



The Bristol Language Centre

Your Future in English



The Bristol Language Centre is a British Council accredited school which offers a wide range of high quality English language courses. We pride ourselves in taking care of individual students' needs and welfare.

BLC is based in the centre of Bristol in a thriving area near the quay, only a short walk from the city's main shopping centre, best cinemas and theatres and wide choice of restaurants, cafes and clubs. The Bristol Language Centre is a friendly and professional organisation which offers a dedicated service to all our partners.



Why Bristol?

- Beautiful and historical city
- Bristol is fast becoming a top destination for language students
- Bristol University and the University of the West of England are world ranking universities
- Expanding International airport
- Bristol has a strong local economy and is well known for engineering, finance and hospitality
- Convenient location in the UK
- Bristol is less than two hours from London by train and 10 minutes from Bath. Many other UK destinations are easily accessible by plane, train or car
- Bristol is the cultural and artistic centre of the South West of England
- Friendly, welcoming atmosphere

Why Study at BLC?

Great facilities and resources

- Online learning platform access with individual student learner profiles
- Guided online learning programme
- Computer based lessons
- Interactive whiteboards
- Study room with multi-media centre
- 13 modern and light classrooms, with 7 new spacious purpose built classrooms
- Free Wi-Fi access

Convenient, city centre location

We can help you to:

- Progress to a quality UK university
- Study and work in the UK
- Communicate effectively in international business
- Secure a better job in your home country
- Improve your English for leisure or tourism

To monitor your language progress at the BLC all our students will be given:

- Personal study plan
- Personal tutor to monitor progress
- Regular class tests
- End of course report
- End of course certificate

Welcome to BLC

BLC Student Services and Welfare

Living in another country can be as challenging as learning a language. The BLC Student Support Team is well trained and experienced in assisting students before, during and after their studies at The Bristol Language Centre.

Airport pick up service

An airport pick up service is available on request for Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports, as well as Bristol airport.

First day orientation

On your first day at The Bristol Language Centre you will be given a level test and an orientation of the school and Bristol town centre. You will be given essential information about living in Bristol and the UK, as well as local transport information and emergency contact numbers.

Personal tutors

Your individual study plan and a personal tutor will ensure that you make the most of your studies and that you are progressing well.

Student support and welfare

We can assist you with information on things such as registering with the police, medical services, or setting up a bank account. We will also provide longer term students with an International Student Identity Card for cinema, museum and travel discounts.

24 hour support

At The Bristol Language Centre we are dedicated to ensuring that you feel safe and supported. All our students are issued with a 24 hour emergency telephone number, which can be used to contact a Bristol Language Centre member of staff at any time.

University Counselling Service

The Bristol Language Centre has a dedicated University Counsellor and offers free guidance and assistance on undergraduate and postgraduate university entrance.

Year round social activity programme

The Bristol Language Centre organises a year round social activity programme. The programme usually includes two or three activities or excursions per week such as day trips to Bath, Oxford and Cardiff, and visits to local attractions such as street markets and river cruises.

BLC Insurance

The Bristol Language Centre can provide insurance for all our students for long or short stays.

Great Nationality Mix

The Bristol Language Centre is proud of the diversity of its students. BLC students come from all over the world with over 20 nationalities and regularly has students from South America, Europe, Turkey, the Middle East, Russia and South East Asia.

Academic and social facilities

Information technology and computing

The Bristol Language Centre has a multi-media centre and computer suite of 12 computers for computer based learning. Our teachers are trained in internet and computer based learning methods and language lessons. At least one computer based lesson per week is scheduled for all courses.

Online learning platform

As soon as you enrol at The Bristol Language Centre you will be given access to our specially developed online learning platform. Access to the system means that whatever your length of study you will have the continued benefit of ongoing BLC support and access to language learning materials.

Interactive whiteboards

The Bristol Language Centre teaching team has been trained to provide effective lessons using our interactive whiteboards. All Bristol Language Centre courses have at least one timetabled lesson per week which uses interactive materials.

Self Study Centre

At The Bristol Language Centre we understand the importance of independent and guided learning. Students have access to a library of graded readers and examination practice material, as well as interactive, computer and internet based learning materials.

