



General English

The General English course is for students who want to learn English in an interesting, fun and lively way. This is our most popular course and we have a lively social programme for English students.

Study hours

Times
9-12 / 12-3 / 3-6 / 6-9

Full-time
15 hours per week

Breaks
30 minutes per class

Transfer time
5-10 minutes per class to
allow for movement
between classes

Term length

Beginner 4 weeks

Elementary to
Intermediate 16 weeks

First Certificate to
Proficiency 24 weeks

Maximum class size

The maximum number of
students per class is 20,
although most classes
have around 12-16
students.

Term length

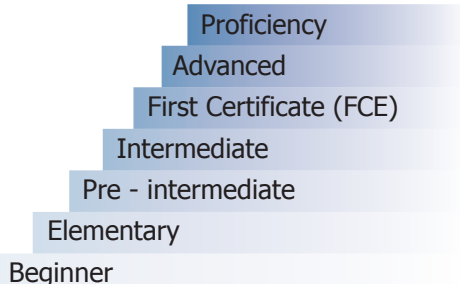
Beginner	4 weeks
Elementary	16 weeks
Pre-intermediate	16 weeks
Intermediate	16 weeks
First Certificate (FCE)	24 weeks
Advanced	24 weeks
Proficiency	24 weeks

Start date

Beginner	Once a month
Elementary	Any Monday
Pre-intermediate	Any Monday
Intermediate	Any Monday
First Certificate (FCE)	Any Monday
Advanced	Any Monday
Proficiency	Any Monday

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The levels



Our students

Most of our students are aged between 22 and 30, although we have a full range of ages in each class and anyone aged 18 or over is welcome to study at LITE Bayswater and Wimbledon. Each class has a good mix of nationalities to encourage a lively exchange of cultures and experiences.

The teachers

The teachers at LITE Bayswater & Wimbledon are all CELTA/TEFL qualified and provide lively, exciting lessons for their students.

Books

Students must buy a book whenever they start a new level. These can be bought from reception or any good bookstore. The average book price is £15 to £20, depending on the title. LITE will buy books back that have not been damaged or written in for £5 less than the original price. We also have second-hand books available to buy. Please ask at reception for more details.

Entry test

All students will need to take a test before they start the General English course, regardless of whether they have taken a test before. The test takes about 1 hour to complete. The teacher will then monitor the student's level in the first week and make sure they are in the right class.

Terms

Lower	
Start	Finish
05/09/2005	16/12/2005
03/01/2006	05/05/2006
08/05/2006	25/08/2006
28/08/2006	16/12/2006
Higher	
Start	Finish
04/07/2005	16/12/2005
03/01/2006	03/06/2006
03/07/2006	16/12/2006
03/01/2007	29/06/2007

Moving up a level

At the end of each term (or when you and your teacher think you are ready), you will take a level-up test to see if you can move to the next class. If you do pass, you will be automatically moved. If you do not pass the test and have to stay in the same class, you will not repeat the same book – the teacher will start a new one.

Free trial lesson

One of the best ways of finding out if the course is right for you is by seeing a lesson, so we offer all new students a free trial lesson that can help you decide. Please contact reception to arrange a convenient time for a trial lesson.

Tutorials

At LITE Bayswater and Wimbledon, we feel it is important that you get some one-to-one time with your teacher so that you can discuss any problems you are having with the course. For that reason, all English students have tutorials with their teacher at least twice each term.

Examinations

Many students like to take formal exams in order to have clear evidence of the level of English they have reached. LITE Bayswater and Wimbledon has been sending students to complete the Cambridge University UCLES examinations for many years. Students can register for the exam at the school and sit the exam in London. Special examination preparation courses are also available at LITE Bayswater and Wimbledon.

Social programme

The social programme at LITE Bayswater and Wimbledon is designed to help you practise your English skills whilst having fun with your new classmates and teachers. It also gives you a chance to see some of London and other places in the UK. The trips are arranged for the last Friday of each month and all students are welcome.

