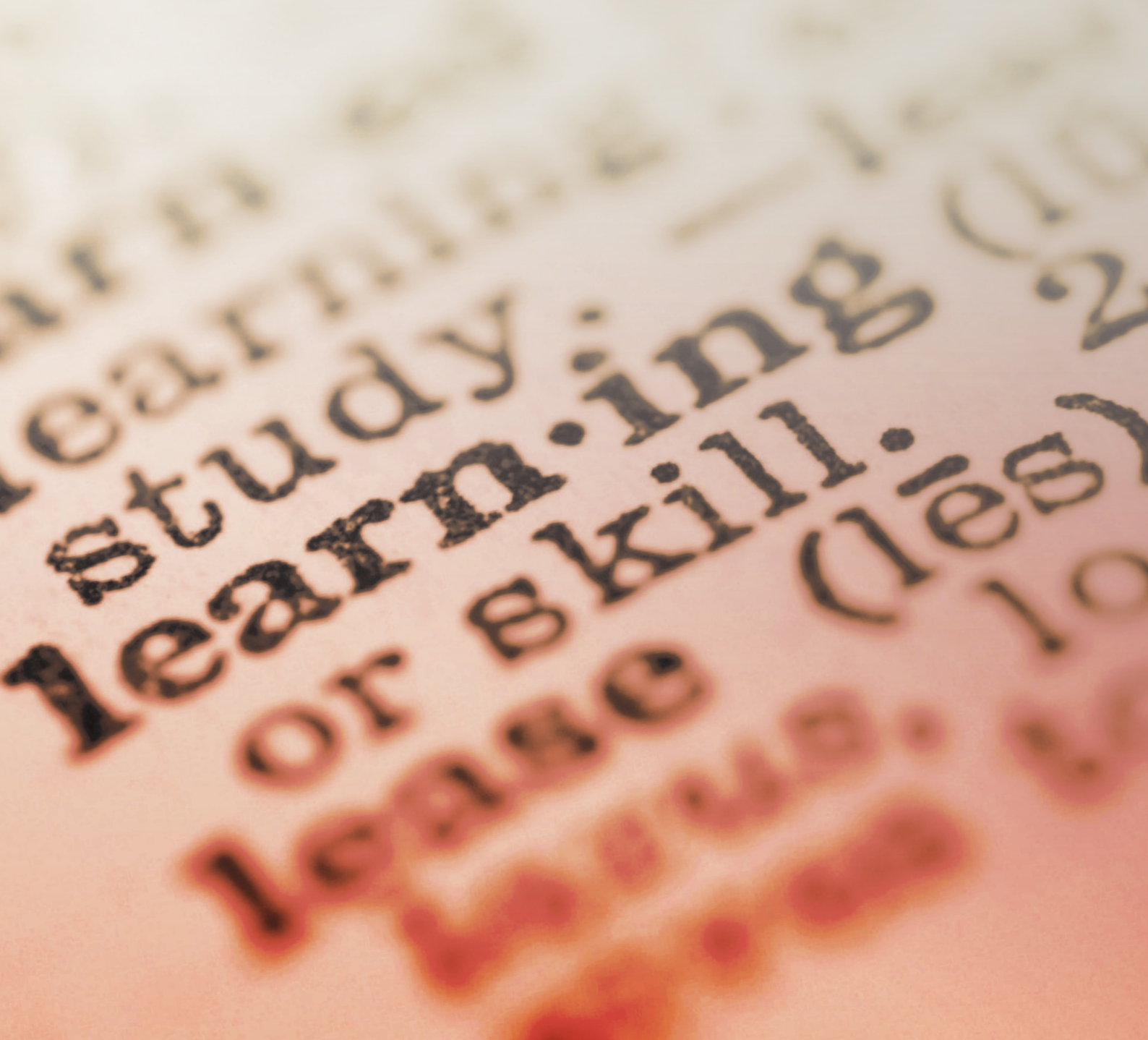


# ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC STUDY

Pre-sessional programme in  
academic English and study skills



# GIVING YOU THE BEST START AT THE UNIVERSITY OF READING

The International Study and Language Institute (ISLI) at the University of Reading has an international reputation for excellence, with over 40 years' experience in offering English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses to students from around the world.