Classrooms facilities

The Bristol Language Centre has 13 modern, light and well equipped classrooms, including seven new purpose built classrooms. There is a seated canteen area for students with access to hot and cold refreshments and snacks.

City centre location

The Bristol Language Centre is located 15 minutes drive from Bristol Airport, 5 minutes walk from Bristol Temple Meads train station and a short walk to Bristol city centre.



Accommodation

At The Bristol Language Centre you can choose to stay in one of our carefully selected host families (half board or self catering), university residences, hostel, serviced apartments or hotel options*.

*Students should arrive on Sunday and leave on Saturday wherever possible

Homestay half board
Homestay half board provides you with a home from home in Bristol. Staying with one of our families will provide you with the perfect opportunity to practice English at home and have a base to explore Bristol. Our homestay providers are conveniently located and our Accommodation Officer visits them regularly to ensure that our high standards are maintained. You will live as part of a family or household, in a single bedroom, sharing mealtimes (breakfast and evening meal), and all the facilities at home that you need.

- Benefits**
- Single study bedroom
 - Shared family bathroom
 - Two meals Monday to Friday and three meals at weekends
 - Laundry once a week
 - Convenient location
 - Opportunity to improve conversational English

Self catering home
Staying in a self catering home provides you will all the benefits of homestay accommodation, but you will be able to prepare your own meals. Self catering homes are conveniently located and our accommodation officer visits them regularly to ensure that our high standards are maintained. You will live as part of a family or household, in a single bedroom, and all the facilities at home that you need.

- Benefits:**
- Single study bedroom
 - Shared family or household accommodation
 - Self catering
 - Laundry once a week
 - Convenient location
 - Opportunity to improve conversational English
 - Independence

Residential accommodation
Staying in a residence is ideal for students who wish to live more independently yet still have the opportunity to be with fellow students of many nationalities, while improving their English together. Students must be at least 18 years of age to stay in a residence. The Bristol Language Centre offers year round residential accommodation.

Staying in a The Bristol Language Centre residence gives you the opportunity to meet and live with students of other nationalities and become part of a vibrant student community which lives and learns together.

- Benefits**
- Single study bedroom
 - Bathroom
 - Self-catering
 - Access to laundry
 - Shared student living area
 - Excellent location
 - Independence
 - TV and Wi-Fi

Please see website for full details of our residential accommodation options; www.thebristollanguagecentre.co.uk



BLC Term Dates 2011

Term	Start Date	End Date	Term Length
Winter	4 January 2011	15 April 2011	15 weeks
Spring	26 April 2011	1 July 2011	10 weeks
Summer	4 July 2011	2 September 2011	9 weeks
Autumn	5 September 2011	16 December 2011	15 weeks

The school is closed for two weeks for Christmas and New Year and on UK public holidays. Please see below for details.

England and Wales Public Holidays 2011	
New Year's Day	3 January 2011
Good Friday	22 April 2011
Easter Monday	25 April 2011
Early May Bank Holiday	2 May 2011
Spring Bank Holiday	30 May 2011
Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2011
Christmas Day*	26 December 2011
Boxing Day*	27 December 2011

*substitute public holiday as Christmas Day falls on a weekend



English for Leisure

General and Intensive English

These courses are designed to improve your English language proficiency for use in everyday situations. Students may want to improve their English language for further studies, business or leisure. The course uses a course book and supplementary materials and will provide you with essential structures and vocabulary.

Course outcomes

- Progression to academic English language course such as pre-sessional, IELTS programme, pre-masters or foundation
- Improvement in career prospects by achieving level of English required for international business

Key course facts

- Elementary to advanced levels
- Minimum 1 week
- 20 lessons per week (General, 15 hours), 30 lessons per week (Intensive, 22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size 12 (14 in July and August)
- Start date any Monday during term time
- Course length as required
- Fees include learning materials, personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Students aged 16 and above



English for Examination Purposes

Cambridge ESOL Examinations (FCE, CAE)

FCE (First Certificate in English), CAE (Certificate in Advanced English)

Course description

This course is designed for intermediate and advanced level students who wish to take the internationally recognised Cambridge ESOL examinations.

