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## Centre for English Language Education (CELE) English language preparation and support

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Students studying on University Park Campus.

# Welcome to the Centre for English Language Education

You will receive a warm welcome at The University of Nottingham's Centre for English Language Education (CELE). We are proud of our international reputation for outstanding English language and study skills courses. We attract students from across the globe to study with us as part of our exciting and growing international student community.

CELE is based on our award-winning Jubilee Campus, which offers students an inspiring and exciting learning environment. Close to the city centre, the campus has a full range of sports, retail, social and support amenities including the International Office – a dedicated resource for all our international students.

Studying with CELE can give you a great start to your student journey at Nottingham. If you successfully complete the preessional course and receive an academic offer to study at the University, you can progress on to your chosen degree without taking another IELTS test. We are one of the world's top universities, and as a Nottingham graduate, you will gain essential skills and specialist knowledge which can help you to achieve your career goals.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Louis Harrison**  
*Head of the Centre for English Language Education*



# Why choose Nottingham?

**Our international students are an important and dynamic element of our student community, and by choosing to study with CELE you will become part of an internationally renowned institution.**

## A global university

With more than 32,000 students from over 150 countries and two overseas campuses, Nottingham is an international institution. We are ranked in the top 70 universities worldwide by the QS World University Rankings 2015/16, and our qualifications are recognised across the globe.

CELE is part of The University of Nottingham's School of Education, which has a long history that stretches back over 100 years. The school was ranked 3rd of all education departments in the UK in the latest Research Excellence Framework, and many of the school's staff have been recognised for excellence in teaching.

## A vibrant student community

As soon as you begin your studies at Nottingham, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students' Union, which is considered to be one of the best in the country. There are hundreds of activities that you could be part of, providing you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests.

Find out more: [www.su.nottingham.ac.uk](http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk)

Also, the University Chaplaincy has strong connections into the local community and its diverse communities of faith:

[www.nottingham.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/chaplaincy)

## Discover Nottingham city

Nottingham is an exciting city for students, with a fascinating history and always something new to explore:

- Nottingham was recently featured in The Sunday Times as one of their 'Best Cities to Live'
- The city's transport network has seen major investment in the last couple of years, with the tram system and buses linking our campuses directly to the city centre
- The city is located in the heart of the UK, and the excellent road and rail networks make most UK cities reachable in under two hours
- Nottingham is famous for nightlife and holds the Purple Flag award for safety after dark
- East Midlands Airport offers domestic and international flights to over 70 destinations, including Europe and the USA
- As well as a huge variety of restaurants and bars, Nottingham has food and drink festivals and markets that run throughout the year in the city centre

Find out more: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/nottinghamlife](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/nottinghamlife)

**“The teachers are brilliant. They are very kind and friendly and make the lessons easy and accessible for you. I feel that I have improved my confidence, my critical reading and my academic writing.”**

**Zeinab Abbass studied a five-week preessional course with CELE**

# Preessional English for Academic Purposes (PEAP)

**Preessional English for Academic Purposes (PEAP) programmes are designed to bring your academic and language skills up to the required level, so you can study an undergraduate or postgraduate degree with us.**

## Who are preessional courses suitable for?

You can study a preessional course if you want to progress to a foundation, undergraduate, or postgraduate degree at The University of Nottingham. For students wishing to study PEAP at CELE in order to progress to study at other universities, we would strongly recommend that you seek prior acceptance of your CELE course from your chosen institution, before starting PEAP.

Depending on the English language requirement for your academic course, you could study with us if your IELTS score is 4 or above. We offer a range of courses to choose from, depending on your current English language skills.

For students who want to study a postgraduate degree in Business or Engineering, we have developed the Joint Offer specialist course. This enables you to integrate your preessional English studies with your chosen masters degree, in a single programme.

Find out more on page 9.

## A preessional course will:

- Provide you with a high-quality learning experience at a global top 70 university
- Allow you to enter your chosen undergraduate or postgraduate programme here at Nottingham or other universities once you have successfully passed the course, without having to take another IELTS
- Develop your study skills, so that you are prepared for UK Higher Education

- Help you to create a network of friends and establish you as a valued member of our student community
- Give you access to our extensive facilities and support services

## How are the courses taught?

As soon as you accept your preessional offer, we will send you a link to our online pre-arrival course so you can start learning before your course starts. Our preessional courses are taught in small groups, and you will work closely with the tutor. Depending on the level of the course you study, you will learn through various activities, including:

- Taking part in group discussion
- Presenting information to an audience
- Writing and reading academic texts
- Analysing and evaluating academic arguments
- Attending lectures

## How are the courses assessed?

Depending on the level of the course you study, you will be assessed through various methods including:

- Researching and writing academic essays and projects
- Giving academic presentations
- Participating in individual interviews and group discussions
- Writing a reflective essay about your learning experience

## CELE facts

- 98% of students on our preessional English courses successfully progress on to their chosen degree programme
- Of the CELE students who went on to study a masters degree with the Nottingham University Business School, 75% received a merit or distinction
- 90% of CELE students would recommend our courses to a friend

# Which preessional course is right for you?

The length of preessional course you need depends on the entry requirements of your degree course, and your current English language skills.