The ISLI's Pre-session programme in English language and study skills will help you to meet the English language requirements for your degree programme. It provides intensive language and study skills preparation through full-time study, throughout the year.

You can join the programme in September, January, April, June or July. The time to begin your study will depend on your current language level in the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. It is important to allow enough time to reach the entry level required for your future course. The chart on the next page can be used as a guide. You will receive advice on this during the application process.

### The PSE learning experience offers:

- preparation to embark confidently on an academic programme at the university
- an integrated approach to language and skills teaching, reflecting real-life academic tasks, so you learn through activities such as essay writing, and listening to lectures
- a focus on genre and the integrated skills, practices and values directly related to students' destination degree programme contexts.
- the development of learning strategies and problem-solving skills to help you achieve the independence expected of students in UK universities
- a full-time and intensive programme with 15 hours of live lessons a week and an overall weekly workload (inclusive of independent study) of 30–35 hours
- class sizes of approximately 16 students organised according to level, maximising group interaction and tutor feedback

- the opportunity to make friends with students from different cultures
- assessment involving equal weighting between the final examination (TEEP<sup>1</sup>) and summative coursework assignments.

### Skills development includes:

- all academic language skills: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking
- awareness of academic values, practices and processes e.g. academic integrity
- familiarisation with some key genres and their communicative conventions in your discipline
- reading academic texts
- improving range and control of grammar and vocabulary
- reflecting critically on your learning
- learning to write different types of assignments (academic genres) such as essays, case studies and reflections
- participating in seminars and tutorials
- listening and note-taking during lectures and discussions
- giving presentations
- developing academic research skills, including using the University library and online resources
- utilising learning technologies in support of your studies.

### Student support includes:

- an academic tutor who helps students to reflect on their progress on the course and connect with other support services as appropriate
- a programme of social events to help you make friends and enjoy your time here in Reading
- trips to local places of historic or cultural interest.

1 Test of English for Educational Purposes

## TIMETABLE (SUMMER)

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
09:15–10:30	Mini Research Project	Oral Presentation Proposal	Mini Research Project	Oral Presentation Proposal	Mini Research Project
10:30–11:30	B R E A K				
11:00–12:30	Mini Research Project	Oral Presentation proposal	Mini Research Project	Oral presentation proposal	Mini Research Project
	L U N C H				
Guided Independent Study (2 hours set) / Tutorials					
Submission of work/tasks		Submission 4pm		Feedback 4pm	





### Assessment

Assessment is based on a combination of coursework and examination, calculating a final average of your scores. The test of English for Academic Purposes (TEEP) will assess your proficiency in the four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking). Coursework assignments include an assignment related to *Preparing for Research and Enquiry*, and a presentation.

### Pre-sessional English language entry conditions

The best way to meet your English language condition for acceptance on a degree programme and to improve your study readiness is to attend the University's Pre-sessional Programme.

Please apply as soon as possible with details of your overall English language level and the levels you have achieved in the individual skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. We can then advise you on the number of weeks you will need to study to achieve your target score. Do not delay your application, as courses fill up quickly, and you may need time to submit a visa application.

Note that some degrees require TEEP or IELTS 7.5 and will require a longer study period on the Pre-sessional programme – please contact us for further advice.

For details of entry levels using other English language tests (e.g. TOEFL iBT, PTE Academic), please contact us.

If you have received a combined offer for a degree programme with Pre-sessional English, please see your offer letter for details of the Pre-sessional study period included in your offer.

