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Centre for English Language Education

English language preparation and support



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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. Students from across the globe study with us as part of our exciting and growing international student community.

Studying with us is a great way to start your journey at the University.

CELE is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK, providing high-quality courses taught by experienced staff.

Nottingham is one of the world's top universities, and as a graduate, you will gain the essential skills and specialist knowledge required to achieve your career goals.

We are based on the award-winning Jubilee Campus, which offers one of the most inspiring and exciting study environments in the UK. Close to Nottingham city centre, it has a full range of shops, cafés and sports facilities, as well as dedicated support for international students.

Whatever your plans, we can help equip you with the language and study skills needed to help take you where you want to be.

Louis Harrison
Head of the Centre for English Language Education, part of the School of Education

"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, critical reading and academic writing."
Zeinab Abbass, CELE student
(five-week course)



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Nottingham is a **world top 100 university**
QS World University Rankings 2018



4th
in the UK for education
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017

Free
English language support during your academic degree

Preessional courses: the best way to prepare for university

We offer high-quality Preessional English for Academic Purposes (PEAP) courses, designed to develop your academic and language abilities.

If you want to study at the University of Nottingham, our courses enable you to:

- develop the English language and academic skills you need
- learn essential academic skills to give you the best chance of success
- join the right course for your level with flexible entry dates

Depending on the English language requirement of your academic course, you can study at CELE with an IELTS score of 4.0 or above, or equivalent. For a full list of the alternative English language requirements we accept, see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

We offer a range of courses, depending on your current English language skills. For some subjects, we provide joint offers which integrate your preessional course with your chosen masters degree, so you only need to apply for your visa once. Find out more on page 7.

When you have successfully completed your CELE course, you can usually progress directly to your academic course without retaking your IELTS or equivalent. Please contact CELE for details of courses that have additional entry requirements.

If you wish to study a PEAP course here in order to progress to study at another university, you will need to check that our course(s) will be accepted at your chosen institution before you start.

Key facts

- Benefit from a high-quality learning experience at a global top 100 university
- Prepare for studying within UK Higher Education
- Build a network of friends and be part of our student community
- Access extensive facilities and support services

Before you start

After you accept your preessional offer, we will send you a link to our online pre-arrival information so you can start learning before your course starts.

While you are here

Our preessional courses are taught in small groups and you will work closely with your tutor(s). 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

Assessing your knowledge

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



Build your subject knowledge

Our specialist preessional courses are preparation for students who are planning to study an academic degree in particular subject areas.

Undergraduate or postgraduate business

Undergraduate or postgraduate engineering

Postgraduate law

These courses are taught in collaboration with the academic school/department to prepare you for your studies and familiarise you with their teaching methods.

Joint offers

If you have an offer to study a specific postgraduate course at the University of Nottingham, you could be eligible to study a joint offer specialist course. Find out if this is an option for your chosen course at nottingham.ac.uk/cele/joint-cas

Joint offers integrate your preessional course with your chosen masters degree, so you:

- only need one Tier 4 visa and CAS
- are guaranteed a place on your chosen postgraduate course
- can automatically progress to your chosen postgraduate course, providing your attendance is at least 80% and all coursework is completed
- will study for 5–10 weeks over the summer

Please note subject specialist and/or joint offer preessional courses are only available to students who want to progress to a postgraduate course at Nottingham. You must meet the academic entry requirements of your chosen postgraduate course. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy

Preessional Academic Study Skills

Designed for students with unconditional offers to study at Nottingham, including study abroad students, our four-week Preessional Academic Study Skills course will:

- prepare you for your future academic studies
- improve your language skills in all areas
- introduce you to studying within UK Higher Education
- develop your confidence and skills
- guarantee you a place on your chosen academic course, with automatic progression once you have completed the study skills course
- ensure you only need one Tier 4 visa and CAS



Find the right course

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

Visit nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus to find the entry requirements for your chosen degree course. You can then use the tables below to identify which preessional course you will need.

