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# **ETC Brochure**

General English

**Exam Preparation** 

**Teacher Training** 

**Specialist Courses** 

Junior Programme

**Activities Programme** 

**University Preparation Courses** 









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# Welcome to ETC

### Thank you for studying with us!

We are passionate about language learning and we aim to deliver professional teaching in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Choosing to study with us means you can expect great teaching, clear progress and excellent service. Experience the UK, learn in an authentic but modern environment and make friendships that last a lifetime.

ETC, accredited by the British Council for teaching English as a foreign language, is a specialist language school established in 1989 that provides:

• English Language Courses

- 1:1 Courses
- Exam Preparation Courses (IELTS, CAE, FCE)
- Teacher Training
- Specialist Courses (Business English, Medical English, Legal English)

#### History

ETC is a family-run language school that was founded in 1989. We have been operating successfully in Bournemouth since that time, though not always on the same site. The Directors took the decision to move to a purpose-built school in West Hill Road in order to allow for expansion.

The school now benefits from quieter surroundings, more than four times the number of classrooms (Over 35 instead of 7), a library, a café, student lounge, on-site residence and enough space to organise social activities on site.

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Our teachers are overseen by our professional development team, who provide on-going training.

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Develop your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

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Obtain an internationally recognised qualification in English.

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Prepare for University with a selection of courses for a range of skill levels.



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A chance to learn English in order to progress in your job or studies.

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Whatever your language needs, we will be happy to design a programme to suit you...

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earn to teach English as a foreign anguage in the UK or abroad!

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You can choose from a wide range of places to stay whilst you're at ETC International College.

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Enjoy a wide range of activities in the surrounding area!





Over 7 miles of sandy beaches only 2 hours from London!



# Location

We are located in Bournemouth, on the south coast of the UK.



- Bournemouth is the most popular English study destination outside of London. In 2014 over 50,000 international students studied in Bournemouth.
- Bournemouth is a vibrant young town with a population of around 188,000 people.
- Bournemouth has over 7 miles of award-winning sandy beaches and over 200 restaurants & bars.
- Coaches and trains run several times every hour to and from London.
- You can fly from many European cities to Bournemouth or nearby Southampton airport.



#### Top things to do in and around Bournemouth

- 1. In the summer there are many extra activities in Bournemouth, including candle lighting (a 100 year-old tradition) and free fireworks.
- **2.** Bournemouth Square in the winter is packed with festive decorations and a seasonal market, offering souvenirs, refreshments and a fantastic atmosphere!
- **3.** Take a ferry to Brownsea Island and explore a truly natural environment.
- **4.** Take a walk in Bournemouth Gardens and experience miles of beautiful scenery.
- **5.** Rise 500ft in the air in Bournemouth's static hot air balloon; view over 20 miles!







Town Centre 4 minutes



**London** 2 hours



**Beach** 5 minutes



# Bournemouth Station

15 minutes



Summer Adult Residence

15 minutes



Heathrow Airport

1.5 hours



**Bournemouth Library** 

3 minutes



#### Oxford

1.5 hours



#### Gatwick Airport 2.5 hours



#### New Forest

15 minutes



#### Southampton

45 minutes



# **Our Facilities**

Providing you with facilities to help you learn.

#### When you study at ETC you will benefit from:

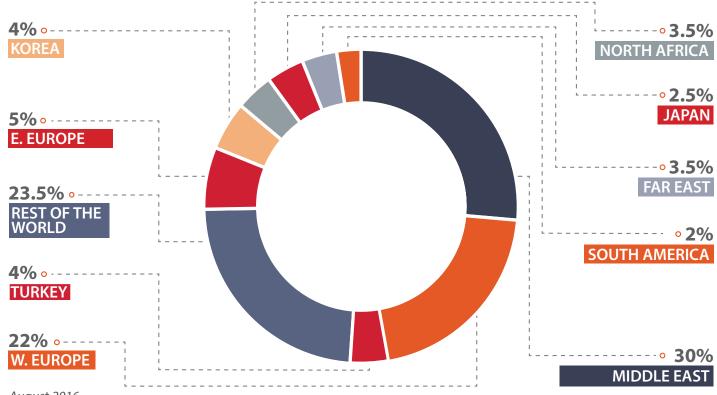
- Over 35 classrooms and over 25 computers
- Modern, well equipped library with lots of resources for easy self-study
- IT area equipped with language programmes
- Free activities programme
- Café serving hot and cold refreshments/meals
- Free Wi-Fi access in all buildings
- · Undercover outdoor patio area
- Free English DVD library
- · Secure area to lock your bike up during the day
- Table-tennis tables.





# **Nationality Mix**

Our students are truly international and you can expect to meet people from all over the world.



