

Pre-Sessional Programmes (Spring 2026)

Pre-sessional English Language with Study Skills for degree entry in October 2026

These programmes provide you with integrated training in Academic English Language and Study Skills to prepare you for studying an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University of Essex.

The programmes run for 20 weeks, providing improvements to your IELTS score equivalent to 1.5 levels. On your programme, you will develop the following skills:

- Reading: critical reading and note-taking skills
- Writing: academic essay writing and citation skills
- Listening: understanding lectures and seminars and note-taking skills
- Speaking: seminar discussions, debating and presentation skills

You will be given opportunities to focus on English language and study skills development in areas related to your chosen degree subject at the University of Essex

Required IELTS improvement	Course length	Mode of Delivery	Application Deadline	Deposit Deadline	Enrolment starts	Teaching starts	Course ends	Degree entry	Tuition fees
1.5	20 weeks	On-Campus	1 March 2026	8 March 2026	9 April 2026	13 April 2026	4 September 2026	October 2026	£9,200