Foundation course requiring IELTS 5.5 (5.0 in each element) or equivalent

Current IELTS score		Course you need	
Overall	In each element	Length	Level
4.0	4.0	30 weeks	PEAP 1, 2 and 3
4.5	4.0		
	4.0 (4.5 in writing)	20 weeks	PEAP 2 and 3
5.0	4.5	10 weeks	PEAP 3
	5.0		

Degree course requiring IELTS 6.0 (5.5 in each element) or equivalent

Current IELTS score		Course you need	
Overall	In each element	Length	Level
4.0	4.0	40 weeks	PEAP 1, 2, 3 and 4
4.5	4.0	30 weeks	
	4.0 (4.5 in writing)		
5.0	4.5	20 weeks	PEAP 3 and 4
	5.0	10 weeks	PEAP 4
5.5	5.0	10 weeks	
	5.5	5–10 weeks	
6.0	5.0 (5.5 in writing)	5 weeks	
6.0 or above	5.5 or above	4-week study skills course (see page 7)	

Degree course requiring IELTS 6.5 (6.0 in each element) or equivalent

Current IELTS score		Course you need	
Overall	In each element	Length	Level
4.0	4.0	40 weeks	PEAP 1, 2, 3 and 4
4.5	4.0		
		4.0 (4.5 in writing)	30 weeks
5.0	4.5		
		5.0	20 weeks
5.5	5.0		
		5.5	10 weeks
6.0	5.0 (5.5 in writing)		
	5.5 (6.0 in writing)		
	6.0	6 weeks - business only 5 weeks - engineering or general course	
6.5	6.0	4-week study skills course (see page 7)	
	6.0 (6.5 in reading and writing)		
	6.5		
7.0	6.5		

Degree course requiring IELTS 7.0 (6.0 or 6.5 in each element) or equivalent

Current IELTS score		Course you need	
Overall	In each element	Length	Level
4.5	4.0 (4.5 in writing)	40 weeks	Contact us for more information (see back cover)
5.0	4.5		
	5.0		
5.5	5.0	30 weeks	
	5.5	20 weeks	
6.0	5.0 (5.5 in writing)	20 weeks	
	5.5		
	6.0		
6.5	6.0	10-week specialist course or PEAP 4	
	6.0 (6.5 in reading and writing)	6 weeks - business only 5 weeks - engineering or general course	PEAP 4
	6.5		
7.0	6.5	4-week study skills course (see page 7)	

A support network built around you

As a CELE student you will have full access to the University's support services, including English language and study skills. This also incorporates the Careers and Employability Service, Student Service Centres, Health Centre, and Chaplaincy and Faith Support.

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

Vibrant student community

As soon as you begin your studies at Nottingham, you are automatically enrolled as a member of our Students' Union. There are hundreds of activities to provide you with the perfect opportunity to take up a new hobby or pursue existing interests, and you can choose from a wide variety of student-run societies. Find out more at su.nottingham.ac.uk

Your support network

Throughout your university journey there will be numerous people on hand to support and advise you, including tutors and dedicated staff. We have Student Service Centres on all three of our UK campuses, which provide a range of support, information and specialist services. For more information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/student-services

Career guidance

Our Careers and Employability Service will be on hand to offer you specialist support and guidance throughout your CELE course, academic degree and for life after you graduate. Whether you need help writing a CV, preparing for an interview or exploring career ideas, you can book one-to-one appointments or come along to a workshop. Each term there is also an exciting events schedule, bringing you face-to-face with employers offering real-life insight into their professions. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/careers

English language support: free while you study

While you are studying your academic degree with us, you can continue to develop your English language skills by registering for a free in-session course.

These are classroom-based modules lasting from three to nine weeks. They typically 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 studies. Classes are usually 60–90 minutes long, and are held in different locations around the University.

