

University Pre-sessional **English Courses**



LSI PORTSMOUTH
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Portsmouth



Why the LSI / IH Portsmouth Pre -Sessional?

- **History and reputation:** LSI / IH Portsmouth was founded in 1985 and has been offering recognised Pre-Sessional courses since 2002. We have enabled over 1,500 students to join their chosen degree programmes.
- **Direct progression:** By passing the LSI / IH Pre-Sessional, you will be able to progress directly onto your degree programme without taking a further IELTS test.
- **Range of University partners:** Our courses are recognised by a range of high quality partners across the UK, who offer a huge variety of programmes.
- **High quality teaching:** All of our Pre-Sessional teachers are highly qualified and have either a Master's or a Diploma in English language teaching. Our teaching across the school has been recognised as a point of strength by the British Council.
- **Individual support:** Small class sizes (maximum 12) mean that our teachers are able to offer extensive focused support to each individual. This is one of the reasons for our 97% pass rate.
- **Effective course:** We offer a carefully structured and well-organised course which is designed for maximum impact to give you the best preparation possible for your university course.
- **Excellent facilities:** Well-equipped classrooms, a student lounge, access to extra academic English support. We also have access to both Portsmouth City Library and Portsmouth University Library as well as reduced rates for the modern, well-equipped University gym.

Sample Timetable

09.00	10.15	10.30	11.45	13.00	14.15	14.30
Lesson 1	Morning coffee break	Lesson 2	Lunch	Lesson 3	Afternoon coffee break	Lesson 4

2 hours each evening: Homework/assignments. There are no lessons on Friday afternoons: this is spent on homework, weekend assignments and project research. Exact starting and finishing times may change, but there will always be 22.5 hours of taught classes per week (except where there is a public holiday).

Available online

- Visa-free to overcome any uncertainties relating to travel restrictions
- Delivered by the same experienced teachers and to the same standards as our face-to-face course
- If your flight or visa is delayed you can start online then move face-to-face when possible.
- We offer flexibility to suit your needs.

Key Facts

-  22.5 hours a week (60 minutes)
-  3 intakes per year for most courses
-  Courses range from 4 to 36 weeks depending on level and improvement needed
-  Maximum students per class 12
-  Minimum age 18
-  Direct progression to range of partner universities
-  Access to online learning platform Sensations English for one year

Course lengths and entry scores required

LSI / IH Portsmouth offers a range of short and extended courses from 4 to 20 weeks which mean that we can meet a wide range of needs. We also have three intakes a year so that you can finish in time for September and January intakes, if you wish. The course that you'll need will depend on your current English level (based on a recent IELTS score or equivalent) and the English requirements needed for your chosen university course (as outlined in your offer letter). Please see the table below to work out which course you need.

English Qualifications we accept for our Pre-sessional course:

- UKVI or Non-UKVI IELTS taken from an approved test centre
- Duolingo
- Pearson English test
- Oxford ELLT
- TOEFL iBT

This list is subject to change in accordance with UKVI guidance.

Please contact us if you have a different English Qualification from the list above.

Please be aware that if you aren't using IELTS as your entry score, you will need an additional speaking and writing test with us to confirm your pre-course score.

Language levels

The levels required for each course are as follows:

Level required in offer letter	Course length	IELTS (or equivalent) required to start the course
6.5 with nothing less than 6.0 (Some Master's courses)	20 weeks	4.5 with nothing less than 4.0
	16 weeks	5.0 with nothing less than 4.5
	11 weeks	5.5 with nothing less than 5.0
	7 weeks	6.0 with nothing less than 5.5
6.0 with nothing less than 5.5 (Most Master's and Bachelor's courses)	20 weeks	4.0 with nothing less than 3.5
	16 weeks	4.5 with nothing less than 4.0
	11 weeks	5.0 with nothing less than 4.5
	7 weeks	5.5 with nothing less than 5.0
5.5 with nothing less than 5.0 (Foundation courses and 2+2 joint Bachelor's programmes)	20 weeks	4.0 with nothing less than 3.5
	16 weeks	4.0 with nothing less than 4.0
	11 weeks	4.5 with nothing less than 4.5
	7 weeks	5.0 with nothing less than 5.0
Unconditional	4 weeks	No minimum score required

Both individual and overall IELTS (or equivalent) scores will be taken into account when assessing length of course needed. For example, if you have 4.5, 4.0, 6.0, 5.0 for reading, listening, writing and speaking and 5.0 overall, and your offer letter requires 6.0 with nothing less than 5.5, you would need to do a 16 week course. This is because the biggest difference is between the current and required reading score (current: 4.0, required: 5.5). This is a difference of 1.5 bands and this requires a 16 week course. In some exceptional cases, students with uneven profiles which do not meet standard entry requirements may be accepted. Admission under these circumstances is entirely at the discretion of LSI / IH Portsmouth.





