

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH COURSES



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ACADEMIC ENGLISH PREPARATION ALIGNED TO DEGREE STUDY

What is a pre-sessional course?

The University of Kent's pre-sessional English programmes are designed for international students who hold a conditional offer and need to meet an English language requirement before commencing degree study. They can be studied on campus or online.

Successful completion at the required level satisfies the English language condition of the student's offer, allowing progression without an external English test. The programmes are delivered by experienced academic English specialists and are professionally accredited.

A pre-sessional English course helps your students develop the academic English and study skills they need for their degree. Students study in a supportive academic environment and will become familiar with how university study works in the UK.

A discipline-relevant, student-centred approach

This is not a one-size-fits-all English course. Courses are designed with careful attention to each student's future academic pathway. Language development is embedded within discipline-relevant contexts, ensuring that students acquire the academic English and study skills required for their specific subject areas.

Teaching materials, tasks and assessments are aligned with degree-level expectations at Kent.

Who is the course For?

- International students with a conditional offer from Kent
- Students who want to improve academic English before university
- Students who want to feel confident and prepared for UK study

Academic focus

Your students will develop the English and academic skills needed for their degree, including:

- Academic reading and writing
- Listening to lectures and taking effective notes
- Speaking in seminars and presentations
- Critical thinking and academic integrity
- Familiarity with UK higher education practices

Programme structure

Courses run from six to 16 weeks, depending on entry level and progression requirements. They can be taken either online or in person (the 16-week in person course is taught online for the first four weeks).

- **16-week course:** more time to build confidence and skills
- **Ten-week course:** intensive academic preparation
- **Six-week course:** for students close to the required English level

Accommodation

On-campus accommodation is available for pre-sessional students studying in person, once their place is confirmed.

Progression and outcomes

Students who successfully complete the programme will:

- Meet the English language condition of their degree offer
- Learn skills connected to their subject
- Demonstrate readiness for degree-level academic study
- Join an international community of staff and students where they will feel at home and supported
- Transition smoothly into UK higher education

Partnership value

Kent's Pre-Sessional programmes offer value to agents by providing them with:

- Clear progression routes into UK degree study
- Quality-assured academic English provision
- Subject-aligned language preparation
- Strong student outcomes and transition support

To learn more, please visit:

kent.ac.uk/international/pre-sessional-courses





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