



# LSI / IH Portsmouth: A Brief Profile

LSI / IH Portsmouth (Language Specialists International) is an accredited and externally validated English language teaching organisation. We have been delivering specialist training in English language, communication and cultural awareness since 1985. At the outset of a course we work closely with our clients to conduct a thorough needs analysis and identify individual requirements and professional objectives. Based on this, a bespoke course is created which is client-centred, target-driven and results-oriented. Innovation and flexibility are hallmarks of LSI / IH Portsmouth's; clear systems of communication and reporting enable clients to monitor progress in a systematic, meaningful and transparent way.

- LSI / IH Portsmouth is:
  - inspected and accredited by the British Council
  - inspected and accredited by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) and was found to 'exceed expectations in all areas of the school'
  - a UKVI licensed Tier 4 sponsor
  - an official IELTS testing centre
- a provider of University of Portsmouth validated Pre-Sessional courses for undergraduate and postgraduate students since 2000
- a member of English UK
- a member of the international body of quality language schools called IALC (International Association of Language Centres)
- a member of International House World Organisation, a network of schools committed to the very highest standards in language education face-to-face and online.

- LSI / IH Portsmouth is in a purpose built eight storey building with over 50 classrooms, which can accommodate up to 400 students comprising typically of over 35 different nationalities, in a modern, well equipped environment.
- Our teachers are well qualified and experienced including some who are published authors in their fields.
- LSI / IH Portsmouth delivers specialised English Training in the following areas
  - English for Business & Professional Communications
  - Specialist English Language Training for Military Personnel
- English for Examinations i.e. IELTS, Cambridge FCE, CAE, CPE, TOEIC, TOEFL, OET and STANAG
- University Pathway Courses

# Depth of industry knowledge

Over the past 30 years, LSI / IH Portsmouth has provided training courses for over 600 organisations and government bodies from over 30 countries and these include:

- Professional Communication Training Courses for international companies such as Siemens, Renault, KPMG, Alstom, Bosch, Savola and Saudi National Commercial Bank
- Successful English training for military personnel from international governments since the late 1980s. Clients have included armed forces from Saudi Arabia, Oman, the UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Italy, France, Spain, Poland, Finland and Chile. LSI / IH Portsmouth has provided support training for organisations including Babcock and BAE Systems

# Expertise in Military English

Range of Military Language Training – LSI / IH Portsmouth has been involved in a wide range of language training programmes for military personnel since 1985 and these have included:

- Royal Saudi Navy:
  cultural acclimatisation; specific
  technical training i.e. mine-warfare
  divers; civil engineers; technical
  writing; foundation training; crew
  specific terminology development
  for WE technicians, ME technicians,
  sonar technicians, enginemen, hull
  technicians, gunner's mates, bosun's
  mates, electrician's mates and
  quartermasters
- Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces: RAFO, RAO, COSSAF, SSF, RNO: communications, electronic warfare, weapons systems, navigation, ammunitions, explosives, logistics and OSAVE
- Qatar Defence Force: pre-OTC training for Cranwell, Sandhurst and Dartmouth, pre-sub-lieutenants course
- UAE Defence Force: pre-OTC training, pre-advanced navigation and ship-handling course, pre-pilottraining, pre-ATC

- Italian Navy & Airforce: general English and ESP training for officer groups
- French Navy logistics support organisation: NAVCO: various training programmes, e.g. English for Helicopter Flight Instructors
- Polish Army: Polish/Baltic peacekeeping forces in Bosnia
- Kuwait Navy: pre-vocational training programmes
- Finnish Coastguard: intensive ESP programme for international co-operation
- Spanish Navy: Masters preparation
- Chilean Navy: Submarine Training
- UAE/Hastings College Technical Training Project: military English/ ESP training
- UAE Police College: specialist preparation for officers going on to Masters Degrees in Police and Criminal Justice Studies and Strategic Quality Management





# Military English Language Training:

Min. English level:	A2 (CEFR)
Min. age:	18
Max. class size:	6
Hours (60 mins) per week:	25
Course Length:	2-4 weeks

# For Cultural Acclimatisation

### Who is this course suitable for?

Staff from international governments or organisations that need to culturally acclimatise to living in the UK and also develop their accuracy and fluency in English and specific technical vocabulary before starting specialist training (ages 18+)

## What are the course objectives & course content?

For participants to be able to:

- develop their ability to understand different native and non-native accents, pronunciation, intonation and word stress
- improve their understanding of instructional language in preparation for future training courses
- refresh and develop their own language and levels of fluency, accuracy and confidence when studying and working in English
- improve their general (and if required, specialist) vocabulary range

- develop a better understanding of UK culture and conventions in civilian, academic and military contexts
- participate more effectively in everyday and professional situations in an Englishspeaking environment

### How will the course be delivered?

Training will take the form of class-based lessons and will also include seminars, workshops, practical demonstrations and observations. Participants will be encouraged to collaborate and share experiences with participants on their course and also with participants from other countries at LSI / IH Portsmouth who may be studying other subject specialisms.

