

SUM0097 IELTS Preparation Course

Tuition dates:	Option 1: Four weeks, 16 May to 14 June Option 2: Four weeks, 22 May to 21 June
Full programme dates:	Option 1: Four weeks, 15 May to 16 June Option 2: Four weeks, 21 May to 23 June

Times:	Teaching 9.00am to 12.00pm Monday to Friday, some afternoons
Prerequisites:	IELTS 5.0 or equivalent, or can be assessed
Assessment:	Prior to your course there will be a placement test
Fee:	£1,300 for tuition only £4,050 for the package which includes tuition, exam, social programme and accommodation with a home stay family

Course objectives:

By the end of the course students will have:

- developed their English language skills in an academic context
- acquired the examination techniques necessary for the IELTS test, so they can improve their IELTS score
- increased confidence in using English in academic and everyday contexts
- been made aware of and developed their understanding of British culture (full programme)

Course content:

IELTS Language Skills

Writing

- Planning: analysing the task, mind-mapping and organising ideas in a logical order
- Describing charts, graphs, diagrams and maps
- Describing trends
- Describing a process
- Developing an argument
- Giving and justifying opinions
- Comparing/ contrasting & critical evaluation of benefits and drawbacks
- Problem analysis and proposing solutions
- Linking ideas and using linking words and phrases
- Developing academic style: sentence structure and vocabulary

Reading

- Developing reading skills: skimming and scanning
- Identifying key words/sentences in a text
- Note-taking
- Identifying supporting statements
- Distinguishing facts from opinions
- Identifying the writer's views
- Deducing the meaning of unknown words
- Summarising information

- Re-phrasing and paraphrasing

Speaking

- Using a range of vocabulary and structures accurately and appropriately
- Speaking fluently, with clear pronunciation and appropriate intonation
- Introducing and organizing opinions
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Describing advantages and disadvantages
- Comparing and evaluating

Listening

- Predicting
- Following signpost expressions
- Identifying main ideas
- Identifying specific information

Full programme - British cultural studies:

A range of studies linked to the students' itinerary of visits and activities will be introduced as well as other topics relevant to IELTS. Students will be encouraged to research further and write about what they have learned in their weekly journal and to discuss this in class and with their host families.

Teaching and Learning Strategies:

The teaching consists of interactive presentations by the lecturer on examination techniques necessary for the IELTS test, and practice sessions on writing, listening, reading and speaking. This will be delivered through daily sessions of three hours over a period of three weeks. An important element of this module is the completion of non-assessed homework and the feedback/follow-up in class when students are made aware of areas of weakness. At least one hour of homework is given every day focussing on developing the students' academic writing skills. Students are expected to take part in class/small-group/one-to-one interchanges, and informal feedback is given by the lecturer.

Notes for students:

This timetable may be changed, according to the needs of the class, especially towards the end of the course.

Please make sure you arrive on time as this is an intensive course and there is a great deal of work to cover.

You will be given homework after most classes which should be handed in on the date specified by the teacher.