# **Teaching Quality**

ETC takes great care in selecting teachers that we think will bring the best out of our students. Our staff are overseen by our professional development team, who provide on-going training for our teachers.



We strive to ensure that the highest quality of tuition is maintained at ETC and hold regular 'Professional Development Sessions'. Teachers are encouraged to fine-tune their knowledge of structural and functional language and stay up to date with the latest trends in methodology. We can guarantee they will continue to show sound knowledge of the linguistic systems of English as a global language.

# Developing our staff helps them to **engage**, **inspire** and **stimulate** our learners.

Not only are our members of staff observed regularly by senior teachers and members of our teacher training team, but they have the opportunity to observe each other in order to ensure a constant exchange of ideas.

#### What your days might look like

Please note this is a sample timetable and is subject to change.

# **Timetable**



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 - 10:15	Lessons 1 & 2	Lessons 1 & 2			
Break					
10:45 - 12:15	Lessons 3 & 4	Lessons 3 & 4			
Lunch - [End of classes for Standard General English students].					
13:15 - 14:45	Intensive 1 (24) Super Intensive (28)	Intensive 2 (24) Super Intensive (28)	Intensive 1 (24) Super Intensive (28)	Intensive 2 (24) Super Intensive (28)	
	Specialist Lessons	Specialist Lessons	Specialist Lessons	Specialist Lessons	Specialist Lessons
Break [End of classes for Intensive, Super Intensive & Specialist students].					
15:15 - 16:45	1-to-1 Lessons	1-to-1 Lessons	1-to-1 Lessons	1-to-1 Lessons	1-to-1 Lessons

<sup>\*</sup>if necessary, TT2 could be run in the afternoon with Intensive lessons at 10.45 - 12.15

<sup>\*\*</sup>Students will be placed in Intensive 1 or Intensive 2 depending on their level of English.

# **General English**

#### This is our most popular course

Studying on this course will develop your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills; supported by the necessary grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation input.

#### **Personalised Support**

We aim to provide the kind of linguistic training and support that you need in order to make the rapid progress you require and attain a good degree of fluency and accuracy in English. You will study in small, multinational classes along with learners of a similar age and language ability.

#### **Intensity**

Mornings and afternoons

#### **Entry Requirements**

Minimum age: 16 (except in the summer)

Level: All levels

#### How long is the course?

The standard course runs for 12 weeks. However you may take a longer or shorter course depending on your requirements.



# Make rapid progress in reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

#### **Course Types and Structures** - we offer 4 intensities of General English courses:

- **1. Standard course** (20 lessons = 15 hours per week). The morning lessons focus on reading, writing, listening and speaking. You will also learn and revise new vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation.
- 2. Intensive course (24 lessons = 18 hours per week).

  This course follows the Standard course structure with an additional 4 lessons of communicative skills practice per week.

  These extra lessons are designed to give you the chance to develop your confidence in speaking and listening.
- **3. Super Intensive course** (28 lessons = 21 hours per week).

  This course follows the Intensive course structure with an additional 4 lessons in all 4 skills plus pronunciation and lexical extension.
- **4. 1:1 course** (one teacher for one student).

  You may study any number of 1:1 lessons per week, unless you are a visa national, in which case you will need to take a minimum of 15 hours tuition (combined) per week.



# **Exam Preparation Courses**

#### **IELTS Exam Preparation**

IELTS is accepted by over 6,000 institutions around the world, including universities, colleges and employers in English-speaking countries and beyond. In fact, almost all universities in the UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand accept IELTS.

You will need an IELTS qualification to get into a university in the UK and our teachers will guide you through the stages of preparation for the IELTS exam, ensure you reach your full-potential and our university advisor will help you apply for the university course of your choice. The exams take place each month and you will be fully-prepared for them if you choose this path.

IELTS stands for International English Language Testing System and it is jointly-managed by the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL), the British Council and IDP Education Australia: IELTS Australia.

# **IELTS** will ensure you reach your potential and help you apply for the **university** course of your choice.

#### **Course Structure**

We currently offer 20 lessons (15 hours) per week for the IELTS Exam Preparation course.

Please refer to page 6 for a sample timetable.

#### Intensity

Mornings and afternoons

#### **Entry Requirements**

Minimum age: 16 Level: Intermediate

#### How long is the course?

The standard course runs for 12 weeks. However, you may take a longer or shorter course depending on your requirements.



#### Levels

There is no such thing as a pass or fail with IELTS because everyone gets a score to reflect their level of English language ability. Results are reported as band scores, on a scale from 1 (the lowest) to 9 (the highest).

0. Did not attempt the test

1. Non User

2. Intermittent User

3. Extremely Limited User

4. Limited User

5. Modest User

6. Competent User

7. Good User

8. Very Good User

9. Expert User

#### **Modules**

There are two modules: Academic and General.

