Programme in English for Postgraduate Studies (PEPS)

What is PEPS?

PEPS is an academic English language and study skills improvement programme for graduates who are thinking about applying for further academic study, either at Warwick or at another university. It is a three-term programme, delivered through the academic year. Depending on your needs, you can join us for one, two or three terms. At the end of term three you will also have the opportunity to join our popular summer Pre-sessional programme, for which there would be an additional fee. Details of this are below.
Is PEPS for me?
PEPS is designed to help you become a more independent and confident user of English in academic and other relevant contexts. We also consider students who wish to develop their academic English for other purposes, who have a suitable profile and meet our entry requirements.

Class size: The maximum group size is 17 students. Classes are held each weekday from Monday to Friday.

How many terms of study will I need?
This depends on the language level requirements of your future degree course or the other contexts in which you expect to use English. If you need three or four terms of study, you should begin PEPS in the autumn term of the year before you intend to begin your postgraduate studies, and complete a full PEPS year of English. If you only need to 'polish' your skills and become accustomed to academic life in the UK, then you may wish to join us for the summer term only, or for the spring and summer terms.

What will I study?

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<td>You will develop your skills in English grammar, reading, writing, speaking and listening to a level that will allow you to benefit maximally from your more specialised studies in term 2.</td>
<td>You will focus on using English for study purposes, especially those related to your field and/or your particular interests.</td>
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<td>4.5-5.0 IELTS (or equivalent) (approximately lower B2 level on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR))</td>
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Throughout the programme, we will work closely with you to develop your language skills in the following areas:
- Reading for note-taking, discussion and writing
- Listening and note-taking for lectures
- Speaking and listening for seminars and discussions
- Academic writing for assignments and dissertations
- Grammar, vocabulary and lexis

The programme will also introduce you to relevant aspects of British life, culture and institutions.

Language Requirements
In order to obtain a visa to study with us, you first need to take a recognised test (such as IELTS) before coming to the UK, and should send us proof of your English level in the form of a test certificate.

If you wish to, or need to, develop further your language skills over the summer, the option of continuing on to the Pre-sessional English Course is available to you. For details of this course please see: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/al/learning_english/presessional/

How will I know I am progressing?
We monitor your progress and keep you closely informed of your development. You will be assigned a personal tutor to look after your individual personal and academic needs and each term we test you in all four language skills and provide you with a report.

What will I achieve?
Ultimately, you will be able to participate fully independently in academic life. You will have all the skills to self-correct and self-audit your writing and speaking, and to listen and to read English with the accuracy and ease needed for intensive study. You will be prepared to study effectively in your specific subject field and most other future contexts of use.

Social Activities
You will have the opportunity to take part in social activities during the year, and educational visits are arranged to places of historical and cultural interest. External guest speakers will also be invited to speak to you on engaging topics during the programme. The University has excellent facilities on campus including a swimming pool, squash courts, tennis courts, sports halls, banks, shops, bars and restaurants are also available on campus.

Teaching Staff
You will be taught by our friendly team of English language tutors, all of whom have worked in a wide range of countries around the world and understand well the needs of international students. They have considerable experience in teaching academic English and research and study skills, and they take a personal interest in the language development and general wellbeing of all on the course.

Examinations
Although the PEPS course is much more than a language test preparatory course, it does include an IELTS preparation component as we understand that this is often important for your progress onto your degree programme.

Study Facilities
Self-access facilities are available in the department. These include online English language learning materials and a well-stocked resources room and a kitchen and lounge with computers, books and other media that students can use in their own time. Other books can be borrowed from the University of Warwick Library or purchased from the bookshop on the campus. You will be provided with all the necessary books and materials for the course, which are included in the course fee.

Accommodation
Accommodation may be difficult to find at the beginning of the academic year, so please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time to secure suitable accommodation.

Course dates and fee
These can be found on the course website: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/al/learning_english/peps/

The PEPS course fee covers:
- Tuition
- All visits
- All materials and learning resources

Before your application can be processed, a deposit must be paid when you submit your application. All payments are non-refundable.

How do I apply?
In order to be offered a place on the course, you will need to provide an English language test score and a degree confirmation certificate supplied by the relevant university. If you are not intending to continue on to a degree course, you will not require a degree confirmation certificate. Applications should be made to the University using the on-line application form: warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/al/learning_english/peps/peps-application

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Pre-sessional English
for Undergraduate
and Postgraduate Students

What is Pre-sessional English?

Presessional English is an academic English language and study skills programme that takes place every summer. It prepares you linguistically and culturally for your future degree studies and gives you a chance to settle into your life in and around the University.
Is this course for me?
Your first language is not English and you have a conditional offer to study for a degree at the University of Warwick requiring you to attend the course or recommending that you do so.
You need to acquire well-developed academic English and study skills and wish to become familiar with British university culture and life before beginning your studies.

How long do I need to study for?
This depends on your language needs. Your future academic department may recommend or require you to study English for a certain period, or you may decide that you will benefit from the skills that you learn and the experience that you gain on the course. In some cases, you can attend the course in order to get used to life in the university and the UK and to make friends before you begin your degree studies.

