

Foundation Course in English Language for International Learners

Our English Language courses are designed for international learners from around the world who need to improve their level of English before starting their Higher National Diploma (HND) programmes at BCoT.

For this course you will have completed your High School Diploma (equivalent to British A levels) and have a minimum level of English IELTS 4.5 across all elements. You must also be at least 18 years of age at the start of the course. The aim of the course is to improve your level to IELTS 5.6 or higher.

Course content:

- **Skills for university level study (English for Academic Purposes):** academic listening, speaking, reading, writing, study strategies and academic skills (e.g. referencing, paraphrasing, note-taking and presentation skills).
- **Topics for IELTS:** vocabulary for key topic areas and skills development
- **Integrated Skills and British Culture:** practise in the four language skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing through thematic areas integrating these skills
- **IELTS Test Preparation:** strategies for practising the four skills and intensive test practise

You will do individual and group work, tests, presentations and written assignments to improve your English and academic skills for further study. The main assessment will be your final score on the IELTS test which will show the improvement you have made at the end of the course. The IELTS test will be taken at a local centre, (please note that you will be liable to pay the exam fees in addition to your course fees).

Tutorial and academic support are provided and learning takes place in a multi-cultural environment. Extra-curricular activities including international evenings and visits to places of cultural interest are provided and included in the fee.

Duration of course – this course commences in January 2015 for 8 months. You will study this course for 20 hours per week.

Accommodation – we will be able to advise you of vacancies with our host families or guide you to alternative accommodation suppliers.

VISA REQUIREMENTS – to enrol on this course you must obtain an Extended Student Visitor Visa. If you wish to further your studies at BCoT once you have finished the course, we can give you a provisional offer for your chosen subject. However we will not be able to issue you a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance to Study) until we have your IELTS re-sit test score at the appropriate level. You will require a CAS to obtain a Tier 4 Visa which is required to study full time courses at Level 3 and above.

Course fees - £5000 (including trips) plus £200 non-refundable administration fee.