Course outcomes

- Successful completion of Cambridge examination at the required level
- Improved career prospects

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- 30 lessons per week (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size 12 (14 in July and August)
- Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Students aged 16 and above

Programme	Start Date	End Date	Course length	Exam Date
FCE, CAE	4 January 2011	11 March 2011	10 weeks	12 March 2011 (FCE) 11 March 2011 (CAE)
FCE, CAE	21 March 2011	10 June 2011	12 weeks	11 June 2011 (FCE) 15 June 2011 (CAE)
FCE, CAE	19 Sept 2011	9 Dec 2011	12 weeks	10 Dec 2011 (FCE) 7 Dec 2011 (CAE)

TOEIC & TOEFL

(Test of English for International Communication & Test of English as a Foreign Language)

Course description

The TOEIC examination is multiple choice exam which focuses on language necessary for international communication and is of particular interest to students who need to improve English for professional reasons.

The TOEFL examination measures the ability to use and understand English as it is spoken, written and heard in colleges and on university campuses. The exam tests your ability to communicate in an academic setting and your readiness for academic coursework.

Course Outcomes

- Successful completion of examination
- Improved English for international communication or progression to US university
- Improved English for business communication

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- 30 lessons per week (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size 12 (14 in July and August)
- Start Monday during term time
- Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Students aged 16 and above

The Bristol Language Centre is a TOEIC test centre. Examinations will be the last Friday of every month but can be organised for different dates (on a Friday) in special circumstances.

BEC (Business English Certificate)

Course description

Business English Certificates (BEC) are Cambridge ESOL examinations which test English language ability used in the context of business. The Bristol Language Centre offers preparation courses for BEC Vantage (Upper Intermediate) and BEC Higher (Advanced)

Course Outcomes

- Successful completion of BEC at the required level

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- 30 lessons per week (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size 12 (14 in July and August)
- Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Improved knowledge of English for business
- Recognised professional qualification
- Students aged 16 and above

Programme	Start Date	End Date	Course length	Exam Date
BEC (V/H)	4 Jan 2011	11 March 2011	10 weeks	18 March 2011 (V) 16 March 2011 (H)
BEC (V/H)	21 March 2011	27 May 2011	10 weeks	28 May 2011 (V) 7 June 2011 (H)
BEC (V/H)	12 Sept 2011	18 Nov 2011	10 weeks	3 Dec 2011 (V) 19 Nov 2011 (H)

IELTS preparation

Course description

This course is designed for more advanced students who want to improve your academic English language skills to prepare for the internationally recognised IELTS examination.

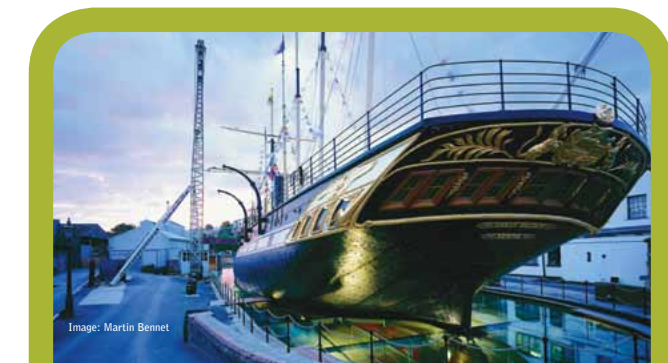
Course Outcomes

- Successful completion of IELTS examination
- Possible entrance to UK university

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels*
- Maximum class size 12 (14 in July and August)
- Start date any Monday during term time
- Course length as required
- Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Students aged 16 and above

* IELTS Foundation may be available for pre-intermediate during busy periods. Please note: course books need to be purchased for all examination courses. Please see fee schedule for details.



English for University

The Bristol Language Centre has a range of academic English language programmes which will prepare students for university in the UK. These courses, combined with students' personal study plan, tutorial system and university counselling service means that students will be well prepared for life and studies at a UK university.

English for Academic Purposes

Course description

The BLC English for Academic Purposes course is a year round intensive English language course for students preparing to enter university in the UK. The course has been carefully designed to help students progress to their academic study routes with excellent study skills and language proficiency.

The course consists of English language training, IELTS preparation, and academic study skills including essay writing, making presentations, note taking, academic reading and summarising.

