

English as a Foreign Language General Information for 2016 - 2017

English as a Foreign Language (Daytime & Evening General English Courses)

What are the entry requirements?

A typical student is probably someone over 16 who has come to England to study, to work or to be with their family and who wants to improve their English. EFL Students will probably want to use their English language skills in their country of origin sometime in the future, possibly for work, social or study reasons.

The course is ideal for those who wish to study English for a full year or longer. However, it is possible to join a course for just part of the year.

Your language skills will be assessed on entry in order to ensure that you are placed in a group that is working at the level you require.

What skills will I acquire?

You will develop:

- Your ability to listen and speak with understanding
- Your ability to read and write
- Grammatical accuracy
- Fluency in all skills
- Better pronunciation
- Your range of vocabulary
- Your overall confidence when using English in most situations
- Appropriate language for a range of situations

What qualifications does the course lead to?

Based on the advice of your teachers, after you have taken a mock examination, you can take one of the following Cambridge University examinations which are all internationally recognised:

1. Cambridge University Preliminary (PET - CEFR Level B1). Intermediate level qualification which is accepted around the world as proof of your ability to communicate in English with native speakers for everyday purposes
2. Cambridge University First (FCE -CEFR Level B2). Upper Intermediate qualification. Ideal level for anyone who wants to work or study in an English speaking environment.
3. Cambridge University Advanced (CAE - CEFR Level C1). High level qualification in English for demanding academic and professional situations.
4. Cambridge University Proficiency (CPE - CEFR Level C2). Able to use English at near native level in a wide range of situations.

For these qualifications the examination entry periods are in October and March. The examinations are in December and June. Students will only be entered for a particular level when they are deemed to be ready by their tutors.

In addition, if requested, proof of attendance can be given to students attending classes.

There is a fee for ALL Cambridge examination entries. Examination fees are NON REFUNDABLE.

For the present year 2016-2017, this is PET, £39.00, FCE £75.00, CAE, £79.00, CPE £86.00

When will I study?

If you enrol on a part-time daytime course, you will attend two sessions per week (4 hours). Dedicated EFL morning lessons are 2 hours held between 11.30am – 1.30pm.

Beginners and level A2 learners will attend lessons with ESOL students and there are dedicated groups at level B1 and level B2. The dedicated C1 group can also provide for C2 if there is a demand for this level.

How will I study?

All classes follow a syllabus that incorporates the following:

Listening	Vocabulary	Exam Preparation
Grammar	Reading	Pronunciation
Writing	Conversation	Speaking

Each class will have a course book as a basis for classwork and some will have a practice book as a basis for homework. Students will be expected to buy the course book. Additional learning materials (provided by the college) will also be used regularly.

You can expect to engage in classroom activities that include individual work, pair and group work, role-play and whole class work. You will use the Internet as an integrated part of your study programme.

Class sizes typically tend to be between 5 and 15 students which ensures individual attention.

When and how will I be assessed?

Your language skills development will be assessed on a continuous basis and you will also have the opportunity to discuss your progress with your tutor regularly in class and/or individual tutorials.

You will be entered for the relevant level examination as soon as you are ready.

What will this course lead to?

Each level is planned as a one-year course. If you attend for a second year you will be expected to move on to a higher level. Outstanding students may progress through the levels more quickly.

Accommodation Information

Unfortunately the College cannot provide accommodation at this time but our Student Services will give you details of accommodation in the area. You can contact our Student Services at the following address:

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Cauldwell Street
Bedford
Beds MK42 9AH

Telephone 01234 291000 or Fax 01234 342674

Term Dates (Academic year 2016-2017)

Full-time

Autumn Term

12 September 2016 – 16 December 2016 (Half Term week beginning 26 October 2016)

Spring Term

9 January 2017 – 31 March 2017 (Half Term week beginning 13 February 2017)

Summer Term

18 April 2016 – 16 June 2017

Fees

Full-time course, 15 hours per week: £4,800 per year or £1,650 per term (32 weeks)
All full-time prices are quoted for non-EU citizens. 25% reduction for EU students.

Part-Time

Whole year (12 September 2016 – 16 June 2017)

	EU Nationals	Overseas
4 hours per week	£960	£1,280

Whole term

Autumn Term

12 September 2016 - 16 December 2016 (Half Term week beginning 24 October 2016)
(13 weeks)

	EU Nationals	Overseas
4 hours per week	£390	£520

Spring Term

9 January 2017 – 31 March 2017 (Half Term week beginning 13 February 2017)
(11 weeks)

	EU Nationals	Overseas
4 hours per week	£330	£440

Summer Term

18 April 2017 – 16 June 2017 (Half Term week beginning 29 May 2017)
(8 weeks)

	EU Nationals	Overseas
4 hours per week	£240	£320

Additional Information

Students can enrol for the full year, one term or half a term. However, students are strongly advised to enrol for a full academic year.

International students intending to enter the UK on a student visa/short term study visa are required to fill in the college's International application form and send it to the Enquires and Guidance team with copies of exam certificates plus £195.00 (non-refundable) application fee.

Students who require an official acceptance of placement for visa purposes please note that the course fees must be paid in full before a letter can be issued.

A refund can only be given if the college is supplied with documentary evidence that the visa has been refused. There is a non-refundable admin fee of £230.

Please Note: Students need to contact the ELT Department to arrange a suitable time to come in and be assessed to determine their level of English.

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