1. Check the entry requirements of your chosen degree course at:

[www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus)

2. Use the tables below to identify the course you will need

3. Visit the website for more information: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele)

## Your foundation year requires IELTS 5.5 (with no score lower than 5.0)

Your current IELTS score		Length of course you need	Level of course you need
Overall	No score lower than		
4.0	4.0	30 weeks	PEAP 1, 2 and 3
4.5	4.0	30 weeks	PEAP 1, 2 and 3
4.5	4.0 (with 4.5 in writing)	20 weeks	PEAP 2 and 3
5.0	4.5	10 weeks	PEAP 3
5.0	5.0	10 weeks	PEAP 3

## Your degree course requires IELTS 6.0 (with no score lower than 5.5)

Your current IELTS score		Length of course you need	Level of course you need
Overall	No score lower than		
4.0	4.0	40 weeks	PEAP 1, 2, 3 and 4
4.5	4.0	40 weeks	PEAP 1, 2, 3 and 4
4.5	4.0 (with 4.5 in writing)	30 weeks	PEAP 2, 3 and 4
5.0	4.5	20 weeks	PEAP 3 and 4
5.0	5.0	20 weeks	PEAP 3 and 4
5.5	5.0	10 weeks	PEAP 4
5.5	5.5	5 or 10 weeks	PEAP 4
6.0	5.0 (with 5.5 in writing)	5 weeks	PEAP 4
6.0 and above	5.5 and above	4 week Preessional Academic Study Skills (PASS). See page 8 for more information.	

## Your degree course requires IELTS 6.5 (with no score lower than 6.0)

Your current IELTS score		Length of course you need	Level of course you need
Overall	No score lower than		
4.0	4.0	40 weeks	PEAP 1, 2, 3 and 4
4.5	4.0	40 weeks	PEAP 1, 2, 3 and 4
4.5	4.0 (with 4.5 in writing)	30 weeks	PEAP 2, 3 and 4
5.0	4.5	30 weeks	PEAP 2, 3 and 4
5.0	5.0	20 weeks	PEAP 3 and 4
5.5	5.0	20 weeks	PEAP 3 and 4
5.5	5.5	20 weeks	PEAP 3 and 4
6.0	5.0 (with 5.5 in writing)	10 weeks	PEAP 4
6.0	5.5 (with 6.0 in writing)	5 weeks	PEAP 4
6.0	6.0	5 weeks	PEAP 4
6.5	6.0	4 week Preessional Academic Study Skills (PASS). See page 8 for more information.	
6.5	6.0 (with 6.5 in reading and writing)		
6.5	6.5		
7.0	6.5		

“Students who have had the preessional course are familiar with the teaching methodology and approach, which helps them integrate into the teaching and learning system very well.”

Dr Amy Yue Tang, Assistant Professor in Architecture and Urban Design, Faculty of Engineering

## Your degree course requires IELTS 7.0 (with no score lower than 6.0)

Your current IELTS score		Length of course you need	Level of course you need
Overall	No score lower than		
4.5	4.0 (with 4.5 in writing)	40 weeks	Please contact us
5.0	4.5	40 weeks	
5.0	5.0	40 weeks	
5.5	5.0	30 weeks	
5.5	5.5	30 weeks	
6.0	5.0 (with 5.5 in writing)	20 weeks	
6.0	5.5	20 weeks	
6.0	6.0	20 weeks	
6.5	6.0	10 week subject specialist course or PEAP 4	
6.5	6.0 (with 6.5 in reading and writing)	5 weeks	PEAP 4
6.5	6.5	5 weeks	PEAP 4
7.0	6.5	4 week Preessional Academic Study Skills (PASS). <b>See below for more information.</b>	

### Preessional Academic Study Skills (PASS)

This course is for students with unconditional offers to study with us, including study abroad students and Erasmus/Socrates students. It gives you the opportunity to develop your academic and English language skills, and will:

- prepare for the kinds of tasks you will need to perform in your future academic studies
- develop and improve your language skills in all areas
- develop your understanding of the expectations of British academic study
- develop the confidence and skills necessary to succeed in your academic studies

Students studying PASS will have a guaranteed place on their chosen degree, and will progress automatically to this when the four week course has been completed. You will only need one Tier 4 visa and CAS.

