



# University Language Centre

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## Welcome to the University of Bradford



### At the University Language Centre we provide quality language courses taught by experienced, professional language tutors for international and home students.

We offer international students a wide range of courses to meet their needs. There are many options depending on your level of English, for example, you could choose the six-week summer course or the 24-week International Foundation Programme. You will have your own individual tutor and class numbers are limited to ensure you benefit to the maximum. Furthermore, once your studies have started, you can attend free English language support classes and tutorials.

If you are already happy with your standard of English, how about studying another language? We offer French, German and Spanish – ideal if you dream of working in the European Union once your studies are complete. There's also a Beginners' Arabic course, along with

self-study resources in over 20 other languages. Our Resource Centre is open from morning until evening every day and provides a comfortable and friendly place to study.

#### Student Life at the University

Bradford is located in the centre of the UK and is one of the least expensive student cities in the country. With about 11,000 students at the University from over 110 countries, one in five of our undergraduate students are from overseas. You are sure to meet people with similar interests to yours! Plus you will be studying on a safe and friendly University campus. The University is expanding many of its facilities, including a state-of-the-art sports centre and an environmentally

friendly student village to highlight our beautiful, green campus. The University is becoming Britain's first Ecoversity by using less resources, protecting the environment and building a greener, safer environment in which our students can live, study and be active.

There are lots of events on campus at the Theatre in the Mill, the art gallery, and in the Atrium, along with several bars, clubs, cafes and restaurants where you can socialise. The Students' Union has over 80 sports clubs and societies (interest groups) for you to join so you'll always have lots of things to do. In addition, the International Office organises regular trips to culturally important and beautiful cities and places throughout the UK.

# International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Preparation Course



## About the Course

The IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Preparation Course is for students who want to enter higher education in the UK or in many other countries. At the University Language Centre, we help you to improve your IELTS score and prepare you for academic study by improving your academic skills and general English.

The course prepares you for the reading, listening, writing and speaking modules of the IELTS Academic Module test. In addition to IELTS test preparation, the course includes practice in:

- Academic Writing
- Academic Reading
- Academic Listening
- Academic Speaking
- General English Language Development
- Examination Techniques
- Independent Learning Strategies

At present, there is a maximum of 16 students in a class (this may vary), and students have 16 hours in class and four hours of guided self-study.

For further information on IELTS, see [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

There are two IELTS programmes:

- 30-week programme: September to May
- 15-week programme: January to May

## Test

Students take the IELTS test in May. The cost of the first test is included in the course fees.

## Entry Requirements

Students need IELTS 4.5 to qualify for the 30-week programme. For other equivalent qualifications, please see [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org). For the 15-week programme students need IELTS 5.0 (or an equivalent level of English). There is no entry test for either programme.

## 10am - 12 noon

Monday	General English
Tuesday	General English
Wednesday	General English
Thursday	General English
Friday	Self-study and test practice

## 1pm - 3pm

Monday	Speaking skills
Tuesday	Listening skills
Wednesday	Reading skills
Thursday	Writing skills
Friday	Self-study and test practice

**Note:** this is an example and times may change

**“When I joined the IELTS preparation course in January at the University of Bradford, my IELTS score was 5. After the course I got a score of 6. I really would like to thank the helpful staff for their efforts.”**

**Mustafa Albakoosh**

# International Foundation Programme (IFP)

[www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc)



## About the Course

Students on the International Foundation Programme (IFP) are guaranteed a place at the University when they pass the course. The IFP prepares students for study at the University of Bradford. It provides you with a wider range of skills than the IELTS Preparation Course. International students who would like to study at the University but who need to improve their English first can take the International Foundation Programme.

- You will not be required to take an IELTS test at the end of the Programme
- You will study general English, academic English skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing, and independent learning strategies
- You will take modules in your subject area
- You will meet your future tutors
- You will become familiar with the University and the local area

At present, there is a maximum of 16 students in a class (this may vary), students have 16 hours in class and four hours of guided self-study.