Both of the modules are graded using exactly the same criteria, so there is no difference in the level of English. They both test your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The only difference is the subject matter and the type of vocabulary used, which vary to suit the diverse interests of candidates.

Academic: for candidates wishing to study at undergraduate or postgraduate levels, or seeking professional registration.

**General:** for candidates wishing to migrate to an English-speaking country, and for those wishing to train at or study below degree level.

#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

"My friends recommended me to study at ETC and I did so after I received a scholarship from the British Council in my country. The teachers and other staff helped me all the way to my Postgraduate course in one of the best Universities in the UK. At the moment I'm a student at LSE - the London School of Economics and Political Science. Many thanks ETC!" - Amir, Israel

#### **CAE/FCE Cambridge Exams**

Cambridge exams are recognised by thousands of educational organisations and employers throughout the world. The exams take place three or four times a year and we run 12-week courses to coincide with these. Join one of our Cambridge courses to improve your chances of succeeding in these well-known exams.

#### **FCE Exam Preparation**

Choose FCE if your knowledge of English is adequate for many practical everyday purposes, including business and study. To be successful, you will have a wide grasp of vocabulary, and be able to construct an argument and use appropriate communication styles for a variety of situations. You also need to show an awareness of register and of the conventions of politeness and degrees of formality as they are expressed through language.



#### **CAE Exam Preparation**

Taking this exam shows your advanced level of English to employers and educational institutions worldwide. Employers and universities rely on the CAE as they know it is accredited by Cambridge and includes real-life language skills for use in the professional workplace.

This course helps you to prepare for the CAE exam by giving additional practice in the systems of grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation, as well as teaching you about the exam and the kind of questions you will have to answer.



#### **Course Structures**

Both courses run on a 12 week programme, with an exam held near the end of each course. Lessons are 45 minutes in duration.

Our **standard course** consists of 20 lessons (15 hours) per week alongside preparation for exam (language and skills).

Please refer to page 6 for an example timetable.

#### Intensity

Mornings and afternoons

#### **Entry Requirements**

Minimum age: 16

**Level:** Intermediate + for FCE entry
Upper Intermediate + for CAE entry

#### How long is the course?

The standard course runs for 12 weeks. However, you may take a longer or shorter course depending on your requirements.

# **GESE Exam Preparation**

GESE (Graded Examination of Spoken English) and ISE (Integrated Skills Examination)

#### What is GESE?

These are one-to-one oral examinations with a native English speaking Trinity examiner.

#### What is ISF?

Trinity's (ISE) examinations assess all four language skills – speaking, writing, listening and reading – interacting with each other as they do in the real world.



 ${\it Please note the GESE Exam Preparation requires 6 students in order to run.}$ 

#### Course Structure

Intensive Course 28 lessons (21 hours) per week.

(20 lessons of General English in the mornings and 8 lessons of exam preparation in the afternoons per week).

#### Entry Requirements |

Minimum age: 16 Level: Intermediate

#### Intensity

Mornings and afternoons

GESE Levels					
CEFR	GESE	ISE			
	Grade 1				
A1	Grade 2				
A2	Grade 3 + 4	ISE 0			
B1	Grade 5 + 6	ISE I			
B2	Grade 7 + 8 + 9	ISE II			
C1	Grade 10 + 11	ISE III			
C2	Grade 12	ISE IV			

# **University Preparation Courses**

Courses run in 12 week rotations and have 4 start dates throughout the year

Prepare for higher education with our range of English language courses and professional support from our University counsellor. Gain the points and IELTS score you need to enter University at Undergraduate or Postgraduate levels. Follow our pathway to University, learning the academic skills and subject knowledge you need to progress to a University course of your choice.

#### **EAP - Pre-Foundation English Course**

These courses have been designed to prepare students for progression on to the ETC UFP.

At the end of the course, students should be able to understand and apply knowledge effectively in a range of academic study skills according to their level.

The course is based on the ETC standard EAP Pre-sessional course and Education Industry Level 5 and 6 guidelines for Research modules as well as level 4/5 academic module input.

Students must reach IELTS 5.0 or equivalent for entry to the 24-week UFP.

#### **Entry Requirements**

IELTS 4.0 is required for this course. Course duration depends on the entry level and progress made. The course is based on the ETC standard EAP Pre-sessional course and Education Industry Level 5 and 6 guidelines for Research modules as well as level 4/5 academic module input.

#### **Business UFP**

The ETC Business University Foundation Programme is aimed at students wishing to enter a UK university without taking A level examinations. The course prepares students for study at degree level.

Students will develop the language, study skills and subject knowledge relating to the field of business, focusing on key areas such as macro/micro economics, supply demand marketing structures and theories, marketing mixes, BCG matix, financial accounting and management theories.