Full information about all of the preessional courses we offer can be found on our website: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele)

# Specialist courses

We offer specialist preessional courses for students who want to study a degree in:

- **Architecture and Built Environment (undergraduate or postgraduate)**
- **Business (undergraduate or postgraduate)**
- **Engineering (undergraduate or postgraduate)**
- **Law (postgraduate)**

These courses are taught in collaboration with the appropriate academic department, and are designed to prepare students for their studies and to familiarise them with the department's teaching methods.

Students who want to study a postgraduate taught programme in Architecture and Built Environment, Business or Engineering may be able to apply for a Joint Offer specialist course which is taught over the summer.

### Joint Offer specialist course

To be eligible for a Joint Offer specialist course, you must meet the academic entry requirements of your chosen postgraduate programme. You will find details of what these requirements are, on the individual programme pages in our online prospectus: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy)

These courses enable you to integrate your preessional English studies with your chosen masters degree, in a single programme. Once you have completed the preessional course (which will take five or ten weeks) you will then progress straight to your chosen postgraduate programme.

**Benefits of studying a Joint Offer specialist course:**

- You only need one Tier 4 visa and CAS
- You have a guaranteed place on your chosen taught postgraduate course
- Your progression to your chosen postgraduate programme is automatic, provided your attendance is 80% or above and you complete all the coursework

**Please note:**

- Joint Offer specialist preessional courses are only available to students who want to study a taught postgraduate programme at Nottingham.
- The courses are available for ten or five weeks in the summer

Find out more about all of the specialist preessional courses we offer, on the course details page of our website:

[www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele)

# Supporting you

As a CELE student you will have full access to the University's support services, including the Careers and Employability Service, Student Service Centres, the Health Centre, and the Chaplaincy and Faith Support team.

## Advice and guidance

At Nottingham we offer advice and guidance before you arrive, on everything from accommodation, visas, and getting here. We are also committed to supporting you throughout your studies to ensure that you feel at home here, and we offer all the information you need to live and study at Nottingham.

Members of our International Office and academic staff regularly visit different countries to meet prospective students and their families. We work closely with the British Council and have a worldwide network of representatives, all of whom can give you advice on studying in the UK and at The University of Nottingham.

For details of upcoming events around the world, representatives in your country, and how to visit us at Nottingham, visit [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/meetus](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/meetus)

## Insessional Academic English Support

While you are studying your degree with us, you can continue to develop your English Language skills in various ways by:

- registering for a course, which will involve studying a module in a class
- attending a one-to-one consultation

## Courses

Our insessional courses are classroom-based modules lasting from three to nine weeks. They take place at lunchtime, in the afternoon or at the end of the normal teaching day (5pm), to allow as many students as possible to fit language support around their academic programme. Classes are usually one or one and a half hours long, and are held on different sites around the University.

## Consultations

If you need individual help with any aspect of language or study skills, you can discuss this face-to-face with a CELE tutor. We offer one-to-one consultations throughout term time and during the summer vacation, and you can have up to three consultations per term. Tutors are happy to deal with your queries, and advise and help you to overcome particular difficulties eg. by reading and discussing a section of your writing (up to 1,000 words) with you.

Find out more about Insessional Academic English Support on our website: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/insessional](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/insessional)

# Visa information

The University offers support and advice about visas. Non-EU students have three main visa options, depending on the length of the course they will be studying at CELE and their English language qualifications:

## Tier 4 Student Visa

- This is for applicants who want to take a pre-sessional course and then study at postgraduate, undergraduate or foundation level at a UK University\*
- You need to take a UKVI approved IELTS test (also known as a Secure English Language Test or SELT)

## \*Visas for Joint Offer specialist courses

If you want to study a ten or five week Joint Offer specialist course (see page 9 for details), you only need one Tier 4 visa. These courses integrate your pre-sessional English studies with your masters degree in a single programme. Once you have completed the pre-sessional course, you progress straight to your chosen postgraduate programme. For Joint Offer specialist courses, you do not need to take a UKVI Secure English Language Test (SELT) – you can apply with any secure English language test recognised by The University of Nottingham.

