



## **Academic English**

If you need to improve your English level for entry to university or other academic study, this course is designed for you. You will focus on listening, reading, writing and speaking skills in an appropriate context, as well as improving your grammar and pronunciation. You will develop your study skills in areas such as:

- English skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in an academic and general context.
- Academic study and presentation skills.
- Preparation for the IELTS exam and SQA Higher ESOL (study context).

The course aims to help you improve by one IELTS band level over an academic year. You will complete the SQA Higher ESOL qualification and prepare for the IELTS test as part of your course.

If you choose to study this course, you should have plans to progress in to higher education. You may choose to study an academic course at Edinburgh College or at another UK institution.

Entry for SQA ESOL qualifications is included in your tuition fees, but external examinations such as IELTS exams are not included.

When you complete your course you will receive a College completion certificate, as well as an SQA certificate which is internationally recognised.

### **Start Dates**

August or January. 18 weeks (1 semester) or 36 weeks (1 academic year). You can view our college calendar [here](#).

### **Entry Requirements**

Upper Intermediate– Advanced level English (IELTS 5.5, or equivalent)

### **Class Size**

Maximum 23 students per class.

### **Class Details**

17 class hours per week, plus 4 hours directed self-study. 3 days a week, from 9am – 4.30pm.

Full day classes include a one hour lunch break. Any class of three hours or more includes a 15 minute break.

### **Additional Costs**

You will be expected to buy a coursebook, workbook and dictionary - your class teacher will tell you which book to buy. Costs will be between £30 - £50.

If you want to take the IELTS test, you will have to pay for exam fees - estimated cost between £160 and £200. Further details can be found here:

[takeielts.britishcouncil.org/locations/united-kingdom](http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/locations/united-kingdom)