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Pre-Sessional English Course

This is a full-time English language course for international students with an IELTS level of 4.5 or above, and who have achieved a general level of education which is adequate for entry into Higher Education. This course is designed to improve your four skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking, and has a specific focus on improving English for academic purposes.

COVID-19

The University of Salford has been closely monitoring the advice from the Government and Public Health England due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

As the current guidance from the UK government is to work from home as much as possible, Salford Languages has taken the decision to deliver all teaching for the Pre-Sessional English programme online.

We are confident that with the existing online teaching provision offered by the University of Salford, we will deliver a high-quality English Language programme for all participants and you will be able to progress successfully onto your full-time course at the University of Salford upon completion.

As the entire course will be taught online, there are no visa requirements for this version of the programme.

About the Course

At the start of the course you will be placed in a group of students with a similar language level. You will be taught in small classes with a maximum of 18 students and assessed through weekly homework exercises, practice assessments, and an end of course assessment covering the four academic skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening). The end of course assessment results will be used as your final grade for the programme.

Teaching will be delivered through online group forums and discussion boards with both teachers and other students. You will be given work to complete in your own time for discussion and feedback in the online classes. This is a full-time programme of study so you will be expected to complete assignments and homework in addition to your online classes.

What you will study

- Academic English and Study Skills
- Assessment Preparation and Practice
- Reading and Writing in various academic contexts
- Academic workshops and tutorials
- Learning to listen to lectures
- Spoken English including formal presentations and academic speaking
- Research skills including note taking and referencing
- Use of English
- Developing inter-cultural skills
- General English
- Computers for academic purposes



Entry Requirements

IELTS entry requirement or equivalent for Pre-sessional English delivered online	Start and end date	Fee
IELTS 4.5 with a minimum of 4.0 in each band	15 Week 1 June - 11 Sep	£5,160
IELTS 5.0 with minimum 4.5 in each band	10 Week 6 July - 11 Sep	£3,440
IELTS 5.5 with minimum 5.0 in each band	5 Week 10 Aug - 11 Sep	£1,720
IELTS 5.0 with minimum 4.5 in each band	15 Week 1 June - 11 Sep	£5,160
IELTS 5.5 with minimum 5.0 in each band	10 Week 6 July - 11 Sep	£3,440
IELTS 6.0 with minimum 5.5 in each band	5 Week 10 Aug – 11 Sep	£1,720

Equivalent entry qualifications

As the Pre-sessional English programme is delivered online, you do not need to have an IELTS qualification.

You can enter with an equivalent qualification including:

- IELTS Indicator
- TOEFL IBT
- TOEFL IBT (Home edition)
- Pearson Academic
- Duolingo English Test

To check what scores you need to achieve, visit our [English language requirements](#) page, and look at the section about regional based qualifications.

You can also take the Salford Online English Test to gain entry onto this course. Please go to the [Salford Online English Test](#) page for more information.

If you have another English language qualification, please contact Salford-languages@salford.ac.uk before making your application for advice.



Key Deadlines

Course	10 weeks	5 weeks
Application deadline*	Mon 22 June	Mon 20 July
Offer letter sent	Mon 22 – Thu 25 June	Mon 20 – Thu 23 July
Payment for the Pre-session course received by the University of Salford	Thu 25 – Mon 29 June	Thu 23 – Mon 27 July
Confirmation of payment and information for registration	Wed 1 – Thu 2 July	Wed 29 – Thu 30 July
Course start date	Mon 6 July	Mon 10 Aug
Course end date	Fri 11 Sep	Fri 11 Sep
Online session 1: Documents for your visa and CAS schedule	Thu 16 July	Thu 20 Aug
Preliminary documents submitted for CAS for degree	Mon 20 – Thu 24 July	Mon 24 – Thu 27 Aug
Online session 2: Visa application and interview practice	Thu 3 Sep	Thu 3 Sep
PSE exam date	7 – 11 Sep	7 – 11 Sep
PSE exam results released	Mon 14 Sep PM	Mon 14 Sep PM
Offer letter for degree programme / substantive course generated	Wed 16 Sep	Wed 16 Sep
Final documents checked and draft CAS issued	Wed 16 Sep	Wed 16 Sep
Applicant confirms CAS	Thu 17 - Fri 18 Sep	Thu 17 - Fri 18 Sep
Final CAS issued + visa application	Wed 23 Sep	Wed 23 Sep
September start date	Mon 28 Sep	Mon 28 Sep
Extended arrivals for Sep	International / Undergraduate: Mon 19 Oct Postgraduate taught in Salford Business School: Mon 5 Oct	International / Undergraduate: Mon 19 Oct Postgraduate taught in Salford Business School: Mon 5 Oct



	Postgraduate taught: Mon 26 Oct	Postgraduate taught: Mon 26 Oct
November start date (selected programmes in Salford Business School)	Postgraduate taught in Salford Business School: expected to be 9 Nov	Postgraduate taught in Salford Business School: expected to be 9 Nov
January start date	Expected to be 1 Feb	Expected to be 1 Feb

**You must have an offer of admissions for a degree or substantive course, and all other documents to apply*

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What equipment do I need to join the online Pre-sessional English course?

A. You will need:

- A computer/laptop with a webcam and microphone
- Ability to install software on your computer/laptop – software details to be confirmed
- A good internet connection which allows video call
- A quiet study area in a room where the doors are visible
- Identification document (passport). This must be the same ID document used for your application to the University of Salford

Q. Do I need UKVI IELTS to join the Pre-sessional English programme now that it is being taught online?

A. You will not require a UKVI IELTS because the programme is taught entirely online. Upon successful completion of the course you will be able to use the result to join your academic programme of study, providing you meet the English Language requirements.

Q. Will this Pre-sessional English programme be recognised at other Universities?

A. This is a University of Salford qualification and is only recognised by the University of Salford.

Q. If I do not achieve the level of English that I need, will I still be able to start my degree programme?

A. If you do not achieve the level of English that you need at the end of the PSE programme there will be an opportunity for you to retake the assessments. If you do not achieve the levels you need on a second attempt, you will not be able to start your degree programme.

Q. The dates between finishing the Pre-sessional English course and starting my degree are too close for me to arrive in the UK on time. What does this mean for starting my degree programme?

A. Due to COVID19 our degree programmes have an extended start date. You can also choose to defer your application to another intake.

Q. What if I defer my admission from September to another intake - will I need to do another English language course or test?

A. The start date for degree programmes has been confirmed as 28 September 2020. Your result in the final assessment of the PSE programme will be valid to join a programme at the University of Salford for two years after completion.



Q. Will I have to apply for a visa once I finish my Pre-Sessional programme?

A. Your Pre-Sessional programme includes sessions on how to apply for your visa for your degree. You will be supported by the University of Salford team.

Q. How can I keep up to date with questions about my degree?

A. If you would like to find out more, please visit the [FAQ pages on our website](#).

How to apply

All applications for our Pre-Sessional English programmes are made via our online portal at: <https://apply.salford.ac.uk/Account/Login/Register>

For country specific information, including entry requirements, contact information, and details of education consultants, please visit our website at: <https://salford.ac.uk/international/your-country>

Contact

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