Course outcomes

Assuming that students have the necessary academic qualifications, success on this course offers:

- Progression to BLC pre-sessional if required
- English language proficiency and skills to progress to UK university
- Assured progression to BLC foundation courses with routes to quality UK universities

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- 30 lessons per week (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size 12 (14 in July and August)
- September, January and April start dates
- Entry level IELTS 4.5 (September), 5.0 (January), 5.5 (April)
- Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Students aged 16 and above



English for University Progression

Pre-sessional English

Course description

The Bristol Language Centre pre-sessional programmes is for academically qualified students who need to improve their English language level before starting a degree programme at a UK university. BLC pre-sessional programmes run in four week modules in June, July and August.

Course outcomes

- To improve your general English language proficiency
- Raise your IELTS score
- Provide contextual study skills including academic reading and writing skills, attending lectures, group discussions and presentations and the culture of a UK university

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels IELTS 5.0 (12 week course), IELTS 5.5 (8 week course), and IELTS 6.0 (4 week course)
- 30 lessons per week (22.5 hours)
- Maximum class size 12 (14 in July and August)
- Start date June, July or August
- Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Students aged 16 and above

Pre-Masters

Course description

This course is for academically qualified students preparing for a taught postgraduate degree in the UK. The Bristol Language Centre Pre-masters course prepares students for a UK masters course specializing in Business, Law or IT.

The course will develop academic study skills including reading and writing, academic reports, seminar presentation skills and note taking.

Course outcomes

Assuming that students have met the academic entry requirements, success on the course gives them the English language skills for:

- Successful preparation for postgraduate degree in the UK
- Direct entry at postgraduate study in the UK

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- 12, 24 and 36 week course
- 30 lessons per week
- Entry level IELTS 4.5 (36 week course), IELTS 5.0 (24 week course), IELTS 5.5 (12 week course)
- Start date September, January and April
- Maximum class size 15 (14 in July and August)
- Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Further study counselling
- Students aged 17 and above



University Foundation Programme

Course description

The BLC foundation programme consists of 26 or 39 weeks of intensive study. The programme is the perfect preparation for students planning undergraduate study in the UK. The programme includes academic study, Intensive English language preparation, study skills and cultural orientation.

Course outcomes

- Successful completion of the course offers normal university progression opportunities with the possibility of direct progression to several quality UK institutions*

Key course facts

- 26 or 39 week course
- Business, IT, and Law pathways start in September and January*
- Ongoing academic English language support
- IELTS 4.5 or equivalent (September start), IELTS 5.0 or equivalent (January start)
- 30 lessons per week
- Maximum class size 15
- Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Students aged 16 and above

*subject to validation

University Links

The Bristol Language Centre is proud of its links with local and national UK universities and colleges and recognises that studying English language at The Bristol Language Centre is only the first step on a student's educational pathway. BLC currently has progression agreements for its foundation programmes with a growing number of quality universities including Bath Spa, Brighton, De Montfort, UWIC, and Swansea Metropolitan (please enquire directly for full list of progression routes).

University Counselling Service

The Bristol Language Centre has a dedicated University Counsellor and offers free guidance and assistance on undergraduate and postgraduate university entrance. Our counsellor can advise students on which course is best for them and can assist with university applications.

University Preparation

An Academic English language course at The Bristol Language centre can prepare you for:

- A Levels
- International Foundation Degree
- Foundation Degree
- Undergraduate and postgraduate programmes
- Direct Progression to a Quality UK University

Successful completion of the BLC Foundation Programme offers direct progression to several quality UK institutions.

University of Bristol

The University of Bristol is one of the world's top universities. The Bristol Language Centre is recognised by the University of Bristol and has been formally approved and trained to provide advice and counselling on its programmes and to assist with applications to the university.

English for Business

In addition to Cambridge ESOL BEC examination courses The Bristol Language Centre offers flexible Business English courses for individuals or groups which focus on practical English language use for the workplace and international business communication.

Students' language levels and areas of particular interest are assessed using a needs analysis. Students will be given the opportunity to choose from variety of topics such as international marketing, e-commerce, globalisation, negotiation or presentation giving. Courses are then designed by tutors on a tailor-made basis.

