**General overview**

**How will the ELTU deliver its pre-sessional courses in Term 1 of the 2020/21 academic year?**

The ELTU plans to deliver pre-sessional modules (Modules A, C, D and E) online in Term 1. Modules C and D will start on 5th October. Module A will start on 12th October and Module E on 2nd November. These courses consist of online classes and tutorials as well as online guided independent study.

In addition, Module D and Module E will be available in Ignite format, combining classroom based classes and tutorials as well as online guided independent study. Two options are available to students applying for Module D and Module E in Term 1.

**How will Study Skills be delivered?**

Study Skills will not be running in September. We are hoping instead to deliver it on campus in early January 2021.

**How will pre-sessional courses be delivered during the rest of 2020/21?**

We are monitoring the situation and will return to the traditional 21 hours per week classroom-based courses when government and university guidelines allow us to implement this change. An update will be announced in mid-October 2020.

**Can I apply to study Module B in term 1?**

No, unfortunately we have made the decision not to run Module B in term 1.

**Online and Ignite overview**

**What is the format of the Online and Ignite courses?**

Both courses have 8 to 10 hours per week of live interactive classes and tutorials. On the Ignite course, these will take place in classrooms and on the Online course, these will be delivered by video using Zoom. Attendance of these classes is compulsory and a register will be taken. The Online classes take place between 8:30 and 13:00 BST.

In addition, there will be 25 hours of guided independent study per week. Students can individually decide when it is most convenient for them to schedule these weekly tasks, providing flexibility and convenience.

**Why doesn’t the Ignite course have the same 21 hours per week timetable as traditional pre-sessional courses?**

Our classes rely on interaction and group work; social distancing rules will have an impact on the classroom experience for students and teachers alike. From the experience gained by delivering recent pre-sessional courses online, we believe that students will benefit more by studying part of the course independently with remote support from teachers. This model allows students to study at their own pace and provides focused opportunities for our students to apply this learning in the live sessions with a tutor and their peers.
Furthermore, as the **Ignite** and **Online** courses follow the same structure, in certain circumstances it will be possible for **Ignite** students to take the live classes online for a short period with the agreement of the Course Director.

**What are the main benefits of choosing the Ignite option?**

**Ignite** will allow students to benefit from being able to meet their classmates and teachers in person, gain access to campus facilities, study in an English-speaking environment and to get to know the university and city.

**What are the main benefits of choosing the Online option?**

There is more flexibility in the admissions process, with a wider range of English tests being accepted and shorter deadlines. Furthermore, students can save money by studying at home and not having to pay accommodation, visa and flight costs. There is also a £1,000 bursary for students who successfully complete the **Online** course and progress onto an academic course at the University of Leicester.

**What will Ignite classrooms be like?**

Classrooms will be organised according to social distancing guidelines from the university and government. All classrooms will be risk assessed and will be COVID compliant. There will be no more than 16 students in a class.

**Will I be able to meet my Ignite personal tutor in person?**

Yes, this will be possible by appointment and provided social distancing protocols are followed.

**What is the Integrated Masters?**

The Integrated Masters allows for students to combine the **Ignite** pre-sessional and their Masters programme study on the same visa. This means that there is the only the need to apply for one visa and not two, saving time, money and inconvenience. Furthermore, we are able to accept a wider range of English tests for entry to the Integrated Masters.

To apply for the Integrated Masters, students must have a minimum of IELTS 5.5 in each component. The Admissions team will advise if you qualify for the Integrated Masters and you can read more information here. Please note, students must pass the pre-sessional course to automatically progress onto their Masters course.
If I join the Ignite course, will I qualify for the £1,000 bursary?

No. Only students who fully study the Online course will receive the bursary.

Below is a comparison of the different aspects of Online and Ignite:

### Module D

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Acceptable tests/exams for admission:
- Many options
- Leicester Pre-sessional English Test
- Secure English Language Test
- (More options for Integrated Masters)

Tuition fee:
- £3,750
- (£1,000 bursary upon successful progression to academic programme)

Course contents:
- 8 to 10 hours per week of video classes and tutorials
- 25 hours per week of guided independent study
- 8 to 10 hours per week of classroom-based classes and tutorials
- 25 hours per week of guided independent study

### Module E

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Acceptable tests for admission:
- Many options
- Leicester Pre-sessional English Test
- Secure English Language Test
- (More options for Integrated Masters)

Tuition fee:
- £2,250
- (£1,000 bursary upon successful progression to academic programme)

Course contents:
- 8 to 10 hours per week of video classes
- 25 hours of guided independent study
- 8 to 10 hours per week of classroom-based classes
- 25 hours of guided independent study
Application, acceptance and registration

How can I apply for term 1 pre-sessional?

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

When do I have to decide whether to choose Ignite or Online?

You should make the decision between Ignite and Online when making an application. As students on Ignite will need to apply for a visa, there are shorter application and acceptance deadlines. Please see the table above for more details. Also, it may not be possible to gain admission for Ignite depending on the English language test or exam you have taken.

How do I accept my offer and reserve a place on the course?

To reserve your place on either Online or Ignite, you should complete the acceptance form and return it to pspadmissions@le.ac.uk, also paying a £200 deposit. You can read more about how to do this here. Please note, in the table above that the acceptance deadline is earlier for Ignite than Online.

For students on the Ignite course, you will receive a CAS after you accept your offer and pay your deposit, so that you can apply for your visa.

How do I register?

For both Ignite and Online courses, students who have accepted an offer will receive instructions a month before the course starts on how to register online. Before you can register online, you will need to pay your tuition fees in full. Depending on the way you pay your fees, there may be a short gap between payment being made and the ability to register.

Provided students complete online registration in advance, Ignite students will receive their university ID card and have their visas checked on the first day of the course.

Do I need to create a Zoom account?

A Zoom account will be created for you by the ELTU as part of the registration process.

Deferrals and changing courses

I had an offer for the Online summer pre-sessional. Can I defer it to the Term 1 Ignite course?

This will depend on the type of English test certificate you used when applying for the Online pre-sessional. If you are applying for an Integrated Masters, then generally this is possible. Please email pspadmissions@le.ac.uk to check. If not, you would need to have an IELTS for UKVI SELT to apply for a Tier 4 visa.

However, you can defer your summer Online pre-sessional offer to Term 2 Online very easily.
I am studying Online Module C in the summer. Would it be possible to switch to Ignite Module D in Term 1?

Yes it is but the answer is the same as above. It will depend on your Masters offer and the English language test you have taken. In addition, you will need to pass Module C. Also, there are only three weeks between the terms so you should arrange to apply for a visa as soon as you have received your CAS after Module C finishes. Finally, switching to Ignite

Can I switch from Online to Ignite after the course has started?

No, this is not possible as students on Ignite must have a Tier 4 visa. Students must choose their mode of study when making an application.

Can I switch from Ignite to Online once the course has started?

It is possible to join classes on the Online course for a short period of time in exceptional circumstances, such as having to self-isolate, and with the agreement of the Course Director.

If I pass Online or Ignite in Term 1, can I defer my academic course entry to September 2021?

Yes. However, students on the Online course would not be eligible for the £1,000 bursary in this circumstance.

Students taking an Integrated Masters will not be able to defer their degree studies to September 2021, unless they withdraw from their course and leave the UK until September 2021.