This course can be delivered as a closed group or on a 1:1 basis on our premises. On request it may be possible to deliver this course at a location outside LSI / IH Portsmouth to suit the client's needs i.e. on a military base.

## Are there any course enrolment requirements?

Yes, each applicant should complete and send a needs analysis form to LSI / IH Portsmouth at least one week before the course begins.

#### **Typical Course Timetable:**

8:30-9:15	9:15-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-12:00	12:00-1:15	1:15-2:30	2:30- 2:45	2:45-4:00	4:00-4:30
Optional self- access	Grammar, Listening, Speaking, Pronunciation & Vocabulary Development	Morning Coffee Break	Military English: Comparing Ranks – Army, Navy, Air-force	Lunch/ Optional supervised self-access	Understanding British Culture: Food & Drink	Afternoon Coffee Break	Social English: Polite Requests, Checking & Clarifying Information	Optional supervised self-study

Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 25 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).



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Min. English level:	B1 (CEFR)
Min. age:	18
Max. class size:	6
Hours (60 mins) per week:	25
Course Length:	1-20 weeks

# **For Military Purposes**

#### Who is this course suitable for?

Military and civilian staff from international governments and organisations who need to develop their accuracy and fluency in English, specific technical & military vocabulary, additional subject areas i.e. mathematics and physics or professional communications skills before starting specialist training courses (ages 18+)

#### What are the course objectives?

For participants to be able to:

- develop their ability to understand different native and non-native accents, pronunciation, intonation and word stress
- improve their understanding of instructional language in preparation for future specialist training courses
- refresh and develop their own language and levels of fluency, accuracy and confidence when studying and working in English
- increase their military, technical and specialist vocabulary range
- develop the ability to take notes, read specialist texts, write technical memos, reports or journals, and give briefings and presentations
- develop a better understanding of UK culture and conventions in military contexts
- participate more effectively in professional situations including meetings, small talk & networking, telephoning and e-mail writing

#### What is the course content?

This training course is designed as a preparation for participants going onto specialist military training in the future. The exact content is based on a comprehensive needs analysis process. Previous courses have included specific technical language training for:

- mine-warfare divers; civil engineers; technical report writing; foundation training for replacement crew; crew specific terminology development for WE technicians, ME technicians, sonar technicians, enginemen, hull technicians, gunner's mates, bosun's mates, electrician's mates and quartermasters
- armed forces communications, electronic warfare, weapons systems, navigation, ammunitions, explosives, missiles, logistics, Overseas Aviation English (OSAVE)
- pre-OTC training for Cranwell, Sandhurst and Dartmouth & pre-sub-Lieutenants' courses
- logistics support, helicopter flight instructors, NATO peacekeeping, coastguards, preparation for Masters in Strategic Studies
- submarine training, Police College preparation for Masters Degrees in Police and Criminal Justice Studies, Strategic Quality Management and staff courses at Hendon

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Optional self-access	Language for Instructions & Describing Processes	Morning Coffee Break	Presentation Skills for Military Briefings	Lunch/ Optional supervised self-access	Specialised English: Language & Vocabulary for Physics of Diving	Afternoon Coffee Break	Specialised English: Language & Vocabulary for Anatomy & Physiology	Optional supervised self-study

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## Military English Language Training:

# For IELTS or STANAG Examinations

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Who is this course	

suitable for?

- Military and civilian staff from international governments and organisations who require preparatory training to attain IELTS scores of 5.5 (or higher) necessary to access specialist technical training in Army, Royal Navy or Royal Airforce College courses or Universities (ages 18+)
- Military staff from international governments and organisations who require preparatory training for STANAG 6001 assessment tests

## What are the course objectives and course content?

For participants to be able to:

- refresh and develop their language and levels of fluency, accuracy and confidence when communicating in English with native and nonnative speakers of English
- improve all the skills required for their exam, as well as areas of grammar and vocabulary necessary for IELTS or STANAG success
- develop different exam techniques through a range of interactive activities, practice exams, guided E-Learning and regular progress feedback

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Optional self-access	Grammar/ Listening/ Speaking/ Pronunciation	Morning Coffee Break	Grammar/ Listening/ Speaking/ Pronunciation	Lunch/ Optional supervised self-access	Reading/ Vocabulary/ Exam Skills	Afternoon Coffee Break	Writing/ Vocabulary/ Exam Skills	Optional supervised self-study

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