



SPECIALIST ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: 2011

LSI Portsmouth specialises in providing specific preparation in English language and study skills for staff, officers and trainees from the military who will be going into technical/military training at UK Royal Navy, Air Force or Army Colleges.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To provide the student/trainee with the necessary language AND study skills to ensure success in their future college/university course by:

1. Increasing overall communicative competence and confidence in English
2. Providing key terminology / technical vocabulary as required by the student's subsequent course at a UK college
3. Training the student in essential study skills, such as file and data organisation, note-taking from lecturers and text, skimming and scanning, research techniques and the organisation and presentation of written assignments
4. Helping the student to adjust to the way-of-life in Britain.
5. Preparing the student for any external language examinations (such as IELTS, JMB, FCE, CPE or TOEFL) which may be required by the future college.

****LSI: IELTS EXAM CENTRE: LSI is one of the few language schools to have been appointed as an official IELTS Testing Centre by the British Council. ****

COURSE DESIGN

It is crucial that the military trainee feels that his period of language training at LSI Portsmouth is not only a logical extension of his training in his country but also an essential preparation for his future course at military college in the UK.

To achieve this, we design the course in close co-operation with the student's training department in the country of origin AND with the instructors at the military college in which the student will ultimately be studying.

At the beginning of the course, we take the student to meet his future instructors at the college in question to familiarise him with the college and to give him a clear and realistic impression of how demanding his future course is likely to be. This helps to maximise both the motivation and work level of the student.

At the end of the course, we prepare a detailed progress report which includes an assessment of the student's language skills relating to his future course (strengths & weaknesses), any difficulties anticipated and our recommendations for future study. We then go through this report with his future instructors and the original is sent to the training department in the country of origin.

RANGE OF EXPERIENCE

LSI Portsmouth has conducted a very wide range of ESP / ELT courses in preparation for the following military training:

- RAF Police Special Investigations Course,
- RAF Halton
- RAF Cranwell: IOT, Officer and Pilot Training
- RAF Shawbury: Helicopter Training, Air Traffic Control
- RAF Lyneham: Flight Engineers Training
- RAF Hereford: General Service Training
- Helicopter / Diving / Supply Instructors
- FLAGSHIP Training
- RMSM: Royal Marines School of Music, Portsmouth
- HMS Collingwood: Communications Training
- HMS Dryad: International Long Navigation
- HMS Mercury: Navigation Training
- HMS Sultan: International Shipwright Technical course
- HMS Collingwood: Leading Weapon Engineering (Electrical / Mechanic)
- Phoenix NBCD School: Firefighting Training
- HMS Dolphin: Submarine Attack Officer
- HMS Neptune: Submarine Commander (Perishers)
- HMS Haslar: Royal Naval Hospital: Hospital Administration
- Commonwealth and Foreign Ammunition Technical course
- Army College: Medical Laboratory training
- Army College: Kineton: Ammunitions & Explosives
- Army College: Camberley: Staff Officer Training
- Army College: Larkhill: Air defence Gunnery Staff Course
- Army Training: prior to attachment to Air Defence Units, Thorney Island
- Royal Institute of Strategic Studies: Post Graduate Diploma in Geo-Political Strategy
- Report Writing plus Word-Processing (technical / personnel / administration)
- Preparation for the IELTS language examinations pre-Beaconsfield (Defence School of Languages)

DURATION / TIMETABLE / PROGRAMME

Course duration is normally for 2 to 4 weeks. The programme is highly intensive and includes 25 contact hours plus 5 to 10 self-access study hours plus 7.5 hours social English over lunch per week plus optional evening social activities.

The daily timetable operates as follows:

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| 8:30 - 9:30 | Self-study in Self-Access Centre and Language Laboratory. |
| 9:30 - 10:45 | Period 1 with Morning Tutor |
| 10:45 - 11:00 | Morning Coffee Break |
| 11:00 - 12:15 | Period 2 with Morning Tutor |
| 12:15 - 1:45 | Lunch with teacher/s and fellow students |
| 1:45 - 3:00 | Period 3 with Afternoon Tutor |
| 3:00 - 3:15 | Afternoon Coffee Break |
| 3:15 - 4:30 | Period 4 with Afternoon Tutor |
| 4:30 - 5:30 | Optional Self-Access Study Evening Social Activity (Optional) |