The 6-week Pre-sessional course is a full-time academic English and study skills preparation course for international and European Union/EEA students who hold an offer to study an undergraduate or postgraduate course at King’s.

The Pre-sessional course aims to improve your academic English to meet the English language requirements of your undergraduate or postgraduate course offer and introduce you to the UK higher education system so that you are prepared to take on your degree.

Key benefits
- Academic and English preparation from the number one university-led language centre in London (British Council Accreditation Report, 2018).
- Benefit from our team of experienced and highly-qualified tutors who will give you the very best start in your academic studies.
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities.
- Introduction to the UK academic culture.
- Become part of a vibrant, multicultural community studying at a prestigious university in the heart of London.

Course details
The 6-week Pre-sessional course is designed and delivered by the King’s English Language Centre. The course focuses on reading, writing, listening and speaking English in an academic setting, and helps you develop useful academic skills like note-taking, library-based research, essay writing, discussion, presenting, critical thinking and active listening.
Teaching

This course is taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and classes and you are expected to dedicate time to self-study and independent research tasks.

This is a full-time intensive course. A typical week is approximately 17 contact hours per week, usually including a mixture of face-to-face and online time; however, some weeks will see more contact hours than others. You are also expected to spend on average 17 hours per week on self-directed study.

Assessment

Typically, you may be assessed by:

- essay(s)
- viva(s) (a written or oral explication of a piece of research)
- oral presentation(s)
- exam(s)
- seminar(s)
- portfolio(s) of work, written and/or oral.

The study time and assessment methods detailed above are typical and give a good indication of what to expect. However, they may change if the course content changes.

Regulating body

King’s College London is regulated by the Office for Students.

The King’s English Language Centre is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English.

Course structure

Students will be allocated to one of four modules, dependent upon their target degree course: ‘Management’ (for students aiming to enter management-related courses delivered by King’s Business School); ‘Finance’ (for students aiming to enter finance-related courses delivered by King’s Business School); ‘Cultural Industries & Digital Humanities’ (for students aiming to enter programmes delivered by the Department of Culture, Media & Creative Industries and the Department of Digital Humanities). All other students will study the ‘Academic English’ module.

The 6-week Pre-sessional course includes:

- classes to develop your English for Academic Purposes
- tutorials
- lectures.

The course will help you develop skills in the following areas:

- reading and writing skills to cope with the demands of your degree
- listening and speaking skills to help you better understand lectures and participate effectively in tutorials/seminars
- effective essay structure, including guidance on referencing and conducting secondary research
- critical thinking and critical analysis
- creating persuasive and valid arguments
- expressing an individual voice and ideas clearly and concisely
- academic grammar and vocabulary
- study skills and online research
- ability to present and defend a position, as well as listen and respond to other people’s ideas
- presentation skills.

Tutorials

Regular tutorials are arranged throughout the course, during which you will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues related to your studies on the course.

Lectures

Students will be exposed to lectures on a range of topics. These provide students with practice in listening to a lecture whilst taking effective notes.

King’s College London reviews its courses offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, courses offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location

The course is primarily taught at the King’s College London Strand campus. You may have lessons, seminars or tutorials at other King’s College London campuses.

Fees and funding

Tuition fees

The tuition fees for the 6-week Pre-sessional course are available on the course web page: kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught-courses/pre-sessional-programme.aspx

When you receive an unconditional offer for this course, you will be required to pay the full tuition fee to secure your place.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website: kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- clothing for optional course-related events and competitions
- library fees and fines
- photocopies and printing
- society membership fees
- stationery
- travel costs for travel around London and between campuses.

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