

Preparation for Masters

Studying successfully at postgraduate level at a British university requires the ability to follow academic lectures and take notes, to contribute to debates and seminars, to read critically, to select reading appropriately, to analyse, synthesise and criticise arguments or points of view, to write, structure and reference essays, a dissertation or a thesis. This course provides you with the English language skills and the academic study skills and confidence to embark successfully on postgraduate university studies. Every four weeks you complete an academic assignment which tests your development and provides a tangible mark of progress.

The course is structured to enable you to study for as long as you require to achieve IELTS 6.5. In the last 8 weeks of the course the programme includes a Critical Analysis session to hone and develop your critical thinking and research skills. You focus on the following areas:

Week 1: Introduction to critical analysis and research skills	Week 5: Social Sciences
Week 2: World Politics	Week 6: Humanities (Geography and History)
Week 3: Business	Week 7: Environment
Week 4: Arts	Week 8: Science

Personal tutorials

Your personal tutor monitors your work and helps to motivate you, ensuring that you stay on track to achieve IELTS 6.5.

Your outcomes

- Achieve IELTS 6.5
- Gain the study and research skills you need
- Ideal preparation for postgraduate study

To apply you must:

- Have a first degree or equivalent
- Have an intermediate level of English (equivalent to IELTS 5.0 or TOEFL 153)

Sample Timetable: Preparation for Masters

09.00 – 10.00	Skills Training: Study Skills for Higher Education
10.00 – 10.15	Break
10.15 – 11.15	Language Input: Grammar and Language Structure
11.15 – 11.30	Break
11.30 – 12.30	Critical Analysis: Case Studies and Research
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.30	IELTS Exam Preparation
14.30 – 14.45	Break
14.45 – 15.45	Spoken Performance Workshop

Timetables are samples and may be subject to change.

Progress guide

Your present level	Your target level	Course length required
IELTS 4.0	IELTS 6.5	36 weeks
IELTS 5.0	IELTS 6.5	24 weeks
IELTS 5.5	IELTS 6.5	16 weeks
IELTS 6.0	IELTS 6.5	8 weeks

Course start dates 2011/2012

2011: 11 Sep, 09 Oct, 06 Nov, 04 Dec
2012: 01 Jan, 29 Jan, 26 Feb, 25 Mar, 22 Apr, 20 May, 17 Jun, 12 Aug, 09 Sep, 07 Oct, 04 Nov, 02 Dec

Fees per course: Brighton, Cambridge

25 hours per week + one tutorial session per month

No of weeks	8	16	24	36
	£2528	£4736	£6864	£10296

Examination fee: IELTS - £130