Students work with authentic material taken from the media, TV and radio relevant to topic areas.

Course outcomes

- Helps students improve their English in a variety of business and professional contexts
- Improve ability to conduct business in an international environment

Key course facts

- Intermediate to advanced levels
- Minimum 1 week
- 24 lessons per week
- Maximum class size 12 (14 in July and August)
- Start date ant Monday during term time
- Flexible course dates
- Fees include personal study plan and tutor, access to guided online learning resources, Wi-Fi internet access
- Students aged 18 and above

English Interactive

The Bristol Language Centre's online learning resources enable students to communicate in English in an interactive learning environment. Our facilities include:

- Members' area with class groups and interaction with teachers and students
- Interactive lessons using online learning environment and materials
- Interactive whiteboards and computer room
- Online and interactive self study materials
- Distance learning programmes

Course Fees and Accommodation Fees

Course Fees 2011

No. of lesson per week	Course	Cost per week			
		1-7 weeks	8-12 weeks	13-23 weeks	24+weeks
30 lessons* 22.5 hours	Intensive English, FCE, CAE, IELTS, TOEFL, TOIEC, BEC	£230	£220	£210	£195
24 lessons* 18 hours	Semi-intensive English, Business English	£210	£200	£190	£175
20 lessons* 15 hours	General English	£195	£185	£170	£160

* Lessons are 45 minutes

No. of lesson		Cost per lesson
1 Lesson**	One-to-one	£40

** Lesson is 60 minutes. Course prices include access to Macmillan Online Campus Resources

Academic Course Fees

Course	September Start	January Start	April Start	June Start	July Start	August Start
BLC Foundation Programme	£7,995	£5,295	–	–	–	–
BLC Pre-masters	£7,445	£4,975	£2,225	–	–	–
BLC English for Academic Purposes	£6,865	£4,575	£2,285	–	–	–
BLC Pre-sessional Programme	–	–	–	£2,585 (12 weeks)	£1,775 (8 weeks)	£920 (4 weeks)

Accommodation - The BLC Residential

Redcliffe House

Duration of stay	Price for large/ double room per week	Price for large/ double en suite room* per week
2 weeks to 4 weeks	£130	£135
4 weeks + 1 day to 12 weeks	£125	£130
12 weeks + 1 day and up	£120	£125

Only one student stays in the room at a time. Minimum 2 weeks of stay. Notice period of 2 weeks applies. Damage deposit of £150 required. Rooms are checked on arrival and departure. * Rooms are subject to availability. If double ensuite room is not available, an alternate double room will be booked.

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Duration of stay	Price for large en suite room per week
1 week to 4 weeks	£190
4 weeks + 1 day to 8 weeks	£180
8 weeks + 1 day and up	£170

Only one student stays in the room at a time. Minimum 2 weeks of stay. Notice period of 2 weeks applies. Damage deposit of £150 required. Rooms are checked on arrival and departure. * Rooms are subject to availability.

Accommodation 2011 - The BLC Homestay

Host family	Cost per week Year round	Cost per week Summer	Cost per extra night – Year round	Cost per extra night – Summer	Supplement in July & August per week (included in Summer price)
Self-catering	£103	£110	£17	£18	£7
Half board	£125	£132	£21	£22	£7
En suite	£150	£155	£25	£27	£5

Courses Dates

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TOIEC	Dates upon request		According to Availability	On request. BLC is examination centre
TOEFL	Dates upon request		According to Availability	As required
IELTS	Anytime Monday during term time	As required	As required	Please see website for exact dates. Examinations at Bristol centre are once a month

Additional Costs

Exam Fees (fees only, do not include transport to and from examination centre)

IELTS	Cambridge FCE, CAE	TOIEC
£115.00 / £125.00 (London)	£110.00	£90.00

Registration fee: £50

Coursebooks

for General and Intensive English, IELTS, FCE, CAE, BEC and Business English***	for TOEFL and TOIEC
£25.00	£45.00

*** Books will be sold to the student on arrival at the school and can be sold back to the school on departure

Airport Taxi Transfer Service

Bristol Airport	Heathrow Airport	Gatwick Airport
£38.00 (one way)	£180.00 (one way)	£190.00 (one way)



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