

Courses at Studio Cambridge

Ages from	Course code	Course name	Number of lessons	Number of hours	Morning lessons	Afternoon lessons	Availability
18+	EFL-20	Standard English	20	15	General English		Start dates every Monday year round ¹
16+	EFL-28	Intensive English	28	21	General English	Options of English for Culture, English for Work or English for Academic Examinations	Start dates every Monday year round ¹
16+	CE-28	Combination English with 1-to-1	28	21	General English	1-to-1 private tuition	Start dates every Monday year round ¹
16+	IELTS-28	IELTS Examination	28	21	IELTS exam preparation	IELTS exam preparation	Set Monday start dates (see p15)
16+	CAM-28	Cambridge Examination	28	21	Cambridge exam preparation	Cambridge exam preparation	Set Monday start dates (see p16)
14 to 17	SG-28	Sir George	28	21	General English	Life skills	Start dates every Monday ¹ except between June 15th and August 23rd

¹The school is closed to all courses between: 2020, December 18th and 2021, January 3rd 2021, December 17th and 2022, January 2nd

²Sir George closes in the summer and is replaced by the Sir Michael summer camp (see our English Language Camp brochure for details)

³Averages are taken from April 2019 and are subject to change

EFL-28: INTENSIVE ENGLISH

After 20 standard morning lessons you will study a further 8 lessons per week from a choice of specialised options in the afternoons. You also receive a free tutorial with your teacher each month, and access to the full free activities programme.

CE-28: COMBINATION ENGLISH WITH 1-TO-1

After 20 standard morning lessons you will study a further 8 lessons per week with your own private teacher in the afternoons. You will also receive a free tutorial with your teacher each month, and access to the free activities programme.

EFL-20: STANDARD ENGLISH

Morning classes make up the whole 20 lessons for Standard English each week. It is ideal if you prefer to have your afternoons free. You will also receive a free tutorial with your teacher each month, and access to the full free activities programme.



Number of afternoon activities per week	Number of afternoon guided study sessions per week	Number of evening activities per week	Personal tutorials	Personal study plan	Placement test	Progress test	Exit test	Certificate	Academic report	³ Average class size	⁴ Average age in class	³ Average percentage of students aged 25+	Homestay	Residential for age 18+
5	0	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mornings: 13	Mornings: 21	Mornings: 13%	✓	✓
5	0	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mornings: 13 Afternoons: 12	Mornings: 21 Afternoons: 22	Mornings: 13% Afternoons: 20%	✓	✓
5	0	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mornings: 13 Afternoons: 1	Mornings: 21	Mornings: 13%	✓	✓
5	0	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mornings: 12 Afternoons: 12	Mornings: 21 Afternoons: 23	Mornings: 13% Afternoons: 16	✓	✓
5	0	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mornings: 12 Afternoons: 12	Mornings: 21 Afternoons: 22	Mornings: 13% Afternoons: 14	✓	✓
2	3	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mornings: 14 Afternoons: 10	Mornings: 16 Afternoons: 16		✓	

⁴Ages

- Ages 16 & 17 must be in class in the mornings and afternoons, therefore they may not book morning-only lessons (EFL-20)
- If you are aged 18 + years, all your classmates will be aged at least 16 years.
- At certain times of year morning classes are also attended by our Sir George camp students aged 14 to 17. At this time, if you are aged 16 or 17 years, some of your classmates may be aged 14 or 15.

Levels

Students attending our Sir George camp must be at elementary level or above. For all other courses we welcome students from beginner to advanced levels of English. On the rare occasion that there are not enough students to form a beginner's class, we will offer private lessons (at a reduced ratio) until a suitable class is available. See our Terms & Conditions for details.

IELTS-28: EXAMINATION COURSE

You will study 28 lessons per week of intensive IELTS examination preparation - 20 lessons in the morning and 8 in the afternoon. You also receive a free tutorial with your teacher each month, and access to the full free activities programme.