Our Standard Courses: **20, 16, 11, 7 and 4 weeks**

Who can apply?

You can apply for our Pre-Sessional programmes if:

- You are over 18 years of age
- You have a conditional offer from one of our partners for one of the following programmes:
 - Foundation Programme
 - International Year One
 - Bachelor's Degree
 - Pre-Master's Programme
 - Master's Degree
- You have a valid English Qualification (see list on previous page) equivalent to IELTS 4.0 overall (with no element below 3.5).
- Your lowest IELTS (or equivalent) score is no more than 2.0 bands lower than the minimum required for your course

What you will learn

- A range of language and study skills to prepare you for a university course taught in English
- A better understanding of the expectations and culture of British universities
- How to become a successful independent learner
- How to adapt to living and studying in the UK

The course therefore includes the following key elements:

- Research skills
- Academic writing including grammar, vocabulary, referencing and avoiding plagiarism
- Academic reading
- Academic listening and note-taking
- Speaking in seminars and tutorials
- Presentation skills
- Pronunciation
- Critical thinking
- Time management
- Basic IT skills

How you will be taught and assessed

You will be regularly assessed on a range of language and study skills. Assessments will involve both individual and group tasks and include in-class tests, written assignments and projects, homework, and oral presentations.

You will not need to take the IELTS test at the end of the course as long as you successfully complete all the elements of the Pre-Sessional Programme which means you must:

- Successfully complete all assessed tasks
- Demonstrate that your reading, writing, speaking and listening meet the level required in your offer letter
- Attend at least 90% of the course

When you have completed your course, LSI / IH Portsmouth will send a report confirming your progression to your chosen academic programme. Provided you have met all conditions stated on your offer letter, you will then receive an unconditional offer.



Our University **Partners**

The LSI/IH Portsmouth Pre-Sessional is recognised by a number of high-quality colleges and universities which offer a range of courses from Foundation and Pre-Masters programmes to Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral degrees. On passing our Pre-Sessional, you will therefore have direct access to programmes at:

- ARU Cambridge
- Bangor University
- City of Glasgow College
- University of Chichester
- ICP Portsmouth (Navitas)
- Kingston University
- University of Portsmouth
- University of South Wales



















Portsmouth – the UK's Only Island City!

We love our city and we know you will too. Here are some of our staff and students' favourite things about living here...

Key Facts

-  Estimated population 200,000
-  4 miles of seafront with promenade, pier and cafés
-  Just 1.5 hours from London and its airports
-  Called 'Pompey' by locals!
-  Nearest airport Southampton 30 minutes' drive
-  Nearest station Portsmouth and Southsea 7 minutes' walk
-  Portsmouth International Port 6 minutes' drive

-  Easy to get around
-  Well connected to other important cities – a great base to explore the UK
-  Great nightlife
-  Gunwharf Quays – discount designer shopping, cinema and restaurants
-  Coffee culture
-  Amazing festivals and live music
-  Celebrated Football team
-  Lively university city
-  Mild seaside climate
-  Beautiful parks and gardens
-  Maritime history – landmarks and museums
-  Spinnaker Tower
-  Miles of waterfront
-  Typical English seaside attractions
-  Traditional and safe
-  Gyms and sports facilities




 LSI / IH is a family and I can say Portsmouth is my second home. If you really want to learn English and enjoy the English life, this is the perfect place.
Elisa, Italy



Our Social Programme

We know that learning a language doesn't just take place in the classroom; social activities give you the perfect opportunity to practise your English while having fun and making friends. We have a dedicated Student Services Team that runs our Social Programme to help you meet new people and get to know Portsmouth and the UK. We have fun and varied activities every week, including sporting events, nights out, and cultural and educational activities. Come and join in the fun!

Accommodation

We understand how important it is for you to be happy where you are living whilst you are studying with us. We will do everything we can to give you the best option to suit your needs and to help and support you with your living arrangements.

HOMESTAY:

Staying with a homestay family is the ideal way to improve your English and learn more about British life and culture. All our homestay accommodation is organised by the school and many of our families have been hosting our students for years.

There are very few language schools in a city of 200,000 people, so we have the choice of some of the very best families.

INDEPENDENT ACCOMMODATION:

There are a selection of self-catering options within walking distance of the school. These are privately run and must be booked and paid for directly with the residence. Alternatively you could stay in independent accommodation which you find for yourself. Please contact LSI / IH Portsmouth for further information.



#picnic in the park



Spinnaker Tower, Gunwharf Quays



#salsa class



Arundel Castle



Chinatown, London



HMS Victory, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard



It was great learning English while having fun and meeting people from all over the world. I met really special people and the time I spent with them in beautiful Portsmouth will be unforgettable
Oscar, Spain.



London

Heathrow ✈






Gatwick ✈

Southampton ✈

Portsmouth

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