Student welfare

We know at LITE Bayswater and Wimbledon that coming to live and study in a new country can be a sometimes worrying experience. Part of our job is to help you make the most of your time in London. Our reception staff are always available and will happily help with day-to-day problems and we also have specially appointed teachers who offer welfare advice for more detailed problems.



General English Exam Preparation

The General English exam preparation course is for students who want to take the FCE or CAE examinations. The course covers examination techniques, revision of the General English course and practice examination papers.

Study hours

Times
9-10.30 / 10.30-12 /
12-1.30 / 1.30-3 / 3-4.30 /
4.30-6

Full-time
7.5 hours tutor time (1.5
hours per day, Monday -
Friday) plus 7.5 hours set
guided study to complete
each week.

Breaks
5 minutes per 1.5-hour
class

Transfer time
5 minutes per class to
allow for movement
between classes

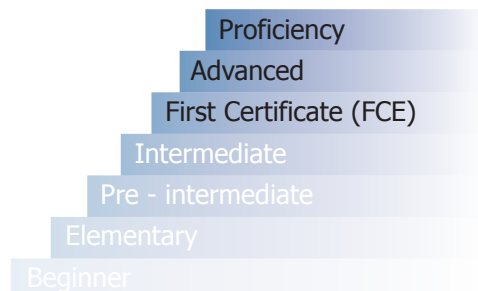
Term length

6 weeks

Maximum class size

The maximum number
of students per class is
20, although most
classes have around
12-16 students.

The levels



Entry to the course

New students will be tested before they can start the course to see if they are at the right level to take the examination. Many of the students who take this course are already studying at LITE Bayswater and Wimbledon, so their teacher will recommend them.

Our students

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The teachers

The exam preparation course teachers are all experienced in this area of English tuition and CELTA/TEFL qualified.

Books

You will need to buy the practice test book at the start of your course. This will be available from the school or you will be able to find it in any good bookshop. The book has been chosen because it offers guidance on how to approach the exam questions and also because it includes a useful CD with practice materials, so it is therefore very good for self-study.

The average book price is £15 to £20, depending on the title.

LITE will buy books back that have not been damaged or written in for £5 less than the original price. We also have second-hand books available to buy. Please ask at reception for more details.

Terms

The General English exam preparation Course is divided into terms of 6 weeks. It will start 6 weeks before the written examination dates but the speaking exam will usually happen before the end of the preparation course. This area of the exam will therefore be covered at the start of the course. Most students find it very useful to have part of the exam before the end of the course as it allows them to get feedback on what they did from the teacher.

The courses normally start in January/February for the March exam session, April/May for the June exam session and October/November for the December exam session. As the dates of the examinations can vary, you will need to check the exact start date with reception.

Practice tests

Throughout the course you will be expected to complete practice tests, which will make up the majority of your guided self-study (7.5 hours per week). You will need to make sure you allow time to complete this self-study and find a suitable location where you will not be disturbed or distracted. There are self-study areas allocated throughout the day at both LITE Bayswater and LITE Wimbledon, which you are welcome to use.

Tutorials

Your teacher will meet with you to discuss your progress on the course. This helps you to tell your teacher about what you are finding difficult and they can give you advice about how to solve these problems.

Examinations

The University of Cambridge ESOL exams take place in March, June and December. You will need to book the exam at the start of the preparation course. The exams take place at examination centres in central London. You can book the examination at LITE Bayswater and LITE Wimbledon for an annual fee.

The current cost to book through us is:

- FCE £91
- Advanced £95

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Study hours

Times
9-12 / 3-6

Full-time
15 hours per week
(Monday-Friday)

Breaks
30 minutes per 3-hour
class

Term length

4 weeks

Maximum class size

The maximum number of
students per class is 8.