CAM-28: EXAMINATION COURSE

You will study 28 lessons per week of intensive Cambridge examination preparation - 20 lessons in the morning and 8 in the afternoon. You also receive a free tutorial with your teacher each month, and access to the full free activities programme.

SG-28 - SIR GEORGE CAMP FOR AGES 14 TO 17 YEARS

During the academic year (August to June) we run our Sir George camp for teenagers at Studio main school. After 20 standard morning lessons you will study a further 8 classroom lessons per week, followed by supervised guided study or activities. You also receive a free tutorial with your teacher each month.



English Lessons at Studio Cambridge

Studio Level	Skills	CEFR*	Cambridge	IELTS	TOEFL
1 Beginner	No ability, except, perhaps, for a few isolated words	None	None	1.0 - 2.0	0 - 31
2 Elementary	Can understand and use familiar expressions, and communicate in simple terms if the other person speaks slowly	A1	None	2.0 - 3.0	
3 Lower Intermediate	Can take part in simple exchanges in everyday life with a sympathetic native speaker	A2	Key KET	3.0 - 4.0	
4 Intermediate	Can understand main ideas of texts, discuss past and future projects and understand limited social conversation	B1	Preliminary PET	4.0 - 5.0	32 - 45
5 Upper Intermediate	Good command of English, with some inaccuracies; can understand implicit ideas in complex texts and use English effectively	B2	First FCE	5.0 - 6.5	46 - 93
6 Advanced	Fully operational command of English; can express ideas coherently and precisely but still missing cultural nuances	C1 C2	Advanced CAE Proficiency CPE	6.5 - 8.5	94 - 117



OUR DIRECTORS OF STUDIES

We have a team of teaching professionals, led by our Academic Manager and Directors of Studies.

The most important role of the Director of Studies (DoS) is to help you succeed. You will meet Tim or Melissa on your first day and you will be able to discuss your academic progress with them at any stage of your course.

The DoS is available to advise you about which courses or exams to take, help you with any problems or worries you might have or just listen to you if you feel the need to talk to somebody about your time studying with us.



Tim Essex
Director of Studies



Melissa Barrett
Director of Studies



CLASSES INCLUDE

Emphasis on speaking

Multinational classes from a range of countries

Individual attention from your teacher

Experienced teaching team

Clear, friendly and understandable lessons for students with low levels

Challenging and stimulating lessons for students with high levels

Flexibility to change class as you progress

METHODOLOGY

We adapt our teaching to the needs and learning styles of our students, following three guiding principles:

- The teaching will be balanced with practice - you will learn and practise English, with an emphasis on speaking.
- Lessons will be centred around you - you will not spend all your time listening to the teacher but will be busy using English in the classroom.
- The language we teach will be recycled - we will not allow you to forget what you have learnt.



OUR TEACHERS

Qualified

Knowledgeable

Enthusiastic

Friendly

Interested in you

STUDY LONGER FOR LESS

Our courses cost less per week the longer you study. See our Dates and Fees list for information. If you are staying for 4 weeks or more, you can move from the EFL 28 course to our examination courses as you progress in your studies.

CLASSES AT THE RIGHT LEVEL

Classes are at all levels from beginner to advanced. You will be tested on your first day by a qualified teacher, with a written and speaking test and then placed in a class at the level which is right for you. You will be able to change level as you progress by discussing with your teacher and the Director of Studies.

The table (left) shows the six main levels we use and the equivalent levels in the Cambridge Assessment Examinations, TOEFL and IELTS.

Progress test

At the end of each week you will take a test to make sure that you have understood the work covered during the week. You will be able to see your improvement.

Exit test

At the end of your course you can take an exit test. This will measure your level of English at the end of your course and, by comparing the results with those of your placement test, your overall progress. We will give you an additional certificate to show this progress.

Tutorials

A tutorial is a private meeting with your teacher, in which you can discuss the progress you have made and what you need to do next to reach your goals.

Your Study Plan

Based on the personal goals identified in your tutorials and your work in class, your teacher will give you a personalised Study Plan. This will guide you to work on those areas of English which you need to focus on to improve your command of the language.

