

English for Academic Purposes Preessional

The English for Academic Purposes Preessional course is for international students who have a conditional offer to study at the University, but who do not currently meet the English language requirements. The course is tailored to your level of English and allows you to meet the English language requirements for your programme without retaking IELTS.

The EAP programme runs throughout the year and offers different programme lengths ranging from 42 weeks to 6 weeks. The length of course you need depends on your future course, your existing level of English and the level you need for your university degree.

If you wish to apply for one of our preessional programmes you must present either an IELTS or a PTE Academic test as evidence of English language ability. Please note that from January 2015 we will no longer accept the TOEFL test.

- [Find out what length of course you need \(/International/eisu/preessional/english-eap-length.aspx\)](/International/eisu/preessional/english-eap-length.aspx)

[Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham was awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx)

Course fact file

Type of Course: Preessional english, preessional english

Duration: Between 6 and 42 weeks, depending on your current level of English and the level needed for your degree programme (see programme overview)

Start date: 12 January 2015, 27 April 2015, 1 June 2015, 13 July 2015, 10 August 2015

Contact

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Details

This course aims to develop your English language skills, especially the academic language and skills you need for writing assignments, taking part in discussions, listening to lectures and reading academic texts. You will also develop your speaking and pronunciation skills, your critical thinking and study skills and your presentation skills.

Length of course

The length of course you need depends on your existing IELTS score and on the IELTS score you need for your university degree. For example, some students may need to do a longer course starting in September or January.

- [Find out what length of course you need \(/International/eisu/preessional/english-eap-length.aspx\)](/International/eisu/preessional/english-eap-length.aspx)

Progression

Please note: failure to complete the Preessional programme successfully will mean that you have not fulfilled the conditions of your offer. Other English language test results will not be accepted after this point. Therefore, your offer to study at the University of Birmingham will be withdrawn for that academic year.

Fees and funding

Fees and deposit

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.

The following fees and deposit amounts currently apply (see following table for PhD student information):

Course length	Dates	Fees
31 weeks	12 January – 18 September 2015	£8,680
20 weeks	27 April – 18 September 2015	£5,600
15 weeks	1 June – 18 September 2015	£4,200
10 weeks	13 July – 18 September 2015	£2,800
6 weeks	10 August – 18 September 2015	£1,680
42 weeks	29 September 2014 - 18 September 2015	£11,760

The following fees and deposit amounts currently apply for PhD students:

Course length	Dates	Fees
11-week option for PhD students	12 January - 27 March 2015	£3,080
22-week option for PhD students	29 September 2014 – 27 March 2015	£6,160
31 weeks	12 January – 18 September 2015	£8,680
20 weeks	27 April – 18 September 2015	£5,600
15 weeks	1 June – 18 September 2015	£4,200
10 weeks	13 July – 18 September 2015	£2,800
6 weeks	10 August – 18 September 2015	£1,680
42 weeks	29 September 2014 - 18 September 2015	£11,760

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) 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 a course (undergraduate or postgraduate) at the University of Birmingham.

IELTS requirements

The minimum IELTS score you need for this course depends on the required IELTS score for the degree or course you wish to study next. If you have an offer letter from the University of Birmingham, it will tell you the required IELTS score for your chosen course.

Use the following table to find out if you have the minimum IELTS score for the EAP preessional course.

IELTS score for your future degree course	Minimum IELTS score for EAP course
6.0	4.0 (4.0 minimum in all skills)
6.5	4.5 (4.0 minimum in all skills)
7.0	5.0 (4.5 minimum in writing)

Please note that in order to meet UKVI entry requirements, you will need to show evidence of attaining at least a B1 level of English in all skills, proven by a Secure English Language Test (SELT). UKVI have suspended accepting 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

2015 Preessionals

To apply for the course from 12 January 2015 (or later), you will need to send us the following:

- [A completed 2015 application form \(Word - 47KB\) \(/Documents/students/courses/bme-eap-application.docx\)](#)
- A copy of your passport
- Proof of your current English level (for example, a copy of your IELTS certificate)
- If a sponsor is paying for you, your sponsorship letter

Making your application

You can send us these forms and documents:

- **By e-mail:** e-mail scanned copies of the forms and your documents to presessional@contacts.bham.ac.uk (<mailto:presessional@contacts.bham.ac.uk>)
- **By post:** send us your forms and copies of your documents to:
English for International Students Unit (EISU)
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Related links

[Applying for a student visa \(/International/students/visas/student.aspx\)](#)

Learning and teaching

Student views

Jia Sue (China)

"I developed my skills and learned how to write and reference a good essay, how to summarise and paraphrase ideas and how to collect information for an essay. It was all extremely useful for my current studies. The people on my course who had not done this Preessional found it more difficult so I would recommend doing a Preessional course instead of re-taking IELTS."

Violaine Bucchiotty (France)

"I'd recommend taking an EISU programme rather than re-taking an IELTS test because the Preessional is more interesting. We had some fascinating discussions in class and there is no better way to improve your English fluency than exchanging points of view with people from different cultures."

[Further student testimonials \(/International/eisu/student-experience/testimonials.aspx\)](#)

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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