The 24 week course is a level 3 programme with the following two components:

- 8 weeks English Orientation Programme
- 16 weeks Business Studies Course

The course consists of 4 mandatory units and 2 optional units to be spread over 24 weeks (2 terms of 12 weeks).

#### **Entry Requirements**

Students must be at least 17 years of age. An upper-intermediate level of English is required (IELTS 4.5).

#### **Pre-Masters**

This course focuses on a 2,000 word research methodology report, followed by a 7,000 word major project in a specialism of the student's own choosing. The course covers the research proposal, thesis statements, research methodologies, recording/reporting results, report structure, literature reviews, statistical analysis, primary/secondary data collection/analysis, sampling frames, qualitative/quantitative triangulation etc. This course includes ongoing EAP work.

At the end of the course, students will receive an ETC Award as listed below depending on the nature and achievement of their course of study. They will also receive an end of course report which will show Pass, Merit or Distinction criteria according to the performance of the student in the project and assignments. This will also record their perceived English level based on all internal and external tests completed during the course.

#### **Entry Requirements**

For students taking a 12 week course (1 term) IELTS 6.5 is required. For students taking a 24 week course (2 terms) IELTS 6.0 is required.

# **Business English-**

#### Aims of the Course

Completion of this course will enable you to communicate effectively in a range of business situations and have the linguistic resources needed for your career or to follow a business degree course. You will gain the skills necessary to perform effectively in English in a business context. You are encouraged to apply any business knowledge and experience that you might have as you work through the course material. Course books will be supplemented with material taken from other sources.

#### **Typical Course Content:**

The course will typically develop language appropriate to the following areas:

- Using the phone
- Reports and summaries
- The work place
- Import and export
- Money matters
- Delivery and after-sales
- Visits and travel
- Marketing and sales
- Meetings and Negotiations
- Operations and processes
- Presentations
- · Working together
- Face to face meetings
- · Letters, faxes and memos
- Case Studies

#### **Course Structure**

A minimum of 10 lessons of Business English per week plus 20 lessons of General English per week.

Please refer to page 6 for a sample timetable.

#### **Intensity**

30 lessons per week.

#### **Entry Requirements**

**Level:** Intermediate + **Minimum age:** 18 +

#### How long is the course?

Minimum of 1 week.

To receive a Diploma you must study for at least 24 weeks.



#### **External Exam**

Clients may prepare for the Cambridge BEC Vantage-level (i.e. Level 2) examination within the ETC Business English course. This exam is aimed at learners who wish to obtain a business-related English language qualification. Currently there are 3 levels (Preliminary, Vantage and Higher), each of which assesses clients in the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking in a business context. Clients may also prepare for the Cambridge BULATS exam within the ETC Business English course.



#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

"I've learned a lot in these classes. The classes have given to me security skills and I've learned these in a natural way, very soft, but so effective. I enjoyed every second I've been here. Thank you so much. You will always be in my mind. Sincerely yours." - Carlos Fernandez, 2012

# **Legal English**

#### Aims of the Course

Designed to develop your English language skills so that you can communicate effectively in a legal context. Many of our students are lawyers from leading law firms.

Join our Legal English course to understand documents written in Legal English and to communicate effectively with professional colleagues in English.

#### **Typical Course Content**

The course will typically develop language appropriate to the following areas:

- Company law
- Law of contracts
- Employment law
- Sale of goods
- Property law
- Intellectual property
- Competition law
- Negotiable instruments
- Debtor-creditor relationships
- Secured transactions

#### Sample Activity Types

The course will typically develop language appropriate to the following areas:

- Understanding of essential legal English, language structures, vocabulary, appropriate common expressions and grammar.
- · Analysis of selected legal texts and dialogues
- · Specialised vocabulary related to the main areas of law
- Role play
- Supervised discussion and debate: expressions related to agreement, disagreement and compromise
- Task-based learning exercises.

#### **Course Structure**

A minimum of 10 lessons of Legal English per week plus 20 lessons of General English per week.

Please refer to page 6 for a sample timetable.

#### **Intensity**

30 lessons per week.

#### **Entry Requirements**

**Level:** Intermediate + **Minimum age:** 18 +

#### How long is the course?

Minimum of 1 week.

To receive a Diploma you must study for at least 24 weeks.

#### **External Exam - TOLES**

While following the Legal English course, you may choose to prepare for the TOLES exam, which will demonstrate your language skills in the field of international law.

**Understand** and express concepts in **legal** contexts and situations.







#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

"I really enjoyed my time at ETC College, it was an unforgettable experience. I highly recommend it, all the ETC staff are friendly."

- Pablo Ribas, Spain, 2012

# **Medical English**

#### Aims of the Course

Following this course will improve your knowledge of the sort of English required in the fields of Human Biology, Medical Science, Nursing, etc. Improved language skills can advance your career and allow you to communicate fluently with your counterparts (and perhaps work) in other countries.

