

## Pre-Masters programme, 2009

This programme is designed for postgraduates who need to improve their level of English and their ability to study in English before starting a post graduate degree.

The programme consists of General and Academic English, preparation for IELTS, and a One-to-One tutorial programme with one session of 50 minutes every 2 weeks. This consists of a task-based programme of research work and assignments in the students' chosen subject, with feedback and help from a tutor.

Because the subject related content is taught on a One-to-One basis, we can offer a wide range of subjects including Art and Design, Business, Economics, Journalism, Law, Marketing, Media and Film Studies, Tourism and Hospitality, Social Sciences and many others.

**Course 33:                    Pre-Masters Programme                    21 lessons \*per week**

**Maximum class size:** 15/1

**Lessons per week:** 21 \* plus 1 One-to-One session of 50 minutes every 2 weeks

**Timetable:** 9.00-13.00 or 9.00-12.00 and 14.00-15.00 plus a One-to-One tutorial programme

**Course length:** 12, 24 or 36 weeks

**Entry requirement:** 12 week course, IELTS 6; 24 week course, IELTS 5.5; 36 week course, IELTS 5. Applicants also need to have a first degree.

**Start dates:** Every month by arrangement\*\*

**Minimum age:** 21

*\* 1 lesson = 50 minutes. 21 lessons = 17.5 hours' tuition*

*\*\* When Monday is a public holiday, courses start on the following Tuesday; April 14; May 5, 26; September 1*

### Course fees

12weeks	24weeks	36weeks
£2728	£5394	£7393

### Course content

**General English and Extra Conversation:** The course develops all your practical communication skills, with special emphasis on speaking, pronunciation and listening. By learning and practising new language in imaginative and structured lessons, you achieve greater fluency in everyday English. This includes grammar, vocabulary, colloquial English and idioms. Extra Conversation and develop your speaking skills in

a friendly, informal atmosphere. You will discuss interesting topics with time for correction and feedback.

**IELTS Preparation:** Thorough preparation for the examination: essay writing, fluent and accurate speaking, describing and interpreting graphs and charts and practice in reading and listening skills. You will also learn specific strategies to improve your examination performance, with comprehensive examination practice and feedback from your teacher. You can take the examination in the week following the end of your course.

**Academic English:** You will learn the language skills required for academic study, such as summarising lectures, note-taking skills, essay writing, debating techniques, carrying out research and presenting data and using the Internet where appropriate. Students are encouraged to discover the learning strategies that suit them best, so that they can learn more effectively.

**One-to-One tutorial programme:** The content depends on the post-graduate field of study. The aim is to improve use of English in the chosen subject area

### Example study plans

#### **12-week course:**

4 weeks General English (advanced level) and Academic English  
8 weeks IELTS Preparation  
6 x One-to-One tutorials, every 2 weeks, time by arrangement

#### **24-week course:**

16 weeks General English and Extra Conversation/Academic English  
8 weeks IELTS Preparation  
12 x One-to-One tutorials, every 2 weeks, time by arrangement

#### **36-week course:**

28 weeks General English and Extra Conversation/Academic English  
8 weeks IELTS Preparation  
18 x One-to-One tutorials, every 2 weeks, time by arrangement

### University Placement Service

Students have free access to our university placement service during their course. The following services are offered:

- Counselling to choose a suitable university and course
- Arrangement of visits to selected universities
- Advice on entry requirements and procedures
- Help with completion of application documents
- Help with preparing personal statements and obtaining references

Note that places on popular courses become more difficult to find from spring onwards and we recommend that students arriving at Frances King from May onwards start the application process before they begin their Pre-Masters course.

### **Holidays**

Students may take 2 weeks' holiday after every 12 weeks of completed study, by arrangement, except where a course includes the 2 weeks' school holiday in December. Whenever possible, we will extend course dates when a holiday is taken.

### **Study Centre**

The Frances King Study Centre offers you the opportunity for extra study where our assistants will help you to learn independently and really profit from your time at Frances King. Facilities include:

- The Internet
- Videos with machines equipped with a subtitle facility
- A variety of grammar, text and reference materials
- A large selection of graded readers and 'talking' books (readers with cassettes)
- A wide range of listening and pronunciation practice materials
- A large collection of dictionaries and language reference books
- Daily newspapers and magazines

### **Accommodation**

You can choose from the range of accommodation in our brochure but we especially recommend the following accommodation if you are taking this course:

- Private Home (A1)
- Standard or Value Homestays (A2-A6) & (A15-A16)
- Bowden Court: Student Residence (A21)
- London Solutions: Self-Catering Flatshare (A25-A26)
- Summer Residences (A29-A34) – available from June-September

If you are on a higher budget we can also arrange Superior Homestays, Studios, Superior Residences, Hotels and Apartments – please ask for details if you are interested.

### **Further study before and after your course**

FK Online, our unique and highly effective online learning service will support your learning before, during and after your course in London. When you book a course, you will become a member of FK Online from the date we confirm your course booking to 4 weeks after your return home. This enables you to learn with a Frances King teacher before you come to London and to continue when you return home.

A 4-week online course is included in the price of your course and you can take it before, during or after your stay in London.

For more information about Internet learning go to <http://www.kingslanguage.com/> and take a tour.

If you would like to discuss your learning needs please feel free to contact us at:

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