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English Language Skills
Development



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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

THE INSESSIONAL PROGRAMME

What is English Language Skills Development?

A varied range of workshops, courses, one-to-one tutorials and opportunities for independent learning to support students who have English as an additional language.

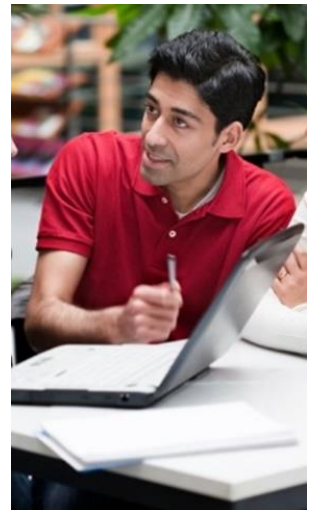
It's provided to students free of charge.

It's helped many students gain confidence and do better in their degrees.



Two programmes

- Support programme
 - Subject specific academic English
 - General academic English
 - Social and cultural English (general English)
- Credit-rated programme
 - 15 credit modules available in terms 1 and 2
 - RQF5 (Second year undergraduate modules)





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The Support Programme



Subject Specific Academic English

Faculty of Environment Science and Economy

- Academic English for Business
- Academic English for Engineers
- Academic Writing for Science

Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

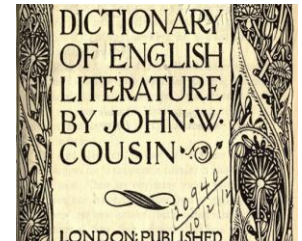
- Academic English for Sports and Health Science
- Academic Writing for Psychology
- Professional English for Medicine and Healthcare
- Academic Writing for Science



Subject Specific Academic English

Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

- LLM, Politics, Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology
- School of Education
- Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies
- Department of English
- Theatre Practice and Creativity, Innovation and Business Strategy
- International Film Business
- History
- Translation Studies and Global Literatures and Cultures



Academic writing

Language development and grammar

Presentation skills

Writing cafes

Guided independent learning



Guided Independent Learning (GIL) is part of the [English Language Skills Development](#) programme run by the Insessional team. Through GIL you can improve your academic and general English **independently** and **in your own time**.



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How to use this site:

- Find out how much you already know
- Identify areas to work on
- Develop a learning plan.
- Use the **Independent learning resources** tab in the main menu above to navigate to specific skills areas that you would like to work on.
- [Join our Viva Engage community](#) to ask questions, get advice, and find out what other students are asking about.



We also offer an extensive range of face-to-face classes, courses and standalone workshops. Visit the [website](#) to find out more.

Social and Cultural English



Oral Communication
Skills



Current Issues



Pronunciation



Intercultural
Communication



Language for
Employability

Student feedback (Comments from the evaluation surveys)

Anonymous evaluation surveys for the support courses consistently show high percentages of students rating the support 'very good' or 'excellent'

- “Very useful, it is a good starting point before writing assignments”
- “It gives overall picture of the academic writing at masters level”
- “These workshops are brilliant. The content is very relevant especially grammar exercises.”
- “The teacher will discuss question with us and always encourages us to ask if we do not understand”
- “We were highly encouraged to be active”
- “I achieved 72% in my first assignment”



How do I participate?

1

Register your details
on the insessional
website

2

Browse the
timetables

3

Enrol for the courses
you want to take

The Credit- rated Programme

Our modules

- Term 1 and Term 2:
 - ELC2727 Academic Listening & Speaking
 - ELC2728 Academic Reading and Writing
 - ELC2731 World Englishes
 - ELC2730 Professional English
- All 15 credits (7.5 ECTs)
- RQF5

Can I take a credit-rated module?



- YES, if ...
- you have no clashes.
- you need the credits.
- You are an ERASMUS/ exchange programme/ international student with permission from department to take credits in academic English.
- In Exeter up to and including December 15th for exams.
- Email E.K.Sweeney@exeter.ac.uk to enrol and access the placement task.
- Come to our drop in TODAY 4-6pm in the INTO Building Lecture Theatre to find out more about the modules.

What students say

‘I really appreciated the enthusiasm of the teacher. She was able to give us good vibes. The topics of the module were interesting and challenging as well. I feel more fluent now when I speak in English and I can deal with academic topics expressing my opinion to other people.’

(Academic Listening & Speaking)

‘The best module ever. I feel like I have improved significantly, and I feel more confident about my writing skills. I would make this module mandatory for everyone because it goes very deeply into detail and opens up a whole new level of awareness about writing...’

(Academic Reading & Writing)



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We are always here
to help!

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<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/into/englishlanguage/about/>





Any questions?



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