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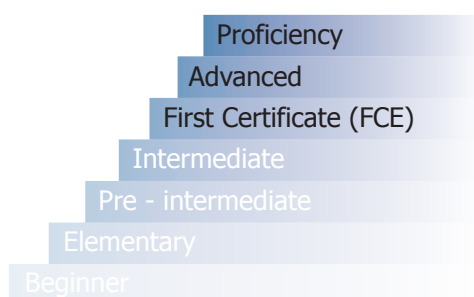
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IELTS Exam Preparation

The IELTS exam preparation course is for students who want to take the IELTS examination. The course is aimed at students taking the Academic IELTS, but candidates for the General Training IELTS exam can also take the course and will be given individual help on General Training skills. The course covers the exam techniques needed to be successful at IELTS by focussing on key exam skills for each of the four sections tested: reading, writing, speaking and listening.

The levels

In order to be accepted on the course, students need to have an English level of FCE or above. The IELTS examination is graded from 0 (no attempt) to 9 (expert user of English), with most candidates aiming for between 5 and 7.5



Entry to the course

New students will be tested before they can start to see if they are at the right level to take the course (FCE level or above). If the student already studies English at LITE Bayswater & Wimbledon, they can be recommended by their teacher to take the IELTS course.

Our students

Most students are aged between 22 and 30, although we have a full range of ages in each class and anyone aged 18 or above is welcome. Each class has a good mix of nationalities to encourage a lively exchange of cultures and experience.

Most students who take the IELTS exam do so because they want to study at a UK university. This means that the students in each class support each other in their application process and the teacher will also help and give advice.

The teachers

The exam preparation course teachers are TEFL/CELTA qualified and will also have previous experience in preparing students for the IELTS exam.

Tutor support

Your teacher will offer individual support and guidance throughout the course. The teacher will also help you and give advice on making an application to a UK university.

Books

You will need to buy the textbook at the start of the course. This will be available from the school or you will be able to find it in any good bookshop. Most students will also buy a practice test book for individual exam practice. The teacher will recommend a selection of books available from good bookstores.

The average book price is £15 to £20, depending on the title.

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Practice tests

Throughout the course you will be expected to complete practice tests, which will make up the majority of your homework. You will need to make sure you allow time to complete this self-study and find a suitable location where you will not be disturbed or distracted. There are self-study areas allocated throughout the day at both LITE Bayswater and LITE Wimbledon, which you are welcome to use.

Examinations

You can take the IELTS examination at any time during the year. The busiest time is in the summer, so you may have to wait a little longer to get a place than at other times of the year. Normally, you should wait no longer than two to three weeks between booking the examination and actually going to sit it. You will receive your Test Report Form (results) around two to four weeks after you have sat the exam. You can register for your IELTS examination at LITE reception. There are several test centres in and around London.

The exam costs around £95, but please check this with reception as it can change depending on the test centre.

Social Programme

Learning is not all about sitting in a classroom or studying with your books at home. Sometimes the best way to learn is when you can use your new skills whilst having fun or visiting a place of interest and so LITE Bayswater & Wimbledon organise special social events.

Any student can come to them, and nearly all our students do!

When?

Our 'Social Day' is held on the last Friday of every month. We set a day as this means that students can plan to be available for the whole day if they need to be.

Where?

All the events we plan are affordable, fun, interesting and in some way help the student to practice the skills they learn on their course.

Most of the social events are held in London, as there is so much to do here. However, in the summer when the weather is good, we also take students to other famous places in England by coach or train.

Some of the recent trips we have organised for students are:

- The International Language Exhibition at London's Olympia
- A Jack the Ripper Tour of the East End of London
- A day trip to Brighton
- A walking tour of London's South Bank
- A trip to Tower Bridge including an exclusive talk given by the marketing executive for the famous tourist site (for business ICM students)

For students who have time at the weekends to visit other parts of the UK (and sometimes Europe), LITE Bayswater & Wimbledon is in contact with several external tour companies who organise these longer trips. Check our social events notice boards for details!

LITE Parties

In addition to the daytime social events, LITE is also famous for its student parties, which are usually held 3 times a year: Easter, summer and Christmas. LITE hires a famous London club for the evening and the students from all of our colleges come together to meet up, have fun and enjoy themselves.