One-to-one 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 free 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 help you with any difficulties you may experience. For example, they can read and discuss a section of your writing (up to 1,000 words) with you.

Typical modules

- Academic Discussion Skills
- Academic Vocabulary Skills
- Academic Writing: Achieving Clarity
- Academic Writing: Grammatical Accuracy
- Academic Writing: Planning an Assignment
- Academic Writing: Synthesising Sources
- Effective Academic Presentation
- Effective Academic Reading
- Grammar Review
- Improving Pronunciation
- Introduction to Academic Writing
- Listening: Academic Focus
- Listening: Social Focus
- Research Writing
- Social Conversation

Modules may change, for example due to curriculum developments. The above list is a sample of typical modules that we offer, not a definitive list. The most up to date information can be found on our website at nottingham.ac.uk/cele



From your world, to ours

At Nottingham, our international students are an important and dynamic element of our student community.

By choosing to study with CELE, you will join an internationally renowned institution. The centre is part of the University's School of Education, which has a long history that stretches back over 200 years.

The school was ranked 3rd among UK education departments in the latest Research Excellence Framework, and 4th in the UK according to the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017. Many of our staff have also been recognised for excellence in teaching.

Time to travel

Getting here is easy. Nottingham is less than two hours from London, with excellent transport links to the capital and the rest of the UK. East Midlands Airport, one of the UK's fastest growing airports, is only 40 minutes from the city centre via a 24-hour bus service.

A city with a rich history

The city of Nottingham is a great place to study and live. Music lovers can take their pick from the world-famous Rock City, Motorpoint Arena or one of the smaller gig venues for a more intimate live show. If you enjoy shopping, there are independent boutiques and vintage shops as well as high street names in our large shopping centres.

The city is also a hotspot for dining, with a mix of chain and independent cafes, restaurants and delis on offer, and sports, with Trent Bridge cricket ground and the National Water Sports Centre.

You can explore the ancient caves beneath Nottingham Castle, or take a relaxing walk through Wollaton Park and visit its imposing Elizabethan Hall. Nottinghamshire's most well-known attractions include Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest and the historic Goose Fair, held every October.

The Centre for English Language Education is based on the innovative Jubilee Campus – take a virtual tour at nottingham.ac.uk/virtualnottingham

How to apply

Tuition fees

For the most up to date fee information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/cele

You can pay your fees online and will need to show evidence of your ability to fund your studies in order to apply for your visa.

Which course is right for you?

The entry requirements of your chosen academic course and your current English language skills will affect the length of preessional course you need. For more information, see page 8.

If you have taken an English language test other than IELTS, such as TOEFL or PTE, please see our website for guidance at nottingham.ac.uk/cele/preessional

Support for EU and international applicants

At Nottingham, our global community is made up of staff and students from more than 150 countries.

For country-specific information including contact details and representatives, see nottingham.ac.uk/go/yourcountry

Home from home

We have a range of accommodation options available. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Equal opportunities policy

The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socioeconomic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

Visa information

The University offers support and advice about visas. If you are from outside the EU, there are three main visa options, depending on the length of the course you will be studying at CELE and your English language qualifications.

Tier 4 Student Visa

This is for applicants who want to take a preessional course and then study at postgraduate, undergraduate or foundation level at a UK university. You will need to take a UKVI approved IELTS test, also known as a Secure English Language Test (SELT).

If you have a joint offer (available on specific postgraduate courses, see page 5), you will only need one Tier 4 visa. You will not need to take a UKVI SELT and can apply for your visa with any secure English language test recognised by the University of Nottingham.

Short-Term Study Visa

This is for applicants who want to take a preessional course, and then study at postgraduate, undergraduate or foundation level at a UK university, but who do not currently have a UKVI SELT score. To continue on a preessional 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 such as spouses, partners and/or children aged under 18.

For more detailed information, please visit nottingham.ac.uk/cele/visas



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