

Pre-Sessional Programmes (Summer 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 10 and 15 weeks, providing improvements to your IELTS score equivalent to 0.5, 1.0 levels respectively. 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
0.5	10 weeks	On-Campus	11 May 2026	18 May 2026	18 June 2026	22 June 2026	4 September 2026	October 2026	£4,600
1.0	15 weeks	On-Campus	6 April 2026	13 April 2026	14 May 2026	18 May 2026	4 September 2026	October 2026	£6,900

Pre-sessional English Language for degree entry in October 2026

These programmes focus on enhancing your English language skills to prepare you for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University of Essex. You will be taught further grammar and vocabulary development, as well as additional reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

The programmes run for 5, 10 and 15 weeks, and provide an IELTS improvement equivalent to 0.5, 1.0 and 1.5 level respectively.

Required IELTS improvement	Course length	Mode of Delivery	Application Deadline	Deposit Deadline	Enrolment starts	Teaching starts	Course ends	Degree entry	Tuition fees
0.5	5 weeks	On-Campus	15 June 2026	22 June 2026	23 July 2026	27 July 2026	4 September 2026	October 2026	£2,300
1.0	10 weeks	On-Campus	11 May 2026	18 May 2026	18 June 2026	22 June 2026	4 September 2026	October 2026	£4,600
1.5	15 weeks	On-Campus	6 April 2026	13 April 2026	14 May 2026	18 May 2026	4 September 2026	October 2026	£6,900

Academic Skills Preparation Programme for degree entry in October 2026

If you have an unconditional offer for the University of Essex, you can take the Academic Skills Preparation Programme. This course introduces you to the academic study and research skills commonly used at UK universities and will help you become familiar with the University campus, student life in the UK, and adjust more easily to academic culture here.

This programme offers excellent preparation for your degree studies and will help you to achieve your academic goals.

Course length	Mode of Delivery	Application Deadline	Deposit Deadline	Enrolment starts	Teaching starts	Course ends	Degree entry	Tuition fees
4 weeks	On-Campus	29 June 2026	6 July 2026	6 August 2026	10 August 2026	4 September 2026	October 2026	£960