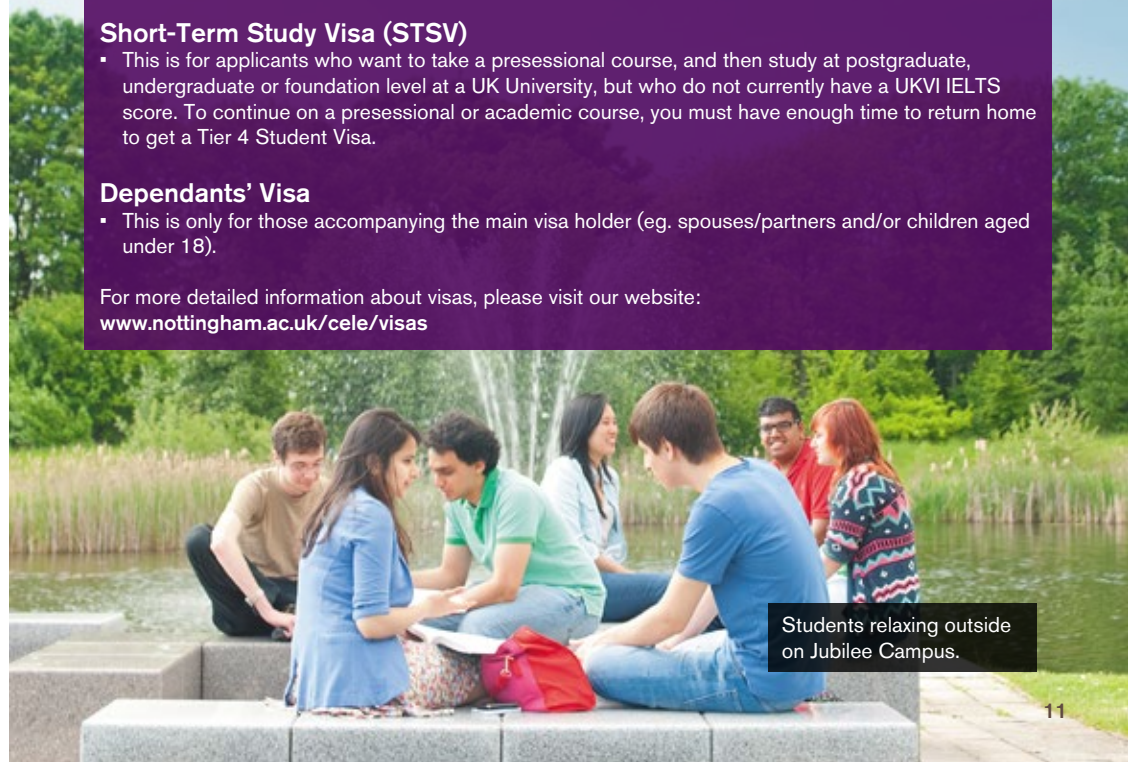
## Short-Term Study Visa (STSV)

- This is for applicants who want to take a pre-sessional course, and then study at postgraduate, undergraduate or foundation level at a UK University, but who do not currently have a UKVI IELTS score. To continue on a pre-sessional or academic course, you must have enough time to return home to get a Tier 4 Student Visa.

## Dependants' Visa

- This is only for those accompanying the main visa holder (eg. spouses/partners and/or children aged under 18).

For more detailed information about visas, please visit our website: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/visas](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/visas)



