

English Preessional Programmes

Preessional courses are designed for students who wish to improve their knowledge of spoken and written English in preparation for academic study at the University of Birmingham. Students with conditional offers have the option of attending one of these courses instead of retaking IELTS.

Preessional courses are only open to students who hold a University offer. They are suitable for Foundation, Undergraduate, Pre-Masters and Postgraduate students.

If you wish to apply for one of our preessional programmes you must present either an IELTS or a PTE Academic test as proof of your ability in English.

Postgraduates with offers to study at the Birmingham Business School

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Postgraduates with conditional offers to study at the Birmingham Business School can usually apply to study on the [Business Management English Preessional Programme \(/International/eisu/preessional/bme.aspx\)](#). Economics students should apply to study on the [English for Academic Purposes Preessional \(/International/eisu/preessional/eap.aspx\)](#).

Postgraduates with offers to study all other courses

Postgraduates with conditional offers to study at all schools other than the Business School should apply to study on the [English for Academic Purposes Preessional \(/International/eisu/preessional/eap.aspx\)](#). Economics students should also apply to study on the [English for Academic Purposes Preessional \(/International/eisu/preessional/eap.aspx\)](#).

Undergraduate students with offers to study all courses

Students from partner universities who are studying Economics or Engineering can apply to study on [intensive 6-week and 10-week EAP for undergraduates programme \(/International/eisu/preessional/eap-ug.aspx\)](#)s.

All undergraduate students can apply to study on the [English for Academic Purposes Preessional. \(/International/eisu/preessional/eap.aspx\)](#)

Foundation students with offers to study on the BFA

Students with conditional offers to study at the Birmingham Foundation Academy can apply to study on our [BFA Preessional English course \(/International/eisu/preessional/bfa-preessional.aspx\)](#).

Students with unconditional offers

Students with unconditional offers can apply to study on our [4-week intensive course. \(/International/eisu/preessional/intensive.aspx\)](#)