

IELTS Preparation – Foundation

Program Description

This Pre-IELTS course is designed for students who have little experience with the IELTS exam format. It is expected that students in this course already have a strong foundation in General English and they are likely now thinking of moving into a more academic context. For this reason, the focus of this course is on the Academic IELTS Exam. Many of the students in the course have a goal of entering an English-speaking post-secondary institution. This course not only aims to provide a foundation to the IELTS exam but also to help students attain a level of proficiency where they are using English with ease. Lessons are based on a number of different themes.

Admission Requirements

Completion of level 5 or placed by internal placement test.

Assigned Text(s)

O'Connell, S. (2006). *Focus on IELTS Foundation*, England: Pearson Longman

If you already have the required course material please contact VGC

Supplementary Texts

Grammar for IELTS, Cambridge University Press

Program Duration and Structure

This program takes 12 weeks to complete with 21 hours of study per week. 18 hours are in a core class, based on the course content below. Three hours per week are taken in a non-assessed elective class, working on a particular weakness. Students may change these electives every two weeks in consultation with their core class teacher. The total number of hours for this program is 252. Students may also purchase an additional 6 hours per week of non-assessed plus classes if they choose to.

Homework Expectations

Minimum five hours per week. To get the most from this course and to ensure you pass your level, additional reviewing and self-study is recommended. For every block of classes you should spend 30-45 minutes reviewing the materials.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, students will:

- Have gained some basic knowledge of the IELTS exam format.

- Be more confident and accurate in their use of the language.
- Have a better understanding of the link between classroom practice and exam tasks.
- Have developed more independent learning strategies.

Attendance Expectations

Students are expected to attend at least 80% of their classes.

Assessment

Every two weeks, students take a full IELTS practice exam. Students need a minimum of 6.0 (in every section) to move to IELTS Preparation Advanced.

Pace

The course book's twelve units are divided across the twelve weeks as follows: Weeks 1-2: Units 1-2; Weeks 3-4: Units 3-4; Weeks 5-6: Units 5-6; Weeks 7-8: Units 7-8; Weeks 9-10: Units 9-10; Weeks 11-12: Units 11-12

IELTS Preparation – Advanced

Program Description

This IELTS Preparation course is designed for students who have some experience with the IELTS exam format. It is expected that students in this course already have a strong foundation in General English and they are planning to move into using English in a more academic context. For this reason, the focus of this course is on the Academic IELTS Exam. Many of the students in the course have a goal of entering an English-speaking post-secondary institution. This course not only aims to help students build a greater degree of familiarity with the IELTS exam but also to help students attain a level of proficiency where they are using English with ease. Lessons are based on a number of different themes.

Admission Requirements

Completion of level 6 or IELTS Foundation, placed by internal placement test, IELTS 6.0 (in all bands) or TOEFL iBT 80.

Assigned Text(s)

O'Connell, S. (2010). *Focus on IELTS*, England: Pearson Longman

Program Duration and Structure

This program takes 12 weeks to complete with 21 hours of study per week. 18 hours are in a core class, based on the course content below. Three hours per week are taken in a non-assessed elective class, working on a particular weakness. Students may change these electives every two weeks in consultation with their core class teacher. The total number of hours for this program is 252. Students may also purchase an additional 6 hours per week of non-assessed plus classes if they choose to.

Homework Expectations

Minimum five hours per week. To get the most from this course and to ensure you pass your level, additional reviewing and self-study is recommended. For every block of classes you should spend 30-45 minutes reviewing the materials.

Expected Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be better able to:

- Display solid knowledge of the IELTS exam format.
- Use the language more confidently and accurately in both speaking and writing.
- Display a good understanding of the link between classroom practice and exam tasks.
- Apply more independent learning strategies.

Attendance Expectations

Students are expected to attend at least 80% of their classes.

Assessment

Every two weeks, students take a full IELTS practice exam. Students need a 6.5 (in all areas) to move to level 8.

Pace

The course book's units are divided up as follows: Weeks 1-2: Units 1-3; Weeks 3-4: Units 4-6; Weeks 5-6: Units 7-9;

Weeks 7-8: Units 10-12; Weeks 9-10: Units 13-15; Weeks 11-12: Units 16-18