After successful completion of the IFP you are awarded the Certificate of Foundation Studies.

## Entry Requirements

Students who would like to follow this Programme and go on to undergraduate-level study need IELTS 4.5 minimum. Postgraduate students need IELTS 5.0 (or an equivalent level of English).

The 24-week IFP begins in September and ends in May. Undergraduate students with IELTS 5.0 or postgraduate students with IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent) can start in January in the second semester.

### 10am - 12 noon

Monday	Integrated skills
Tuesday	Integrated skills
Wednesday	Research project
Thursday	Reading skills
Friday	Self-study and test practice

### 1pm - 3pm

Monday	Speaking skills
Tuesday	Listening skills
Wednesday	Subject tutorial
Thursday	Writing skills
Friday	Self-study and test practice

**Note:** this is an example and times may change



**“ The IFP course improved my Academic English skills so that I could take my Master's degree course in Peace Studies in the following year. When the IFP course finished I felt more confident than before.”**

## Aiko Taguchi

Aiko is now a Programme Director for International NGO Good Neighbors Japan and also teaches Volunteer Theory as a part-time lecturer at Bunkyo Gakuin University in Tokyo.

For further information, go to [www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc)

# Summer Pre-degree Programmes

Amy is from Taiwan; she attended the summer pre-session English, with IELTS 6.0 and went on to complete her MBA course at the University of Bradford School of Management, graduating with Merit and a distinction for her dissertation. She is currently working at the University of Leeds.

“ The best thing about the pre-session English course is that it provides an insight of what academic work is and how it should be done. The intensive English course helped me to adjust my attitude toward academic requirements and of self-learning, which is very different from my previous educational background. I met many wonderful teachers in the course and they gave me further support when I did my Master’s. Highly recommended!

Amy



## About the Course

The summer pre-degree courses (pre-session courses) are designed for students who have a place at the University of Bradford but need to improve their English before going onto their course.

There are two summer pre-degree course programmes available:

- 10-week course starting in July
- 6-week course starting in August

The 6-week and 10-week courses are divided into pre-Master's courses for students going to the School of Management and summer pre-degree courses for students taking other subjects.

Students learn the main academic skills of:

- Listening and note-taking, speaking, reading and writing as well as
- Presentation skills, research skills and cultural studies

There is a social programme throughout the summer pre-degree course of trips outside the city organised by the International Office and social events in the city organised by the Students' Union.

## Entry Requirements

Students need IELTS 5.5 or above (or an equivalent level of English) and an offer from their Department at the University of Bradford (IELTS 6.0 or equivalent for School of Management).

# Master's in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and Applied Linguistics

[www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc)

## About the Course

The Master's in TESOL and Applied Linguistics is for graduates who wish to teach English to speakers of other languages or work in this area in other capacities. The main aims of the Master's in TESOL are to equip students with the knowledge and the tools to enable them to work in a professional capacity in language teaching and to open up other possibilities for further study, research and specialisation through taught modules, project and practical work and research.

The Master's in TESOL and Applied Linguistics:

- Enables you to study topics essential to modern language teaching and current trends in those topics
- Enhances the development of skills through a supportive and structured learning environment which promotes sharing of expertise and learning amongst students
- Develops high-level subject knowledge and understanding which will assist you to work at a more strategic level
- Prepares you for situations requiring you to influence and take responsibility for major decision-making, particularly with respect to planning, monitoring and evaluation
- Develops the ability to diagnose learners' needs and design learning programmes to meet those needs as required in your employment

## Modules you will take are:

Grammatical Structure of Modern English

Spoken English

Applied Linguistics and Cultural Studies

with options in:

Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Methodologies

ICT and Language Teaching

Materials Development and Syllabus Design

Sociolinguistic Perspectives of English Language Teaching

The Master's in TESOL and Applied Linguistics can be taken over one year full-time or can be studied part-time, with a maximum duration of five years.

