How will summer pre-sessional courses be delivered?

Summer 2020 pre-sessional courses will be delivered online only with no campus based classes. Modules C (IELTS 5.0 entry) and D (IELTS 5.5 entry) are due to start on 6th July and Module E (IELTS 6.0 entry) on 3rd August.

All term three modules which started on 30th March are being successfully delivered online to over 100 students. University buildings are now closed for the time being but all departments remain open remotely and can be contacted as usual by email. We advise students not to travel to Leicester at this time.

How will 2020/21 term one pre-sessional courses be delivered?

We will continue to offer online delivery of pre-sessional courses in term one of 2020/21, due to start on 5th October.

An announcement will be made in early July as to whether we will be offering campus-based courses as well.

If campus-based courses are offered, they would run in parallel to the online version and a student would have to choose to study either one or the other. We are not expecting it to be possible for students to transfer between courses during the term.

Which pre-sessional courses will be running in term one of 2020/21?

We are planning on running Modules A, B, C and D as usual. In addition, we will also be offering Module E to feed into Masters courses starting in January 2021.

Can I apply for University of Leicester summer pre-sessional modules now?

You can apply now online. There is no need to have taken an English test before making an application.

Are the tuition fees for online pre-sessional courses the same?

Yes, tuition fees for online courses remain the same. However, a £1,000 bursary will be offered to students who successfully progress onto an academic course at the university. This scholarship will be discounted from the tuition fees of the academic course, for September 2020 and January 2021 intakes only. The bursary is only valid for students taking an online pre-sessional and would not be applicable for campus-based pre-sessional courses.

If I complete Module D or Module E successfully to meet the English language conditions of my academic offer, can I defer my entry?

Having successful completed Module D or Module E, you can use this to meet university English Language conditions for up to 12 months without taking another language test. Please note that the £1,000 bursary is only available for entry to academic courses in September 2020 and January 2021.

What experience does the ELTU have in delivering online courses?

The ELTU has great experience in using technology to teach, and, for instance, offers a Postgraduate Certificate course online and this semester has been teaching all academic English modules online.
for students at our China campus, collaborating with Dalian University of Technology. Furthermore, over 100 students have been studying term three pre-sessional courses online with the ELTU.

More widely, the University of Leicester is one of the oldest and most globally recognised providers of online learning in the UK, with over 25,000 graduates across the globe.

What benefits are there to studying online?

- Study at home without having to pay for international travel and accommodation fees.
- There is no need to apply for a visa for the pre-sessional course, saving time and money.
- There is more flexibility in entry requirements and no need to take a UKVI IELTS test, for instance. An online Leicester Pre-sessional English Test is available if you are unable to take another test.
- Study at your own pace, at times that are convenient for you.

What are the course contents?

Please download our online pre-sessional brochure for more information.

How will Study Skills be delivered?

We are continuing to monitor the situation, taking into account university policy and government advice. We will make an announcement at the start of July. The course dates are scheduled for 14th to 25th September.

This course is aimed at students who already have an unconditional offer for a University of Leicester degree course and want to develop their academic skills and learn more about UK study culture in preparation.

Do you offer an internal test to meet the language conditions of a pre-sessional offer?

Yes, we have the Leicester Pre-sessional Entry Test (LPET) which can be used to meet the language conditions of a pre-sessional offer. The listening, writing and reading parts of the test are taken online and speaking is tested through a video interview. For more information about how to take LPET, please email English.test@le.ac.uk.

Due to immigration regulations, please note there are restrictions about using the LPET for entry to campus-based pre-sessional courses if you choose to defer your offer. Please email pspadmissions@le.ac.uk for further information.

Will the International Summer Programmes take place?

Both the July International Summer Programmes, due to start on 13th July, and the August International Summer Programmes, due to start on 3rd August, have been cancelled. However, we hope to be able to offer some online taster classes. Please email summer@le.ac.uk with any enquiries.

Advanced English for Engineers, Advanced English for Chemists and Advanced English for Mathematics are planned to go ahead in January 2021 and English for Medics in March 2021.

Will the EAP Teacher Development Programme and EMI Teacher Development Programme take place?

16th April 2020
These teacher training programmes, due to start on 13th July, have been cancelled. However, we hope to be able to offer some online taster classes. Please email internationalcpd@le.ac.uk with any enquiries.