What options are available for the course?
The Pre-sessional is divided into two Phases: Phase One lasts four weeks and is followed by Phase Two, which lasts six weeks. You can study on both Phases (10 weeks) or on Phase Two only (6 weeks).
Phase One focuses on English for general academic purposes and offers the following:
- Intensive development of language skills for academic purposes through specialised published and in-house course materials
- Focus on social English and some contemporary issues within Britain
- Development of study skills such as searching for information, synthesising source texts and referencing
- Regular individual feedback on your language development
- Social events and excursions
Phase Two focuses on English for specific academic purposes.
You will be assigned to a group which specialises in your particular academic field. The language work that you do will be closely linked to the demands of your future study. Phase Two also includes more assessment-based work.
In addition to the development of the language and study skills listed above for Phase One, Phase Two offers:
- Extended project work based on your preliminary course reading lists and leading to a written project
- Preparation for an extended oral presentation based on a topic within your academic field
- Intensive development of oral skills including pronunciation, seminar and presentation skills
- Further development of listening skills through subject-specific lectures
Your classroom study will be supported by our online site for the Pre-sessional course where it is appropriate to do so. During both Phases, there are social activities and excursions to places of interest on most Saturdays. You will also be able to join our dedicated Pre-sessional Facebook page.

What will I gain from attending the Pre-sessional course?
- You will feel much better-equipped, in terms of language and study skills, and also more self-confident, when you start your future studies
- You will be much more aware of your strengths and weaknesses in language, and much more able to self-correct and manage any possible difficulties
- You will feel more integrated into the academic and social life of the university and more knowledgeable about living in Britain
- In practical terms, at the end of the course you will receive a report on your performance in all four language skills, based on your ongoing performance and a set of final tests

Where will I live during the Pre-sessional?
This is a residential course, so on-campus student accommodation will be arranged for you once your place on the Pre-sessional course is confirmed. You can choose to live off campus.

Course fee
Course dates and fees are available upon request.
The full course fee covers:
- Tuition
- Teaching/learning materials
- All day trips
- All social and cultural events
Before your application can be processed, you will need to pay a deposit on submission of your application.
All payments are non-refundable.

How do I apply?
You should apply using the online application form:
warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/al/learning_english/presessional/presessional_online_form
Alternatively, you can contact us for further information at:
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University of Warwick
The University has excellent facilities which include a well-stocked library, swimming pool, squash courts, tennis courts and sports halls. Banks, shops, bars and restaurants are also available on campus.
The University is located in the region of the UK known as the Heart of England and is surrounded by places of historic and scenic interest. It stands at the centre of an excellent motorway network and fast InterCity rail services operate between Coventry and all major towns. Birmingham Airport is close by for national and international flights. London is within easy reach.
Short Courses – an introduction

Short Courses in Applied Linguistics are tailor-made, personally negotiated and individually designed courses for clients and partners from all over the world, including:

- Ministries of Education and regional education authorities
- Universities and Colleges
- The British Council and other educational agencies
- International companies
A wide range of courses is offered to specialist groups in all areas of English Language development, for both general and specific purposes, and for international business and management as well as academic groups.

Particularly important is teacher training for all areas of (ELT). Staff work with University students, student teachers, teachers, teacher trainers, trainer trainers, course designers, materials writers, business managers and executives and educational managers.

A Short Course can be of any length, from a few days to a few months. The planning of a course involves extensive consultation with the client to ensure the group’s learning objectives are clearly identified and can be appropriately met.

Our teaching style encourages independent thinking and interaction in small groups; we use a seminar based approach.

The keynote is flexibility in the following areas:

- Duration
- Intensity of contact hours and teaching approaches
- Selection of core course units (for example English Language, Teaching Methodology, British Culture, Management Issues)
- Timetable structure and content

Areas of Expertise

Our staff have many years experience in designing and delivering academic and professional courses for a large number of different client groups. Areas of expertise include:

- Language development courses for university undergraduates and college students
- Professional courses with a pedagogical focus for Student Teachers, In-Service Teachers, Teacher Trainers and Trainer Trainers
- Courses in Management of English Departments, Educational Institutions and Educational Businesses
- English for Specific Purposes
- English for International Business
- English for Young Learners
- Course Design
- Materials Writing
- Educational Administration

Special Seminar Programmes

Special seminars on British life and Institutions can be incorporated into any of these academic and professional courses. Programmes can be offered which cover aspects of:

- History social trends
- Education
- The media
- British politics
- Art and architecture
- Literature and the theatre

Cultural Visits

Cultural visits to the wealth of historic, educational and scenic attractions within easy range of the University campus can also be built into your programme. Possible venues include:

- Stratford-upon-Avon, including Shakespeare’s Birthplace
- Warwick Castle, one of the best preserved castles in Europe
- Oxford
- The Cotswolds, an area of outstanding natural beauty

Accommodation

To maximise the opportunity for course participants to immerse themselves in English language and culture, half board accommodation is arranged in carefully chosen homestay families, within easy reach of the University by public transport. You will be offered a single study bedroom.

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Fees

All our courses are tailor-made to the requirements of the client. Programme proposals with full costings can be provided on request. To prepare costings we will need details from your course requirements and objectives. Costs will vary depending on a range of factors, including:

- Duration
- Number of participants
- Content of taught course
- Level of cultural programme, education visits and other activities
- Additional requirements such as insurance and bus passes

How do I apply?

Please contact us or fill in our online form found on our website.

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