in the UK by The Sunday Times and the top 200 in the world by the Times Higher Education newspaper. 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.
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