Certificate of Studies and Academic Report

At the end of your course you will receive a certificate showing the course you have studied and the dates of that course.

Your teacher will also write a personalised Academic Report which shows not just your progress but also the level you have attained in each area of English. This is a very useful document for your future studies or work.

Modern technology

Lessons regularly incorporate modern media, such as video clips, webpages, social media and the latest news, through which we can bring the English-speaking world into our classrooms.

Self-study in the Learning Centre

You can visit our main school Learning Centre before or after lessons to work on the areas identified in your Study Plan. We have 20 PCs with free internet access and Wi-Fi, printing facilities, and a range of materials including CDs, books and newspapers.

Homework

Homework is set daily by your teacher and is designed to complement your classroom studies, helping you to retain and practise the new language from your lessons and to make faster progress.

Activities and out-of-school assignments

Our courses – EFL-20, EFL-28, CE-28, IELTS-28 & CAM-28 – all offer at least 5 afternoon activities, and 1 evening activity, each week, completely free of charge.

We also have some other clever ways of keeping you talking through our Studio “missions”, Conversation club and Grammar club (see page 5).

For details of Sir George camp activities see page 18.

Studio Cambridge Course Choices

EFL-20

Morning lessons only

Our morning classes are attended by all students on Standard, Intensive, or Combination courses. All offer General English skills, with no specialisation. They consist of 20 lessons each week, typically from 09:30 to 13:00 each day, Monday to Friday. The content of the morning classes differs according to the level, interests and age of the students in each class. However, all include the study of grammar, speaking, listening, pronunciation, writing skills and reading comprehension.

CE-28 COMBINATION ENGLISH WITH 1-TO-1

Morning lessons plus afternoon 1-to-1 tuition

Each week CE-28 offers 20 morning English lessons in international classes, plus 8 afternoon lessons of 1-to-1 tuition with your own private teacher. You also receive access to the free activities programme. Your 1-to-1 lessons can focus on any specific areas of grammar, skills or topic of interest to you (to be requested at the time of booking). It is the most effective way to improve your own specific areas of English while still having the advantage of mixing with other students in the morning lessons.

EFL-28 INTENSIVE

Morning lessons plus afternoon option lessons

Each week EFL-28 offers 20 morning English lessons plus 8 lessons from a choice of specialised afternoon options. The EFL-28 course is the most effective way to improve your English in the shortest possible time and can be combined with the full-time examination courses (page 15 & 16).



THE SCHOOL DAY TIMETABLE

Classes are held each day, Monday to Friday. A typical day is as follows:

Morning lessons

09:30 - 11:00

Two lessons (90 minutes)

11:30 - 13:00

Two lessons (90 minutes)

Afternoon lessons

(if chosen)

13:45 - 15:15

Two lessons* (90 minutes)

Activities

15:30 Activities begin*

*On Friday afternoons there are no lessons and activities begin at 14:00

EFL-28 Afternoon options

EFL-28 OPTION 1 ENGLISH FOR CULTURE

Levels **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6**

1.A. ENGLISH FOR LIVING IN ENGLAND

Levels **1** **2** **3**

The focus is on functional English to help you communicate with the numerous people you will speak to in Cambridge, such as your host family, shop assistants and receptionists. In addition, you will learn about aspects of British and local culture. Topics include:

- Living with a host family
- Shopping
- Going out
- Ordering meals
- Buying tickets
- Filling in forms
- Etiquette and customs
- Everyday idioms
- Cambridge life
- London and the Royals
- Regional Britain
- Famous Britons
- Seasonal celebrations

1.B. CULTURAL STUDIES

Levels **4** **5** **6**

For students at a higher English levels the focus is on cultural awareness and cultural trends, as well as aspects of British and local culture. Topics include:

- International communication
- Global Leadership (in July & August for ages 16 to 20 only)
- Etiquette and customs
- Regional Britain
- Mini-UN debates
- Cambridge life
- Seasonal celebrations
- London and the Royals
- Current affairs





EFL-28 OPTION 2 ENGLISH FOR WORK

Levels **4** **5** **6**

This option is for students who want to use English in a work or business setting. It is a practical course that includes real-world scenarios, simulations and tasks. It looks at areas such as:

- Jobs and careers
- CV and job applications
- Effective interview techniques
- Presentation skills
- Greetings and small talk
- Formal English for meetings
- Negotiating and persuading
- Styles of management
- Teamwork
- Workplace simulations
- Cultural awareness in international enterprises
- Case studies of companies
- Using social media to promote businesses
- Writing emails, letters and reports.

