



Pre-sessional English | 2023

What is Pre-sessional English?

An intensive English language preparation course for international students.

Suitable for students with an offer to start a Queen's University Belfast undergraduate or postgraduate degree in September 2023.

Develop essential study skills in academic writing, reading, listening and speaking.

Flexible study lengths and start dates.

99%

of Pre-sessional English students progress to Queen's University Belfast*

Find out more about Pre-sessional English

Who is Pre-sessional English for?

While IELTS exams provide a good indication of your general English level, they don't include assessment or specific academic, degree-level study skills. If you're an international student with an offer to study at Queen's University Belfast, Pre-sessional English will develop these skills, helping you achieve the English language entry requirements of your degree.

Pre-sessional English course information**

	10-week course	6-week course	4-week course
Delivery method	On campus	On campus	On campus
Start date	Mon 19 Jun 2023	Mon 17 Jul 2023	Mon 31 Jul 2023
End date	Fri 25 Aug 2023	Fri 25 Aug 2023	Fri 25 Aug 2023
English language entry requirements†	For degree courses that require IELTS 6.5 with 5.5 in each subskill for direct entry:		
	IELTS 5.5 (with a minimum of 5.0 in any subskill) or equivalent.	IELTS 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.5 in three subskills and 5.0 in one subskill) or equivalent.	IELTS 6.5 (with a minimum of 5.5 in any subskill) or equivalent.
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Academic entry requirements	Offer of a place at Queen's University Belfast	Offer of a place at Queen's University Belfast	Offer of a place at Queen's University Belfast
Tuition fees	£4,600	£2,800	£1,900
Textbook fees	£90	£90	£90
Age requirement	17 years and above	17 years and above	17 years and above
Weekly class hours	20 hours	20 hours	20 hours
Maximum class size	16 students	16 students	16 students

** Please note that you will need to have taken a UKVI SELT for a Student visa. [Find out more about taking a SELT.](#)

† Only an official IELTS result or equivalent recognized English language test will be accepted as proof of English language proficiency. A wide range of English language tests are accepted by Queen's University Belfast for entry, including TOEFL iBT (Home Edition only), Password, Pearson PTE and Duolingo. Find details of [all alternative English language tests accepted by Queen's](#). Please ensure you consult the university for details of the English language level required for entry onto your chosen degree.



Accommodation

Choose from our safe and secure living options close to campus, all with 24/7 support. Prices from £600 for a 4-week course.

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Minimum English language requirements for joint Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

You may be eligible for a joint CAS, if you hold an offer for the 10-week or 6-week course. This allows you to apply for a visa to cover both the Pre-session course and subsequent degree. To be considered for this, you must hold an offer which is conditional only on English from Queen's University Belfast, with no outstanding academic or financial deposit conditions.

Requirement for a joint CAS with no end-of-course examination*

If you enter with a joint CAS at this level, you won't need to sit the end-of-course examination.

English language requirement	10-week course	6-week course
Queen's University Belfast degrees that require IELTS 6.5 with no less than 5.5 in each subskill	IELTS 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each subskill	IELTS 6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each subskill
Queen's University Belfast degrees that require IELTS 6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each subskill	IELTS 5.5 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each subskill	IELTS 5.5 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each subskill

Requirement for a joint CAS with end-of-course examination*

If you enter with a joint CAS at this level, you'll be required to sit an end-of-course examination and prove that you've reached CEFR B2 in all subskills before progressing to your degree.

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* You will be required to meet minimum participation and attendance requirements. Please note that you will need to have taken a UKVI SELT for a Student visa. [Find out more about taking a SELT.](#)

Assessment

At the end of your course, you'll be assessed to ensure you've met the English language requirements of your Queen's University Belfast degree.

We use a variety of assessment methods including:

- Written texts
- extended essays
- listening tests
- presentations
- research journals.

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