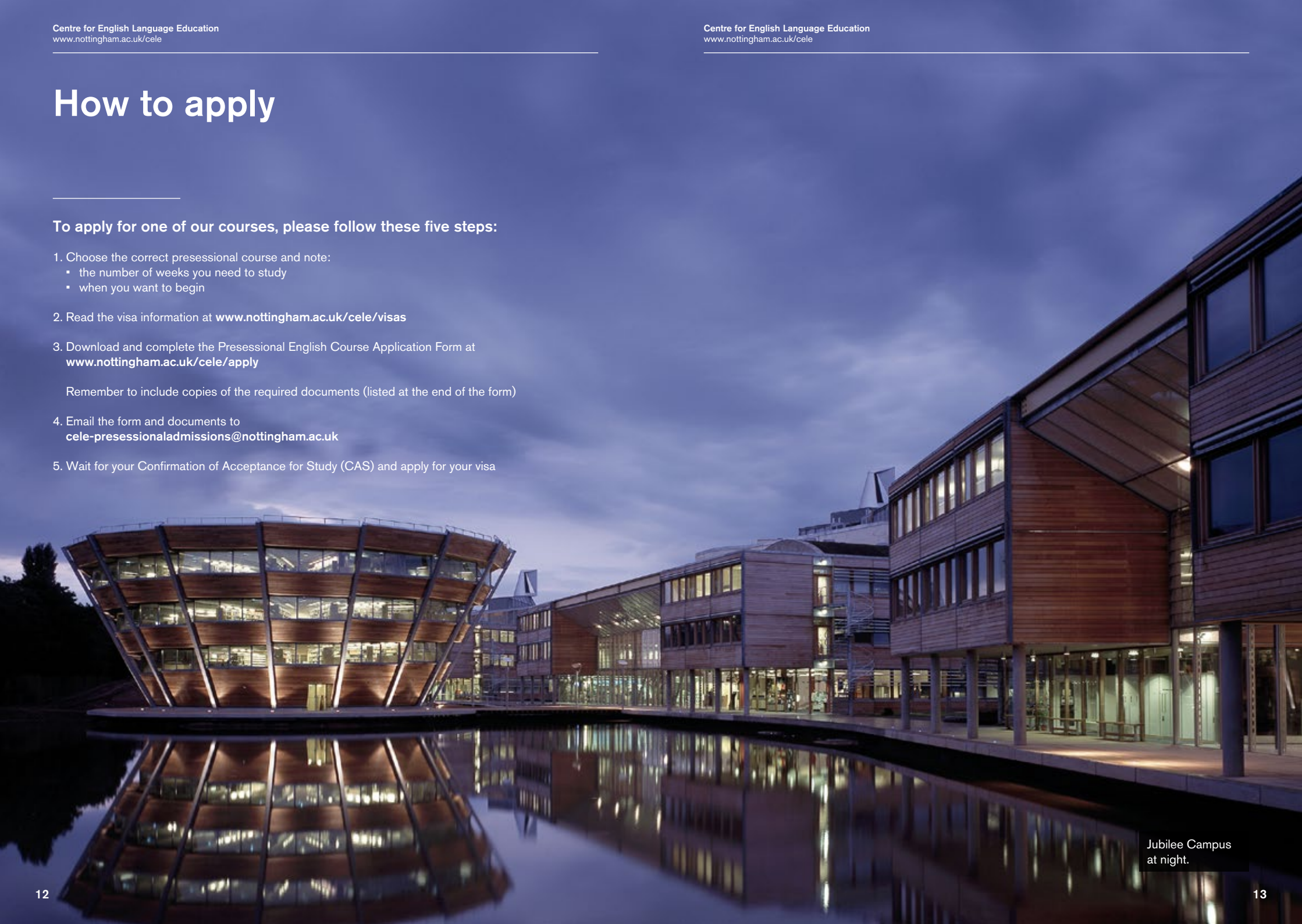
Students relaxing outside on Jubilee Campus.



# How to apply

To apply for one of our courses, please follow these five steps:

1. Choose the correct preessional course and note:
  - the number of weeks you need to study
  - when you want to begin
2. Read the visa information at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/visas](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/visas)
3. Download and complete the Preessional English Course Application Form at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/apply](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/apply)  
  
Remember to include copies of the required documents (listed at the end of the form)
4. Email the form and documents to [cele-preessionaladmissions@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:cele-preessionaladmissions@nottingham.ac.uk)
5. Wait for your Confirmation of Acceptance for Study (CAS) and apply for your visa



Jubilee Campus  
at night.

## Frequently asked questions

### How much do CELE courses cost?

For the latest information about course fees, please look at the individual course details on the website: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/preessional/which-course](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele/preessional/which-course)

### How do I pay my fees?

You can pay your fees online. You will need to show evidence of your ability to fund your studies, in order to apply for your visa. You can also contact the International Office for more help via the website at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationaloffice/contact-us](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationaloffice/contact-us)

### Where will I live while I am studying the course?

You can apply for University accommodation through the Accommodation Office at [www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation)

### Will I need a visa?

Yes, if you are from outside the EU. Please see page 11 for more information.

### How do I know which course is right for me?

This depends on the entry requirements of your degree course, and your existing English language skills. Please see pages 6-8 for more information.

Please visit the website for full details about our courses: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/cele)

Student studying in the library, Jubilee Campus.

## Contacting us

### Get in touch

You can contact us with any queries you may have:

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Our International Office staff regularly travel to countries around the world to speak to prospective students. For details of upcoming events, visit: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/countryvisits](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/countryvisits)

You can also visit us in Nottingham, attend one of our open days, or meet us at overseas offices in China, Ghana and Malaysia:

[www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/meetus](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/meetus)

The University of Nottingham works with overseas representatives (agents) in many countries. Our representatives can assist you with applying for our courses and making your student visa application. For details of our representatives, visit: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/representatives](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents/representatives)



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