



General English (ESOL)

General English courses are designed to:

- improve your writing, reading, speaking and listening language skills;
- develop your grammatical knowledge and extend your vocabulary;
- improve fluency and accuracy;
- encourage confidence in communicating in English.

You will be interviewed and assessed by a teacher before the start of your course to ensure you are in the correct class level. Classes are interactive and you will have individual tutor-time to help you develop a personal development plan.

When you complete your course you will receive a College completion certificate. In addition, you will take SQA ESOL qualifications as part of the course. Depending on your level, you may also take a Cambridge ESOL examination, such as First Certificate in English (FCE). Entry for SQA ESOL qualifications is included in your tuition fees, but external examinations such as Cambridge exams are not included.

Start Dates

August or January. 18 weeks (1 semester) or 36 weeks (1 academic year).

You can view our college calendar [here](#)

Entry Requirements

Courses run at all levels from Beginner to Upper Intermediate.

Class Size

Maximum 23 students per class.

Class Details

17 class hours per week (16 hours per week for Beginners), plus 4 hours directed self-study.

Beginners and Elementary classes are 5 days a week, Monday – Friday from 9am – 1.15pm.

Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate and FCE classes are 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 Cambridge First or Advanced exams or the IELTS test, you will have to pay for exam fees - approximately £100 for Cambridge FCE and £105 for Cambridge CAE. Further details can be found here:

cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/register-for-an-exam/

takeielts.britishcouncil.org/locations/united-kingdom

Further Course Information

General English <http://doc.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/esol/esol%20general%20english%20full-time.pdf>

Cambridge First Certificate Preparation

<http://doc.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/esol/esol%20first%20certificate%20prep%20full-time.pdf>