## Entry Requirements

- A first degree from an approved university or equivalent institution, an appropriate Postgraduate Diploma awarded at an approved institution or a professional qualification
- Two years' teaching experience or relevant experience
- Native-speaker proficiency in English

**“The highly interactive classroom environment, together with top-quality teaching, seminars and a great deal of practical work and research, helped me grow and develop professionally; the course has also been of help in boosting my career.”**  
**Irshad Ali**



After graduating with the MEd in TESOL Irshad became a lecturer in English at King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia.

For further information, go to [www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc)

# English Language Support Classes

## About the Course

These are English language support classes that are available throughout the academic year (September - May) to all international students on any course at the University, and are free of charge.

Classes include:

- Academic writing
- Academic listening, discussion and note-taking

- Speech and pronunciation
- Academic reading and note-taking

All classes are taught by experienced and highly qualified language teaching professionals and are scheduled so that you can attend your subject classes as well as support classes.

## Entry Requirements

Students who would like to join the classes should come to the support classes level test at the beginning of each term so that we can put you in a class according to your level of English.

“ I improved a lot during the year I joined most of the English support classes: writing, speaking and pronunciation. I really liked these classes and they were really helpful for me to improve my English.”

**Fang-Chi Tuan**



## One-to-one Sessions

All students who need additional help with their English are welcome to see University Language Centre tutors during our drop-in sessions in the Resource Centre (C101).

**Please note:** these sessions are to help students with their English language; they are not to rewrite students' essays!



“ I found it really useful to come to the one-to-one sessions and listen to some good feedback and advice.”

**Dominika Faber**  
**Foundation Year in Informatics**



Language skills are highly valued by employers and can introduce you to and help you explore different cultures. The Languages for All programme offers modules in French, German and Spanish at various levels, and Arabic at beginners' level, for all students across the University. In addition, there are modules in English as a Foreign Language for international students. If you are unsure which level of French or Spanish you should take, we can offer a diagnostic test to help you.

The courses are taught by our friendly, expert staff, including native speakers, and are also supported by our Resource Centre which houses foreign language audio tapes, DVDs/videos, television, newspapers and magazines as well as satellite TV work stations.

Classes are normally scheduled between 4pm and 6pm to avoid clashes with other modules.

With the agreement of their department, students may study these modules as part of their course of study free of charge. We also offer students the chance to use self-study resources in over 20 other languages.

Undergraduate students wishing to study a language as an extra subject which does not count towards their 120 credits, or postgraduate students and students from outside the University, must register as an Associate Student and pay a fee.

## Language Exchange

Language Exchange is a scheme set up by the University Language Centre that allows participants to exchange language skills with a native speaker. The scheme is open to both students and staff. Learn

languages like French, German, Russian and Spanish or any other that is available.

By pairing you with a native speaker of the language which you wish to learn, Language Exchange will help you to build up your fluency in a language, find out more about its culture, put into practice what you have learned and motivate you to learn more in a relaxed, informal environment.

## The Resource Centre (C101)

The Resource Centre is for students to study by themselves, use our language learning software, read newspapers, do homework, learn other languages, watch satellite TV programmes, listen to the radio and meet other students in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Students can also attend talks and workshops and come to our weekly conversation and discussion groups including:

- Conversation club (every Wednesday)
- Film club (every Friday)
- Meet the students
- Study skills workshops
- Talks and lectures



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# Accommodation



Whether you are coming from the other side of the world or just down the road, you'll be able to find a warm and comfortable place to stay and study in Bradford. All of the well-equipped Halls are on the city campus or within a short five-minute walk so you are never far from your lectures, library, sports and recreation facilities.

The University has a good choice of room type, standard and price range, so you're sure to find something that suits your needs. The range of accommodation includes standard and en-suite rooms. All applications for Halls are administered through the University Accommodation Office.

All rooms have broadband access so if you are bringing a PC you can surf the internet, reserve a library book or access the University information services available.

