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Academic Literacy and English

Supporting your continuing academic and
English language development

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What is Academic Literacy and English?

A service to all international students and those who have English as an additional language.

It comprises:

- Courses
- Workshops
- One-to-one tutorials and appointments
- Self-study resources

The programme aims to help students gain confidence and do better in their degrees and is provided to students free of charge.



Two programmes

- Non-credited support programme
 - Subject specific academic English
 - Reading and Writing Skills
 - Listening and speaking skills
 - Language classes specifically for doctoral students
- Credit-rated programme
 - Four 15-credit modules available in terms 1 and 2
 - RQF5 (Second year undergraduate modules)



The Non-credited Support Programme



Subject Specific Academic English

- Faculty of Environment Science and Economy
 - Academic English for Engineers
 - Academic Writing for Science
- Academic English for Business
 - In-curriculum sessions for specific postgraduate programmes
 - Oral Communication Skills for Business School students.
- 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

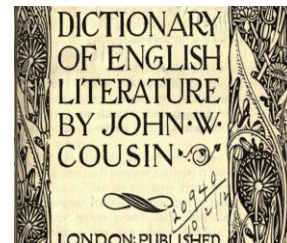
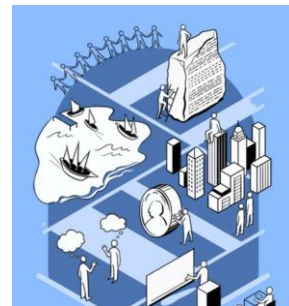


Subject Specific Academic English

- Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
 - Academic English for LLM
 - Academic English for School of Education
 - Academic English for Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies
 - Academic English for postgraduate students of English and film
 - Academic English for postgraduate students of Drama
 - Academic English for International Film Business
 - Academic English for Languages, cultures and visual studies

Most subject specific academic English will be on your timetable.

Exceptions: *Academic Writing for Science* and *Oral Communication for Business*
School students



Reading and Writing Skills



Four Steps to Success (open to students at all levels of study)

- Critical approaches to reading
- Incorporating sources into writing
- Critical writing
- Reflective writing

Doctoral Academic Writing

One-to-one tutorials and Writing cafes

- Individualised feedback on your writing

Job search English

- One-to-one appointments for your job search writing

Guided independent learning

- Digital resources

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

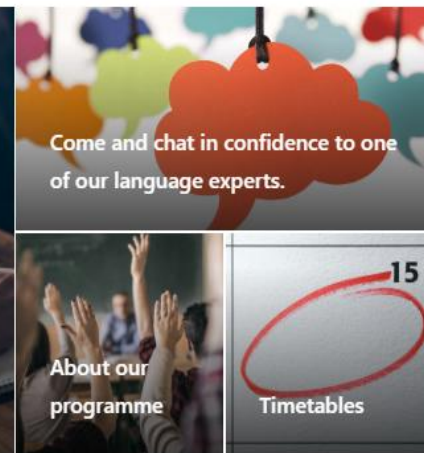


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How to use this site:

- 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 or the links below to navigate to specific skills areas that you would like to work on:
 - [Writing Skills](#)
 - [Reading Skills](#)
 - [Listening Skills](#)
 - [Speaking Skills](#)
- [Join our Viva Engage community](#) to ask questions, get advice, and find out what other students are asking about.



Speaking and Listening Skills



Speaking and Fluency

- Oral Communication Skills
- Current Issues

Presentation Skills

Listening Skills

Pronunciation

Intercultural Communication

- Develop skills and strategies for academic study and future employment

Job search English

- Improve your oral fluency for interviews

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”



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Next steps...

Browse our timetables:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/english-language-skills/timetables/timetablesupport/>

Sign up for the courses and sessions that interest you

Any enquiries: inseasonal@exeter.ac.uk

The Credit- rated Programme

Our modules

- Term 1 and Term 2:
 - INT2727 Academic Listening & Speaking
 - INT2728 Academic Reading and Writing
 - INT2731 World Englishes
 - INT2730 Professional English
- All 15 credits (7.5 ECTs)
- RQF5

Academic Listening and Speaking (INT2727)

Academic Reading and Writing (INT2728)



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- Academic English modules with a skills focus:
 - Academic conventions
 - Critical thinking
 - Reflective practice
 - Build valuable skills that can be applied to other Exeter modules and future study
- Taught in small seminar groups:
 - Interactive classes
 - Practical tasks
 - Opportunities for peer and tutor feedback

'I really appreciated the enthusiasm of the teacher... I feel more fluent now when I speak in English.'

Academic Listening and Speaking

'The best module ever... I would make this module mandatory for everyone because it goes deeply into detail and opens a new level of awareness about writing...'

Academic Reading and Writing

Professional English (INT2730)



- **Benefit from** small group seminars & regular feedback
- **Devise creative solutions** to real-world problems
- **Engage** in collaborative work: edit reports & deliver presentations
- **Enhance** your employability & communication skills for future global workplaces

'It is rewarding to see that I have made progress in speaking and writing English. Finding myself in situations, like the one with my flatmate that I described in the previous journal, is very gratifying. They seem to happen more often in the past weeks. This makes me happy.'

World Englishes (INT2731)



- **Study diverse varieties** of English from around the world
- **Analyse** historical, social, political & cultural factors
- **Engage with** English as a global language

'I encountered an interactive and self-directed learning environment that required me to engage critically with the material. While this approach initially caught me off guard, I now appreciate how much it encouraged me to think independently, and challenge established frameworks.'

Can I take a credit-rated module?

- YES, if ...
- you have no clashes.
- you need the credits.
- You are an ERASMUS/ exchange programme/ international **undergraduate** student with permission from your department to take credits in academic English.
- In Exeter up to and including December 11th for assessment.
- Email E.K.Sweeney@exeter.ac.uk to enrol

Check the
timetables here



**We are always here
to help!**

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



A reminder of the QR codes

Non-credited support classes



Credit-rated modules





Any questions?



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