

## 6-week and 10-week EAP Preessional Programmes for partner universities

The English for International Students Unit (EISU) is delighted to provide intensive Preessional English courses specifically for students from partner universities who intend to continue their undergraduate degrees in Engineering and Economics here at the University of Birmingham. If you do not meet the entry requirements for the 6-week programme, you can also apply to study on our 10-week programme which provides a period of intensive academic support prior to the start of the 6-week course.

### Course fact file

**Type of Course:** Preessional english

**Duration:** 6-week Preessional 10 August - 18 September 2015.

**Start date:** 10 August 2015, 8 August 2016, 22 August 2016

### Contact

For all information about this course please contact:

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### Details

#### Course content

Preparation for the demands of your academic programme that will help you to:

- Improve your academic language skills in preparation for writing assignments
- Practise writing academic essays and reports
- Develop your speaking and pronunciation skills
- Listen to lectures
- Develop specialist vocabulary to allow you to take part in discussions related to your future academic course

You will study in small groups of students (maximum 14) and be taught by experienced, academic English tutors.

You will have:

- An average of 19 contact hours
- Independent study
- 1 tutorial each week with your academic supervisor

#### Successful completion

Progression to your academic department is based on achieving the appropriate final score in coursework and final examinations, and at least 90% attendance.

### Fees and funding

#### Fees and deposit

6-week: £1,680

10-week: £2,800

From September 2015

42-week: £12,390

31-week: £9,145

20-week: £5,900

15-week: £4,425

10-week: £2,950

6-week: £1,770

4-week £1,180

To book a place on this course, self-funding students will need to pay a deposit of £450 (this will be deducted from your tuition fee). You are asked to pay us the balance once you have started the course.

#### Payment options

There are several ways you can pay us.

## Online payment

You can pay using our [online shop \(http://shop.bham.ac.uk/browse/product.asp?compid=1&modid=1&catid=289\)](http://shop.bham.ac.uk/browse/product.asp?compid=1&modid=1&catid=289). We recommend this method, since you do not have to pay any bank fees and the payment happens immediately.

## Bank transfer

Please contact Victoria Panton ([v.i.panton@bham.ac.uk \(mailto:\)](mailto:v.i.panton@bham.ac.uk)) for details.

If you pay using a bank transfer, please make sure that you have added enough money to cover all bank charges. If we have to pay any bank charges, we will ask you to pay us these charges back when you arrive.

## Cheque

If you pay by cheque, please make sure that you have added enough money to cover all bank charges. If we have to pay any bank charges, we will ask you to pay us these charges back when you arrive.

Cheques must be in pounds sterling (£). You should make your cheque payable to "The University of Birmingham".

## Sponsored students

Attach a letter from your sponsor confirming that they will pay your tuition fees for the Preessional English course.

## Entry requirements

### Academic requirements

You must have an offer for an undergraduate Engineering, Economics or Money Banking and Finance course at the University of Birmingham.

### Entry requirements

## 6-week Preessional IELTS Entry Requirements

Programme	Department requirement in your offer letter	Entry requirements (minimum requirements)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chemical Engineering</li><li>Civil Engineering</li><li>Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering</li></ul>	IELTS 6.0	IELTS 6.0 (5.5 in Writing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Economics</li><li>Money, Banking &amp; Finance</li></ul>	IELTS 6.5	IELTS 6.5 (5.5 in Writing)

## 10-week Preessional IELTS Entry Requirements

Programme	Department requirement in your offer letter	Entry requirements (minimum requirements)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chemical Engineering</li><li>Civil Engineering</li><li>Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering</li></ul>	IELTS 6.0	IELTS 5.5 (5.0 in Writing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Economics</li><li>Money, Banking &amp; Finance</li></ul>	IELTS 6.5	IELTS 6.0 (5.5 in Writing)

## Students with unconditional offers

This course is open for students with either conditional or unconditional offers. Even students who have an IELTS score of 7.0 may struggle with the demands of writing an academic essay. For this reason, we strongly recommend unconditional students to attend an English course before the start of their academic studies. You are encouraged to attend either this 6-week course or the [4-week course in Academic Skills \(/International/eisu/preessional/intensive.aspx\)](#).

## UKVI requirements

Please note that we no longer accept the TOEFL test as evidence of English language ability. If you wish to apply for one of our preessional programmes you must present either an IELTS or a PTE Academic test.

## How to apply

Please send us:

- A completed [2015 application form \(Word - 47KB\) \(/Documents/students/courses/bme-eap-application.docx\)](#)
- A copy of your offer
- A copy of your passport
- Proof of your current English level (for example, a copy of your IELTS certificate)
- Proof of payment of your £450 non-refundable deposit

You can send us these forms and documents:

- **By e-mail:** e-mail scanned copies of the forms and your documents to [preessional@contacts.bham.ac.uk \(mailto:\)](mailto:preessional@contacts.bham.ac.uk)
- **By post:** send us your forms and copies of your documents to:  
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## Related links

[Applying for a Tier 4 \(General\) visa to study \(/International/students/visas/student.aspx\)](#)

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## Learning and teaching

### Student views - An Lin (China)

"This course was good preparation for my studies in Money, Banking and Finance. It was a good idea to come to the UK before starting my main programme and I'm now much more confident about my English academic skills."

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## Employability

EISU has an excellent reputation for the quality of its courses and offers a friendly, welcoming and supportive study environment. EISU staff have high academic qualifications and extensive teaching experience. The unit is also a member of 'English UK' and is accredited by the British Council.

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