



Academic Semester or Year

Living and learning English abroad is an extraordinary experience. With this programme, you will achieve fluency, challenge yourself and develop long-term friendships with people from all around the world.

THIS COURSE IS SUITABLE FOR STUDENTS

- **who want to achieve fluency, accuracy and an active understanding of English**
- **across the four skills**
- **who want to move into an Exam Class or the Business Year programme after**
- **reaching the required level**
- **who want to sharpen their critical and presentation skills**
- **wish to gain experience living and learning in an English speaking country**

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT ON THIS COURSE?

Upon joining the Academic Year programme you will:

1. Sit a placement test to determine your current level of english
2. Join a class with others of the same level
3. Meet your teachers, mentor and academic year co-ordinator
4. Receive your language portfolio, tailored to your own personal needs, goals and motivation for learning
5. Embark on a first-class english language course, to develop fluency, accuracy and appropriate uses of english across all four language skills
6. Be provided with excellent guidance, monitoring and feedback throughout your course
7. Receive continual assessment through class tutorials, homework and regular progress and level tests
8. Have confidence that your learning is on track and you are fulfilling your English language potential

Leave EC with a qualification

Academic Year 30 students are awarded an EC Diploma at the end of their course, and Academic Year 20/24 students receive an EC Certificate of Merit. The grade you are awarded will depend upon the quality of the work you have produced throughout your course. In addition, you will also have the opportunity to prepare for and sit an internationally-recognised Exam, such as IELTS, TOEFL, or one of the Cambridge Exams:

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

Taken by over 25 million English language learners, the TOEFL test is the most widely respected English-language test in the world. It measures your ability to use English at university level and is recognised by over 8,000 institutions in more than 130 countries, including the majority of North American universities.



ELECTIVES for 30 LESSONS

Tailor Your Learning

Academic Year 30 students are also able to choose from a varied selection of electives for their 3rd module, and students will receive a certificate upon completion. Each elective is four weeks long and builds up to an assessed task or project. Choices include:

- Comparative Culture and Communication
- Write Now
- Basic Writing Skills
- Media Studies
- The Language of Music
- Film Studies
- A World of Words
- Get Talking

Personal Language Portfolio

At the beginning of your programme, you will receive this unique study pack. With the guidance of your teachers, your Language Portfolio will help you to maximise your language development by:

- assessing your personal learning style and offering strategies to build on your strengths
- evaluating your progress in tests and assignments
- recording your needs and wants as a learner, alongside the skills, experiences and achievements you have gained whilst on the programme



LEVEL

Beginner to Advanced

COURSE DURATION

Minimum 24 weeks

COURSE START DATES

Every Monday

LESSONS PER WEEK

20 (not available in the USA), 24 (USA and Canada) or 30 lessons per week (available in all schools)

1 Lesson = 45 minutes

MAXIMUM IN CLASS

between 12 and 15 students

AVAILABLE IN

USA: Boston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Diego, San Francisco, Washington DC

CANADA: Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver

UK: Brighton, Birstol, Cambridge, London, Manchester, Oxford

MALTA

SOUTH AFRICA: Cape Town