

# Pre-sessional English

**Our Pre-sessional English programme is a 12 week intensive course designed for students who wish to progress onto one of our Undergraduate, Graduate Diploma or Postgraduate courses but have not met the required English language level.**

By taking this programme before commencing your chosen CSVPA course, you will develop your skills in listening, reading, writing and speaking. You will learn new vocabulary and an understanding of grammar, and how to use them in both academic and everyday situations.

## How you learn

This is a full-time, in-person course with guided independent and collaborative tasks and assignments.

### By attending our Pre-Sessional course, you will:

- Develop your ability to listen to lectures and seminars, take notes effectively and ask questions appropriately
- Participate confidently and appropriately in academic seminars
- Develop your ability to conduct research
- Improve your presentation skills and increase your confidence and accuracy when presenting research
- Improve your reading and listening skills in an academic context
- Improve your ability to express yourself in spoken and written forms in an academic context
- Improve your autonomous and reflective learning skills
- Develop your understanding of how to be a successful student in the UK
- Improve your communication skills to help you live, study and thrive in an English-speaking environment
- Learn more about the UK; its traditions and culture



## How you will be assessed

At the end of the course you will be assessed in the skills of writing, speaking, listening and reading. Success on the Pre-Sessional course is a requirement for progression to your next course of study with CSVPA.

**THE PROGRAMME FOCUSES ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

**Academic English language** | vocabulary | grammar | essay construction | critical thinking | note-taking | study skills

**Communication skills** | interaction with classmates | discussion | conversation techniques | presentations

**Projects and assignments** | different projects | pair and group work

**Confidence building required for further study** | Partake confidently in lectures and seminars | take notes effectively

**SAMPLE TIMETABLE**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08.30 - 09.30	<b>Language Development:</b> Sentence structure in English	<b>Language Development:</b> Expressing cause and effect	<b>Language Development:</b> Key academic adverbs	<b>Language Development:</b> Presenting an argument	<b>Language Development:</b> Describing processes and procedures
Break					
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Discussions &amp; Presentations:</b> An introduction to presentations 1: What makes a good presentation?	<b>Discussions &amp; Presentations:</b> Give your presentation & give feedback to others	<b>The Written Word:</b> Identifying relevant texts skimming and reading for gist	<b>Input &amp; Lectures:</b> How to take notes effectively	<b>Discussions &amp; Presentations:</b> Seminar discussion: adapting to student life in the UK
Break					
11:30-12:30	<b>Discussions &amp; Presentations:</b> An introduction to presentations 1: Pacing and pausing signposting	<b>Input &amp; Lectures:</b> Input for presentations - setting expectations discussion of appropriate art-related topics	<b>Discussions &amp; Presentations:</b> Introduction to seminars 1 - What is a seminar and what should you expect?	<b>Discussions &amp; Presentations:</b> Being an independent learner & preparing for seminars	<b>Discussions &amp; Presentations:</b> Preparing for higher education - listening to a text about an orientation programme
Break					
13:30-14:30	<b>The Written Word:</b> Different text types and their reliability for use in research	Collaborative practical project work through Canvas* (*LMS)	Academic Tutorials	<b>Study Skills:</b> Negotiated according to students needs	Academic Tutorials / Reflections on the week
<b>Independent Learning</b>	<b>Independent Learning:</b> Review, Preparation & additional Self-Study: Prepare a 2 minute presentation on an aspect of education from your country	<b>Independent Learning:</b> Review, Preparation & additional Self-Study: Write reflections on your presentation and identify areas which you feel you need to work on	<b>Independent Learning:</b> Review, Preparation & additional Self-Study: Reading - article on culture shock with Japanese and British students and further research ready for a seminar	<b>Independent Learning:</b> Review, Preparation & additional Self-Study: Practical project work	<b>Independent Learning:</b> Review, Preparation & additional Self-Study: Write a 250 word reflection on your presentation

The sample timetable shown above is for information purposes only. All aspects of the timetable are subject to change at any time.

**DATE 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE - 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2025**

IELTS for Intake	Price	IELTS Level Required to Progress	Full-time course in September
5.0 (nothing under 5.0)	£4,190	5.5+ (nothing under 5.5) →	• BA (Hons) & Graduate Diploma
6.0 (nothing under 5.5)	£4,190	6.5+ (nothing under 5.5) →	• MA Art & Design

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