EFL-28 OPTION 3 ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC EXAMINATIONS

Levels **4** **5** **6**

This option is for students who wish to take an English language exam while at Studio or once they return home. Gaining an internationally-recognised English Language qualification is particularly useful if you are planning to study on a Foundation, Bachelor's or Master's degree course at an English-speaking university. However, this option is also suitable for students who don't need a qualification but would like a very structured and demanding course. The aim of this option is to improve your academic language skills together with your exam techniques. Most medium to long-stay students take this option before moving to the full-time examination course nearer to the date of the exam (see pages 15 & 16).

This option is divided into two or three exam streams, which have some different focuses and also some common areas:

3.A. IELTS PREPARATION

Topics include:

- Delivering a short monologue
- Reacting to a difference of opinion during discussion
- The formal lexis and structures used in academic writing
- Writing reports on graphs, charts and diagrams
- Taking notes from lectures
- Identifying the writer's claims in scientific texts

3.B. CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION - B2 FIRST (FCE) AND C1 ADVANCED (CAE)

Topics include:

- Describing and comparing pictures, making suggestions and cooperative dialogue
- Use of grammar e.g. gap-fills, paraphrasing
- Use of vocabulary e.g. synonyms, affixes, phrasal verbs
- Writing letters, reports, reviews and stories
- Reading comprehension of fiction, magazines and newspapers
- Listening comprehension of news, presentations and everyday conversations

TOPICS INCLUDED IN BOTH OPTIONS:

- Delivering a short monologue
- Reacting to a difference in opinion during discussion
- Planning, organising and writing formal essays
- Syntax and word order
- Formal language and the passive voice
- Linking words – adverbs and conjugations

IELTS Examination Course (IELTS-28)

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The IELTS examination is an internationally recognised qualification, accepted for entry into universities and colleges throughout the English-speaking world.

Our IELTS-28 examination course is designed specifically to cover the skills needed in the IELTS exam and during your university studies.

It has proved to be highly successful, and as all lessons concentrate exclusively on the exam, we only recommend this course to those who intend to take the exam.

Special features of the course

Specialised vocabulary for IELTS:

You will learn and memorise words that typically appear in IELTS exams, in topics such as the environment, technology and geography.

Exam training and practice:

As the exam date approaches, you will receive increasingly more examination practice, including speaking tests and evaluation. We will give you detailed feedback on your performance in each area and will identify the areas you need to improve on in order to achieve your target IELTS score.

Success at University:

The language and study skills you will develop during the course won't just

help you gain entrance to university, but will help you to successfully manage the demands of a university course.

Levels

The minimum IELTS score for entry to a UK university is usually 6.0 and this course is designed to help you achieve at least that level.

You must already be at a strong intermediate level (IELTS 5.0) to start the course. However, it is also suitable for students aiming for 7.0 or even higher.

If your level of English is below IELTS 5.0 you may wish to start your studies on the EFL-28 course with the afternoon option 3 – English for Academic Examinations: IELTS. You can then transfer to the IELTS-28 course when you are ready.

Teaching knowledge and experience:

We have helped thousands of students achieve the examination scores they have needed for entry to university. Our instructors have received specialist training in IELTS and have expertise and years of experience in helping students achieve their maximum possible scores.

Previous Studio participants taking IELTS-28 have gained successful admission to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group Universities.

