Pre-Sessional English Programmes

University College Dublin (UCD) provides a range of English language programmes for students who wish to improve their proficiency in English before commencing an undergraduate or graduate programme.

Pre-Sessional Programmes are suitable for students who*:
- Need to improve their language skills as a condition of entry to their UCD degree programme
- Have already met the English Language conditions for entry, but wish to improve their proficiency and acclimatise to life and study at UCD before the academic year begins

Course Aims
Our courses aim to:
- Develop students’ English for Academic Purposes (EAP) skills so that they are confident in using English at university level
- Develop students' academic, communication, independent study and research skills
- Develop students’ learner autonomy, so that they can undertake independent study and research for academic programmes
- Introduce students to Irish culture and life at UCD in preparation for studying in Dublin

Choosing the Right Course
The length and type of course you need will depend on your current level of English, and the language requirements for your chosen degree programme here in UCD. Our experienced team can advise applicants based on their individual profile and requirements.

Course Entry Requirements

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<th>Programme</th>
<th>Length</th>
<th>English Language Requirements</th>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Tuition Fees</th>
<th>Total Including Homestay</th>
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<td>A – Standard EAP</td>
<td>12 weeks</td>
<td>IELTS 5.5 (with no band less than IELTS 5.0)*</td>
<td>4 June – 24 August</td>
<td>€2,950</td>
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<td>B – Intensive EAP</td>
<td>7 weeks</td>
<td>IELTS 6.0 (with no band less than IELTS 5.5)*</td>
<td>9 July – 24 August</td>
<td>€1,950</td>
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*Please Note: Admission to UCD degree programmes is based in part on language level, and any English language condition referred to in your UCD program offer letter. Please note that acceptance for or completion of this English language programme does not necessarily guarantee acceptance on an academic programme at UCD. Entry requirements to academic programmes may vary and will be communicated to students before commencing a pre-sessional programme. For further information please contact presessional@ucd.ie
Structure and Content
A typical study week will include:
- 20+ hours tuition per week (morning and afternoon)
- Academic reading and writing
- Listening and note-taking skills
- Oral discussion practice and presentation skills
- Information and communication technology skills
- Social and cultural activities
- Guided self-study time

Highly qualified Applied Language Centre tutors, all of whom have considerable English language teaching experience, provide tuition on the course. Our staff are on hand to offer all the necessary support to students throughout the course. Teaching will be conducted in small groups, lectures, seminars and tutorials. This is an intensive course, and students are expected to engage in guided self-study in the form of homework and assignments; such independent learning forms an essential element of this course.

Course Assessment and Final Course Evaluation
Students are tested on entry and on a regular basis throughout the course. Ongoing feedback is provided. At the end of the course, there will be a final assessment: this includes a written examination, a written research project on a relevant academic subject with an accompanying oral presentation. A transcript of final results and a report on the student’s English language competence will be forwarded to the UCD Degree Programme to which the student is applying.

Why study at UCD?

**Tradition**
Established 1854, with over 160 years of teaching & research excellence

**Global profile**
UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide

**Global community**
Over 6,000 international students from over 120 countries study at UCD

**Global careers**
Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 1 year stay-back visa

**Safety**
Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

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Attendance
In order to successfully complete the Pre-Sessional, students must have 90% attendance and complete all of the assignments and assessment on the course to a level appropriate to their chosen course of study.

By the end of the course, students should be in a position to gain the maximum benefit from their academic programme of study and successfully complete their UCD degree.

Accommodation
Optional accommodation is available to students taking these programmes. These include host family accommodation, with meals included, located within 6km of the campus, and ensuite self-catering accommodation on campus. For full details see http://presessional.ucd.ie/