Many of our clients are medical specialists from leading hospitals and clinics from Europe and around the world, including doctors, nurses and other health practitioners.

#### Sample Activity Types

The main areas that can be covered by this course (following a needs analysis) are the following:

- Communicating effectively with patients
- Communicating effectively with professional colleagues
- Discussing treatments, presenting opinions and assessments
- Developing a winning CV and how to triumph in English at interviews
- Learning how to fit into a professional team in the UK
- Making medical applications during the course
- Taking and understanding a patient history, asking about symptoms, recording information, communicating information accurately
- Examining a patient, rephrasing, explaining, prompting investigations
- Using a medical dictionary
- Interpreting a diagnosis, explaining and discussing a diagnosis
- Understanding medical diagrams and documents
- Using general medical reference books and a pharmacology reference
- Examining case histories
- Studying the language as it relates to medical treatment: physiotherapy, surgical treatment, giving and understanding instructions
- Considering language functions appropriate to certain medical scenarios
- Learning common medical abbreviations
- Examining the structure and organisation of the British National Health Service, including a discussion about the British hospital system
- Discussing the future of medicine.

#### **Course Structure**

A minimum of 10 lessons of Medical English per week plus 20 lessons of General English per week. Please refer to page 6 for a sample timetable.

#### **Intensity**

30 lessons per week.

#### **Entry Requirements**

**Level:** Intermediate + **Minimum age:** 18 +

#### How long is the course?

Minimum of 1 week.

To receive a Diploma you must study for at least 24 weeks





#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

"I'll never forget the three weeks I spent in ETC, doing a General English Course and a Medical English course. Everybody (staff and students) welcomed me with open arms, and I found the lessons very dynamic, fun and participatory, really fantastic. Medical English has been wonderful. I learnt the vocabulary for treating a patient, the meaning of the acronyms used by a doctor in UK, the organisation of the English health system...all in three weeks and always great fun. Of course, I made many good friends. For me, this experience has been unforgettable and I recommend to all people who want to learn English, and all physicians who want to learn Medical English. Thank you for all ETC." - Pilar Izquierdo Garcia, Spain. 15th March, 2011

# **Tourism English**

#### Aims of the Course

Whether you are a travel agent, a tour guide, a courier or a hotel manager, this course will allow you to communicate effectively in English in a range of business and tourism-related situations.

The course is also suitable for people who intend to take an examination in tourism English, such as the LCCI EB Written English for Tourism exam.

Special emphasis is placed on the relevant vocabulary, register and grammatical structures that are used in the field of tourism and you are given the opportunity to practise using the language that you have acquired by means of seminars, group sessions and communicative practice activities.

#### **Typical Course Content**

The course will typically develop language appropriate to the following areas:

- Reception
- Hotel services
- Food service
- Local tours
- Complaints
- Checking out
- Conferences
- Revision
- Enquiries and reservations
- Tour operation contacts
- Tour operation planning
- Negotiating

#### Sample Activity Types

- Analysis of selected tourism texts and dialogues
- Specialised vocabulary related to the main areas of tourism
- · Main structures of grammar and syntax
- Written and listening comprehension
- Role play
- Supervised discussion and debate: expression agreements, disagreement and compromise
- Task based learning exercises.



#### **Course Structure**

A minimum of 10 lessons of Tourism English per week plus 20 lessons of General English per week.

Please refer to page 6 for a sample timetable.

#### **Intensity**

30 lessons per week.

#### **Entry Requirements**

**Level:** Intermediate + **Minimum age:** 18 +

#### How long is the course?

Minimum of 1 week.

To receive a Diploma you must study for at least 24 weeks.

#### Assessment and Certification

Written English for Tourism - LCCI EB Examination Preparation - Levels 1 and 2

Success in this exam shows that you have the skills and strategies that are applicable to working in English in the tourism industry. You will have the option of taking this exam at the end of your Tourism English course (depending on your progress).



#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

"I've found these lessons very interesting and worth. I've realised that I really want to develop my professional skills, just to work here/find a job here. Thank you for your time and your dedication. I will always remember my beginnings and the amazing way you've taught us." - **Virginia Baeva Domingo, 2012** 

# **Aviation English**

#### Aims of the Course

Successful completion of this course will help you reach and maintain the ICAO Operational Level 4 standard of English.

Students on this course include pilots, trainee pilots, aircraft engineers, air traffic controllers and other aviation professionals from Europe and around the world. This course will enable you to function effectively in everyday situations where clarity of expression in technical / aviation English is required.