Dates and fees for the Pre-sessional programme can be found at: [reading.ac.uk/ISLI/pre-sessional](http://reading.ac.uk/ISLI/pre-sessional)

Your TEEP/IELTS level now	Minimum target TEEP/IELTS for degree course	Suggested length of study
4.0	6.5	41 weeks
4.5	7.0	41 weeks
4.5	6.5	41 weeks
5.0	7.0	30 weeks
5.0	6.5	19 weeks
5.5	7.0	19 weeks
5.5	6.5	11 weeks
6.0	7.0	11 weeks
6.0	6.5	6–9 weeks
6.5	7.0	6–9 weeks

**Please note:** The course lengths given above are approximate and you may need a longer period of study to reach your target level. Please visit [reading.ac.uk/pse-study](http://reading.ac.uk/pse-study) for more detailed information.

### WHY STUDY AT READING?

The University of Reading has a long tradition of academic excellence, and is one of the UK's top 20<sup>2</sup> research-intensive universities, set amidst a beautiful parkland campus. You will be able to enjoy all the available facilities, including the extensive library and a well-equipped SportsPark.

#### Quality assurance

**'Course design is principled and developed with care and understanding'**  
**'Continuous innovations ... demonstrate a commitment to the development of student autonomy'**

2019 BALEAP Accreditation Report  
[www.baleap.org](http://www.baleap.org)



The global forum for EAP professionals

#### Half-band credit

You can enter most degree programmes at the University of Reading with a half-band credit to your English language score when you complete one of our Pre-sessional programmes. Aim for the English language level outlined in your conditional offer for the University of Reading and, if you achieve half a band lower than your required score, you can still start your chosen degree with us.

**For further details and exceptions to the half-band discount, please check**

[reading.ac.uk/ISLI/pre-sessional/ISLI-Pre-sessional-English-Half-Band-Credit.aspx](http://reading.ac.uk/ISLI/pre-sessional/ISLI-Pre-sessional-English-Half-Band-Credit.aspx)



## THE ISLI PRE-SESSIONAL PROGRAMME OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES:

- You will develop your confidence and proficiency in academic English communication, both receptive (listening, reading) and productive (speaking, writing).
- You will develop your knowledge and understanding of UK academic culture enabling you to meet the expectations of your degree programme more successfully.
- You will practise academic skills in an integrated way – meaning you will practise different skills in combination – which will directly prepare you for the challenges of your degree programme.
- You will have the opportunity to make new friends, settle into campus life and adapt to living in the UK before starting your degree.
- Learning will be interactive and task based. Lessons will involve engaging interdisciplinary academic themes designed to replicate aspects of UK degree-programme study.



## ACCOMMODATION

At Reading we offer a wide range of accommodation options. Our halls provide you with a home away from home where you will find yourself part of a supportive community. Each hall has its own distinctive character offering a safe and secure environment in which to study, socialise and relax.

The benefits of living in halls accommodation include:

- accommodation is located either on the main Whiteknights campus or within easy walking distance
- a range of accommodation choices to suit your needs. Choose from different room types, catered or self-catered options and residency periods
- 'Halls hotline' available 24/7, 365 days of the year ensuring any halls related issues are dealt with quickly and efficiently
- communal areas and hall committees which help create a sense of community and ensure a friendly and sociable environment – a great place to meet new friends!

Please contact [accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk](mailto:accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk) for more details.

### Here's what some of our former students say about ISLI:

**'When I compare before and after my experience... I see one word: "confidence".'**

**Ben Koulibali, Ivory Coast**

**'Today, after almost a year of studying within the Department of Economics, I must say that I feel really grateful for the English training that I received.'**

**Javier Pinzon, Columbia**

**'I learnt thousands of strategies to improve my writing, listening, speaking and note-taking in lectures, as well as time management skills!'**

**Ibtisam Al Khaifi, Oman**

## PRE-SESSIONAL PROGRAMME IN ACADEMIC ENGLISH AND STUDY SKILLS

**i** For applications and further information, please contact:

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