What is the Pre-sessional?

- A full-time, year-round academic English language and study skills improvement programme consisting of five Phases and designed mainly for graduates thinking about applying for further academic study, either at Warwick or at another university. Depending on your current English language level, you can join us for between one and five Phases.
- A programme that will prepare you linguistically and culturally for your forthcoming degree studies and introduce you to aspects of British life, culture and institutions.
- A way to meet the English language conditions needed to study for your degree at the University of Warwick or another institution. IELTS training forms a key part of the programme (Phases 1, 2 and 3).
- A programme designed to help you become an independent and confident user of English at university.
- A chance to make friends and settle into your life in and around the University before beginning your degree studies.

How long is the Programme?

The Pre-sessional programme is divided into five Phases. Phases 1, 2 and 3 are each ten weeks long and focus on English for General Academic Purposes, gradually building your ability to understand and use English effectively at university. Phases 4 and 5 (summer Pre-sessional) focus increasingly on English for Specific Academic Purposes by teaching you the particular kind of language you will need to study your future degree subject and successfully complete your programme assignments. Phase 4 is 10 weeks long and Phase 5 six weeks. The table below shows how many Pre-sessional Phases we recommend in order for you to meet your degree course English language entry requirements.

How many Pre-sessional Phases should I take?

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Important:

- Please note that these are the minimum requirements and apply to both the overall score and each sub-skill.
- At the end of Phase 3, in order to demonstrate that you meet the language entry requirements needed to progress to Phases 4/5 you will need to re-take IELTS.

What will I study on the Pre-sessional Programme?

**PHASES 1-3 (10 weeks each)**

**English for General Academic Purposes**

- Intensive focus on essential skills development:
  - Reading for note-taking, writing and discussion
  - Listening and note-taking for lectures
  - Speaking and listening for seminars and discussions
  - Academic writing for assignments and dissertations
  - Grammar and vocabulary
- Development of study skills such as:
  - Organising your time
  - Searching for information
  - Referencing
  - Synthesising source texts
- IELTS training and practice
- Regular one-to-one tutorials
- Focus on social English and global contemporary issues
- Detailed individual feedback on your progress
- Talks by invited guest speakers on engaging topics

**PHASES 4-5 (10 weeks and 6 weeks)**

**English for Specific Academic Purposes**

- Further development of skills taught in Phases 1-3
- Development of more subject-specific language and skills preparing you specifically for your particular degree subject
- Extended project work based on your preliminary course reading lists and leading to a written project
- Intensive work on advanced oral skills including pronunciation, seminar and presentation skills
- Preparation for an extended oral presentation based on a topic within your academic field
- Further development of listening skills through subject-specific lectures
- Talks by invited guest speakers on engaging topics
- Enhancement of your ability to self-correct and self-audit your own language, both spoken and written.
As you work through the different Phases of the Pre-sessional programme, the content will become increasingly related to the specific field of your future degree work and other contexts in which you expect to use English.

If you join the lower level Pre-sessional Phases (Phases 1-3), we take particular care to support you in building up a strong basic foundation of language and skills. This is so that you can progress with confidence and achieve the standard of English you need to enter your postgraduate course. We also help you to prepare for IELTS, with staged practice in all areas of the test and one-to-one support and feedback. We monitor your progress and keep you closely informed of your development. You will be assigned a Personal Tutor to look after your individual studies and welfare.

As part of a group who will study together for up to 40 weeks, you will have the chance to form strong friendships with your fellow students and to experience fully the regular academic and social life of the University during the year. By the time you begin your postgraduate degree, everything will feel familiar to you.

**Did you know?**
- The University of Warwick has run a successful Pre-sessional programme for over 30 years
- Although most students join the Pre-sessional programme because they need to meet their departments’ English language entry conditions, others enrol who have already met their departments’ requirements. These students see the Pre-sessional as a way of increasing their confidence, building social networks and familiarising themselves with their new surroundings
- Students who study on the Pre-sessional often remain friends with their classmates throughout their academic life
- The skills you learn on the Pre-sessional, such as speaking in public before a group, engaging in discussions, and organising clearly-written texts, are skills that you can transfer to your future employment
- Our Pre-sessional programme is accredited by the British Council – a mark of its quality

**Social Activities**
During all Pre-sessional Phases, there are social activities and excursions to places of cultural interest such as Oxford, London, Liverpool and Stratford-upon-Avon. In the summer Pre-sessional (Phases 4 & 5) these take place on most Saturdays.

**Programme Dates and Fees**
These can be found on the programme website: [http://go.warwick.ac.uk/presessional](http://go.warwick.ac.uk/presessional)

*Reduced fees are available for students who choose to take Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Pre-sessional. These are applied in Term 3.*

The Pre-sessional programme fees cover:
- Tuition
- Teaching/learning materials
- All day trips
- All social and cultural events

**Accommodation**
Please see General Information on the back page of this brochure.

**How to Apply**
Apply here: [http://warwick.ac.uk/alpspgapplication](http://warwick.ac.uk/alpspgapplication)

For details on visas, please refer to the General Information on the back page of this brochure.

In the meantime, connect with us via our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter:
- [Warwick Pre-sessional](http://facebook.com/warwickpresessional)
- [@PSEWarwickUni](https://twitter.com/PSEWarwickUni)
General Information

Teaching Staff
All of our tutors are highly experienced in teaching academic English and study skills and have worked in a wide range of countries around the world. They understand well the needs of international students and about cultural difference, and they take a personal interest in the language development and general wellbeing of every student. They are skilled developers of language teaching resources, some of which have been published with international publishers, including Cambridge and Pearson.

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

The University of Warwick
The University is consistently ranked among the top ten British Universities. It 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 very close by for national and international flights. London is within easy reach.

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

The University has excellent facilities available to all enrolled students. These include a large library, a swimming pool, squash courts, tennis courts and a sports hall. Banks, shops, bars and restaurants are also available on campus.

Accommodation:
Pre-sessional: For Phases 1, 2 and 3, accommodation may be difficult to find so please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time to secure suitable accommodation. Further information on Warwick accommodation can be found here: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/accommodation
For Phases 4 and 5, accommodation is usually arranged for you on campus, alongside your fellow students and in ensuite rooms with shared kitchens.

Undergraduate Diploma: Accommodation may be difficult to find so please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time to secure suitable accommodation. Further information on Warwick accommodation can be found here: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/accommodation

Short Courses: Accommodation is normally arranged in homestay families, within easy reach of the University by public transport. All participants will be offered a single study bedroom.

Visa Information
Students can study for up to 11 months with a Short Term Student Visa or longer with a Tier 4 Visa. In order to obtain a Tier 4 visa you will require a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). For the University to issue this, you will need to provide evidence of a valid English language test score.

How do I Apply?
In order to be offered a place on a course, for programmes other than Short Courses you will need to provide a valid English language test score and a degree confirmation certificate supplied by the relevant university. Applications should be made to the University using the relevant online application form:

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