Course starts	No. of weeks	Course ends	Exam date
January 04	4	January 29	January 30
February 01	4	February 26	February 27
March 01	4	March 26	March 27
April 05	4	April 30	May 01
May 03	4	May 28	May 29
June 07	4	July 02	July 03
July 05	4	July 30	July 31
August 02	4	August 27	August 28
September 06	4	October 01	October 02
October 04	4	October 29	October 30
November 01	4	November 26	November 27



ADDITIONAL COSTS

The cost of the IELTS examination (which is optional) is not included in the course fees. It is estimated at £185. The course uses specialised textbooks and there is an additional cost of approximately £50 per course. The exam and book fees can be paid at the school.



THE SCHOOL DAY TIMETABLE

Classes are held each day, Monday to Friday. A typical day is as follows:

09:30 - 11:00

Two IELTS lessons (90 minutes)

11:30 - 13:00

Two IELTS lessons (90 minutes)

13:45 - 15:15

Two IELTS lessons (90 minutes)

15:30

Activities begin*

*On Friday afternoons there are no lessons and activities begin at 14:00



DURATION: 4 weeks



THE COURSE INCLUDES:

Delivering a short monologue

Reacting to a difference of opinion during discussion

The formal lexis and structures used in academic writing

Writing reports on graphs, charts and diagrams

Identifying the writer's claims in scientific texts

Taking notes, planning, organising and writing essays

Linking words – adverbs and conjugations

Fulfilling the exam question criteria

Managing your time in an exam

Independent study skills

Cambridge Examination Course (CAM-28)



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These qualifications are among the most prestigious and widely recognised English language qualifications in the world. They are accepted for entry to UK universities - B2 First for Foundation courses and C1 Advanced for Degree courses. The course prepares you for the examinations and they are timed so that the examination takes place shortly before or after the course ends. The speaking examinations are held during the final week of the course. However, some students take the courses without wishing to sit the examinations. The fee for the exams is, therefore, not included in course fees.

Special features of the course

Detailed knowledge of grammar and vocabulary:

Use of English is a crucial part of the exam and the course provides you with a detailed grounding in grammar and vocabulary.



Exam training and practice:

As the exam date approaches, you will receive increasingly more examination practice, including speaking tests and evaluation. We will give you detailed feedback on your performance in each area and will identify the areas you need to improve on in order to achieve your target grade in the exam.

Success at University:

Cambridge exam qualifications remain valid forever and so you will not have to retake the exams years later. However, more than the qualifications, the language and study skills you will develop during the course will help you, whatever your future studies and career.



DURATION:
3 or 6 weeks

(You may combine some courses. Please contact us for details)



THE COURSE INCLUDES:

Making suggestions and cooperative dialogue

Writing letters, reports, reviews and stories

Reading comprehension of fiction, magazines and newspapers

Listening comprehension of news, presentations and everyday conversations

Planning, organising and writing formal essays

Spelling and punctuation

Formal language and the passive voice

Fulfilling the exam question criteria

Independent study skills

ADDITIONAL COSTS

The cost of the FCE and CAE examination (which is optional) is not included in the course fees. It is estimated at £190. The course uses specialised textbooks and there is an additional cost of approximately £50 per course. The exam and book fees can be paid at the school.

Course number	Course starts Monday	Course ends Friday	Duration (weeks)
1	January 11	February 19	6
2	March 08	April 16	6
3	April 19	May 28	6
4	May 31	June 18	3
5	June 21	July 30	6
6	July 12	July 30	3
7	August 09	August 27	3
8	September 27	November 06	6
9	November 01	December 11	6

B2 First written	Paper or computer based
Sat 20 Feb	computer
Sat 17 April	paper
Sat 29 May	computer
Sat 19 June	paper
Thu 29 July	paper
Thu 29 July	paper
Thu 26 August	paper
Sat 06 November	paper
Sat 11 December	paper

C1 Advanced written	Paper or computer based
Wed 24 Feb	paper
Sat 17 April	paper
Sat 29 May	paper
Sat 19 June	paper
Fri 30 July	paper
Fri 30 July	paper
Fri 27 August	paper
Sat 06 November	paper
Sat 11 December	paper