#### **Typical Course Content**

The course is built around and focuses on the 6 major areas of the ICAO Language Proficiency Rating Scale:

- Pronunciation
- Structure
- Vocabulary

- Fluency
- Comprehension
- Interactions

By using a communicative approach in aviation-related contexts, we will focus on these six vital areas and use a blend of standard radiotelephony phraseology and 'plain' English to make sure that personnel have the confidence and the ability to move beyond phraseology in times of need and ensure safety in the air.

# Military English

#### Aims of the Course

The ETC course in Military English is designed to prepare military and security personnel, civil servants and diplomats to take up roles where they will need to use English on a daily basis.

#### **Typical Course Content**

The training is delivered within a framework derived from the NATO STANAG 6001 and Council of Europe language proficiency guidelines, and certain elements are in the form of specific-purpose training.

ETC Military English is designed to prepare military personnel for deployment in combined (trans-national) operations as well as for their roles in NATO and UN peacekeeping appointments.

#### Development for the trainee includes

- Basic functional language for everyday military and security situations
- Study skills and strategies
- Practical reading skills
- Practical writing skills
- Practical listening skills
- Practical speaking skills.

#### **Course Structure**

A minimum of 10 lessons of Specialist English per week plus 20 lessons of General English per week.

Please refer to page 6 for a sample timetable.

#### Intensity

30 lessons per week.

#### **Entry Requirements**

Level: Intermediate + Minimum age: 18 +

#### How long is the course?

Minimum of 1 week.

To receive a Diploma you must study for at least 24 weeks.





#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

"First of all, I was in ETC in 2005. The time I had at school was absolutely fantastic. Especially the teachers are very enthusiastic and passionate in teaching English for students and introducing something British. They have delivered me not only good English language, but also more opportunities in relation to my future. Owing to such high standard education I could manage to enter University of Nottingham for my master's course in civil engineering. Fortunately I have completed my study with good result and have found a job in Norwich. I am very much excited with the new life." - Jin Su Im, 2008

# **Teacher Training Courses**

All Teacher Training courses are delivered by Athena Teacher Training

#### What is the Trinity CertTESOL Course?

The Trinity CertTESOL is a full-time four-week course that trains you to teach English as a foreign language. The qualification is recognised throughout the world and accepted by the British Council in its accredited language teaching organisations. No experience or knowledge of teaching is necessary; all you need is a good level of English, enthusiasm and commitment!



The course is accredited at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) by the Qualifications Curriculum Authority (QCA). Level 5 is comparable in difficulty to the second year of an undergraduate degree.

#### **Course Content**

- Teaching Skills real teaching experience with genuine learners.
- Language Awareness English grammar, phonology and all aspects of linguistic understanding.
- Learner Profile you will analyse an English learner and diagnose their strengths and weaknesses to help them with a specific area of their learning and provide recommendations for their continued study.
- Materials Assignment plan, produce and adapt all kinds of learning materials.
- Unknown Language this unit will put you in the shoes of your potential students. Find out what it is like to learn a language you have no knowledge of.



#### **Course Structure**

The course runs from 08:45-17:00 Monday - Friday

#### **Duration of the Course**

The course runs for four weeks, starting as close as possible to the first Monday of each month, giving the student 134 hours of tuition in total.

#### **Entry Requirements**

Students must be aged 18 or over and have an advanced level of English (Level 7 in all IELTS disciplines) and evidence of qualifications for entry into higher education are needed. It is required for all applicants to undergo an interview with the Course Director to determine their acceptance onto the course.

#### What our students say:

"The quality of the teaching was incredibly high and I'm so pleased I chose Athena to do my course through. I really don't know if I would have gotten as much out of it if it wasn't for the experience and knowledge John and Christine brought to our Input sessions as well as how helpful and understanding they were" **Melissa, May course** 

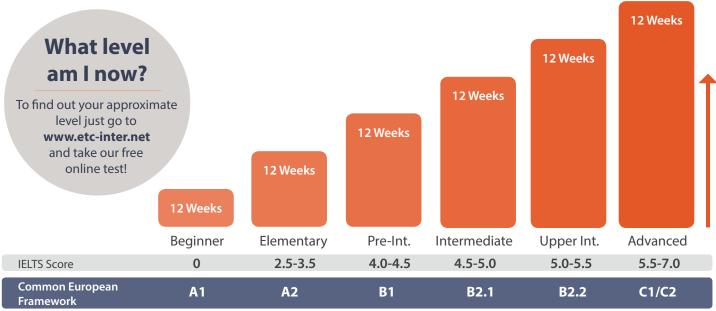
"What an incredible sense of achievement! I remember cycling home with a big grin on my face... That is how one of the biggest roller coaster rides in my life began." - G. Wren, June course



# What can you expect from our courses?

#### At ETC we have a General English course for everyone.

You can consolidate your learning by adding afternoon classes to your morning schedule.



Please inform us in advance if you are A1 or C2 as these courses will require special attention.

#### Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)

Our English courses are based on the CEFR levels so you know specifically what you will be learning throughout the course and can be assured your certification is recognised worldwide. We have structured criteria for each of the levels assessing reading, listening, speaking, writing, pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary, and orthography.

The CEFR was introduced by the Council of Europe as a guide for learning, teaching and assessment of languages. The framework is used to describe achievements of learners of foreign languages across Europe. The main aim of the CEFR is to standardise methods of learning, teaching and assessing, applied to all languages in Europe. The six reference levels (see above) have become widely accepted as the European standard for grading an individual's language proficiency.

#### How quickly will I learn?

Each level takes from 6 weeks for A1 to an average of 12+ weeks to complete and you will be continuously assessed by your teacher with a test at the end of the course. If you achieve the particular CEFR can-do descriptors you will be invited to progress to the next level! Some students take less than 12 weeks to go from level to level and some longer. At ETC we are aware of this and adapt our classes around you.

#### How will my progress be monitored?

You will have regular progress tests and a proficiency test every 6 weeks to check your level. You will be given a Learner Portfolio which helps you monitor your progress throughout your course.

#### Who will teach me?

All of our teachers have been selected for the high standard of their knowledge of teaching and training techniques. All of our teachers have a minimum of the industry-recognised teaching qualification; most of our teachers have much more than this.

#### When can I start?

Our courses are designed to be accessible to all. We teach English at all levels and students can start on any Monday of the year! Before you start your course we will offer you a placement test to assess your current level of English. This will allow us to place you in a class with other students of a similar ability so you can make the most of learning from our teachers and also your peers of mixed nationalities.

Great teachers, a fantastic location and people from all over the world.

# Our courses give you the chance to learn the English you need to progress in your job or studies.

#### Age requirements

- The minimum age for individual students from September to May is 16.
- The minimum age for individual students from June to August is 14.
- Students aged 16 & 17 may study in an adult General English class at any time of the year with permission from their parents.
- The maximum duration a student aged 15 and under may stay in an ETC Homestay is 26 nights (unless a suitable foster family can be found).
- Individual students aged 15 and under in the summer must book a Junior Programme.
- Individual students aged 12 to 15 in the summer must book a Junior Programme if they wish to stay in the Junior Residence.
- Next of kin details must be received for all students aged 17 and under prior to document issue.
- Signed parental permission forms (signed by the parent) must be received for **all students** aged 17 and under prior to document issue.

# Built into every course are the following:

- Placement test
- Needs analysis
- Skills development
- Task-based activities
- Systems work
- Tutorials

- Learner skills development
- Progress tests
- Homework
- · Academic counselling
- Supportive error correction and constructive feedback.

#### **Exam Course Certificates**

If you choose to enrol on an exam course and take an external exam e.g. IELTS, FCE, CAE, Cambridge BEC or LCCI Business, your exam result and certificate will be issued by the relevant exam board.



#### **Personalised Support**

At ETC International College, we ensure that students receive personalised attention. We aim to provide the kind of linguistic training and support that you need in order to make the rapid progress you require and attain a good degree of fluency and accuracy in English. You will study in small, multinational classes along with learners of a similar age and language ability.

#### Assessment and Certification

Every student enrolled on any course at ETC gets a certificate when they go home.\* Our certificates show your level of English and a breakdown of your skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. You will also get an assessment of your progress on the course from your teacher.

\*Certificates will only be issued if your attendance is 80% or above.

#### **Combination Courses**

We provide a range of specialist courses for students and professionals. Minimum age is 18 and an Intermediate level of English is required.

Students studying 24 weeks on our combination courses will receive a Diploma in the specific subject.

#### **English Plus Courses**

We can provide English Plus courses for students who would like to have an activity while they study. The minimum age for our English Plus courses is 18. These activities can include; tennis, horse riding, dance, golf, photography and many more! If you have a hobby that you would like to continue whilst you study with us, we may be able to provide a course to suit you!

#### Class sizes

ETC specifies a maximum class size of 14. However where classrooms permit and are suitably equipped, lit, heated and ventilated, we reserve the right to use these rooms to their maximum capacity during the peak times. No classes will exceed 18 students.

During the summer we may use extra classrooms in local hotels. All accrediting bodies have been notified of the extra classrooms, of which all are equipped to the same standard as our own rooms. Any extra rooms are suitably heated, lit and ventilated. All extra rooms are within a 5 minute walk of the main ETC campus.

# Accommodation

You can choose from a wide range of places to stay while you are at ETC.

#### Residence (over 18s only)

The ETC Student Residence is located right next door to ETC-a very short walk from one building to the next! We have single, twin, triple and quadruple rooms available on a half board basis. Students who stay in the ETC Student Residence benefit from not needing to pay for any transport between their accommodation and the classrooms.

There is a member of staff on duty at all times and rooms are cleaned once a week. We offer wireless Internet in all rooms and there are study areas for those who want peace and quiet to work in.

#### Each bedroom is equipped with the following:

- Bedding
- Wardrobe
- Chest of drawers
- Radiator
- En-suite facilities (shower, washbasin, toilet)
- · Wireless Internet.

Towels and mini fridges are available to purchase/hire from reception.



The rooms are checked by a member of staff every day and are cleaned every week. A laundry service is available at £7.

The ETC Residence reserves the right to request that a student leaves the residence - with no refund payable - if he or she has failed to respect the residence rules.

Please see the ETC Residence Terms and Conditions for rules.

# Feeling **comfortable** while you are studying away from home is as important as choosing the right school.

#### **Benefits:**

- Right next door to ETC
- · Meet friends of different nationalities
- En-suite facilities in every room
- Bed linen and laundry service available
- Half board available
- Accommodates up to 60 students
- Student lounge with TV & games facilities
- Sociable atmosphere
- Free Wi-Fi
- CCTV







#### **ETC Homestay**

We can arrange homestay accommodation with a local family for you.

Living with a homestay family gives you a great insight into British culture. Experience how a British family lives and practise your English outside of the classroom.

Most of our families live on a local bus route, so getting to ETC is easy! If you would like a family with certain qualities e.g. children, pets, private bathroom, let us know and we will find the perfect family to suit your needs (subject to availability).



#### Benefits:

- Experience British culture
- Half board is included
- Homestays are located either within walking distance or on a local bus route to the town centre, making getting to ETC easy.
- Spend time with a caring family and practise your English outside of the classroom.

#### What is an Executive Homestay?

Executive Homestay accommodation includes single room accommodation with en-suite facilities, use of IT facilities and access to the Internet.

ETC **carefully** selects homestays to ensure they are of a high standard. We check them each year to ensure these **high standards are maintained**.



#### **Activities & Excursions**

ETC International College offers a fantastic variety of activities to get involved in! With great weather and beautiful beaches, the afternoon activities are not to be missed.



Whether you love a game of football, getting some exercise with in a Zumba class, or just sitting down for a cup of tea and a conversation, there's something for everyone at ETC!



# **Get Involved In Amazing Activities**

There's so much to do at ETC International College that you'll never have time to be bored! Bournemouth is famous for its beautiful beaches, so surfing lessons and beach games are some of the most popular activities on offer.

Have the time of your life dancing, playing basketball, visiting waterparks and singing your heart out in karaoke! Make memories that last a lifetime and ask our activities staff what's on offer while you're here - you won't want to miss out on any of it!

#### Surfing Lessons



#### 2 Laser Games



#### Arts & Crafts



# Horse Riding College Foosball Foosball

With so many activities available, it can be difficult deciding where to start!

Do you prefer being outdoors and riding a wave, challenging your friends to a game of laser tag, or taking things easy with an arts & crafts class at the back of the school?

At ETC International College we have a dedicated activities team that are available all-year round that can provide you with more information on the activities packages available.

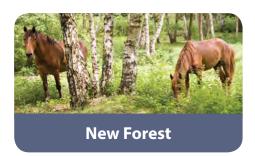
The activities team will help you pick the right activities for you - so that you have the most fun and exciting time outside of the classroom!

When you choose ETC and Bournemouth as your study destination you will also be choosing one of the most beautiful locations in England!

Bournemouth is one of the most popular holiday destinations on the south coast of the UK and has over 7 miles of sandy beaches for you to explore in your free time.



#### **Must See** Locations



Ancient hunting ground established by William the Conqueror in 1079, but 1000 years later is has changed very little - the wilderness, heath land and woods are still intact and wild ponies are a common sight.



The capital of England is one of the most eclectic cities in the world. Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, shopping on Oxford Street; you may need more than one trip!



Perfect for an afternoon walk in the summer. It has 3 fantastic beaches around it and you could even combine this trip with a visit to Corfe Castle for an afternoon to remember!



Corfe Castle is certainly a sight to see, rising out of the mist, jutting into the blue sky, or with water running down its walls. It is impressive no matter how many times you return to visit it.



One of the most famous University towns in the world, steeped in history and full of stunning architecture. Most recently it was one of the locations for the Harry Potter films.



Known for its natural hot springs and 18th Century architecture, the rolling countryside of Bath promises visitors to the city a great day out. Today's visitors can soak in the waters at the Thermae Bath Spa.







# **Meet some of our Staff**

All of the staff at ETC are here to help you. From teachers to office staff we are here to ensure that you make the most of your time in England. We are proud to be a part of friendly team and we think you will feel right at home. Here are some of the people you could expect to meet during your time at ETC...



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