Each standard study-bedroom has a single bed, desk, chair, bookcase, notice board and washbasin and those costing a little extra have an en-suite bathroom. In the kitchen there is a full range of storage cupboards, a cooker, fridge, freezer and a microwave, kettle, iron and ironing board.

## Students with a Disability or Medical Condition

The University welcomes all students; some rooms are suitable for disabled students and we are happy to adapt rooms to meet special needs where at all possible.

## Student safety and support

Every site has an Accommodation Manager and staff who normally work from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours there are Hall Wardens and Student Wardens who live in Halls and are available specifically to help you settle in and resolve any problems you may have. There is also a 24-hour security service on the city campus and in the nominated Halls.

## Applying for Halls

There is a range of accommodation to suit both your budget and needs, with the most affordable costing between £50 and £100. More detailed information, including an application form, will be sent to you with your offer details from the relevant Department.

To find out more before you apply, however, accommodation information and application forms can be downloaded from [www.bradford.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/accommodation) or you can call the Accommodation Office on **01274 234883/235501** for further details.

## Accommodation Deposit/Advanced Rent Payment

When you accept your offer of a place in University accommodation, you need to pay a deposit (£250 for 2009/10) and sign a contract to secure your room.

## Student Houses and Flats

The Times Good University Guide 2009 states 'More Southerners' are being attracted to Bradford's status as Britain's cheapest student city'. If you prefer to live in privately rented accommodation, contact Unipol Student Homes ([www.unipol.org.uk/bradford](http://www.unipol.org.uk/bradford)) which offers a free advice service to students. It is a good way of finding a good-quality, safe place to live at a reasonable cost.

## For guidance, rents for 2009/10 are:

City Campus Cost per week	
University Hall	<b>£64.90 (41 weeks)</b>
Bradford Hall	<b>£64.90 (41 weeks)</b>

Arkwright Hall	
Deluxe En-suite	<b>£91.50 (42 weeks)</b>
En-suite	<b>£83.00 (42 weeks)</b>

Trinity B/C	
Standard room	<b>£53.00 (42 weeks)</b>
Dennis Bellamy	
Standard room	<b>£59.50 (42 weeks)</b>

## Sustainable Student Village (SSV)

The University is currently developing a major new accommodation complex which will be complete for the academic year 2011/12. This £35m campus development is one of a number of major projects which demonstrate the University's ongoing commitment to improve facilities and provision for its students.

The SSV is a self-contained area designed to create truly sustainable living. The 'Village' will comprise a mix of accommodation including 4-floor 'townhouses' and 6/7-floor blocks of cluster flats (around 1,000 in total), extensive green space, quiet areas for relaxation and more formal space for arts and music performance. It will have a centrepiece with a public square and a pond which sits naturally at the lowest point of the village. The pond will improve biodiversity in the area and provide passive cooling in summer.

# Discover the City of Bradford

[www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc)

Bradford is the fourth largest Metropolitan District in the UK and has been named “the UK’s best university town” by [locallife.co.uk](http://locallife.co.uk)\*. Friendly and familiar with an exciting centre, Bradford is a city that has it all. Set among some of the most beautiful countryside in England, it is also one of the most affordable places to live in Britain. Bradford is a wonderful student city that is hard to beat.

\* [locallife.co.uk](http://locallife.co.uk), August 2008



## Historic

The Industrial Revolution changed the face of Bradford and it has an amazing 5,800 listed buildings. History is still alive here in places like Cartwright Hall (near the School of Management) with its stunning galleries and park, Bradford Cathedral and Bolling Hall – a 17th-century manor house.

## Cultural

Bradford’s social scene has everything from relaxed, trendy bars to local pubs. There are now more places to eat, café bars, pubs and clubs in and around the campus than ever before. Drama and film are particularly big in the city with four theatres to choose from, and the National Media Museum close to the city campus. Haworth, home of the Brontë sisters who wrote Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights, is close by, as is historical Bolton Abbey, Harewood House and Saltaire (a World Heritage site).

## Colourful

People from all over the world have made Bradford their home and come together at the annual Bradford Festival. The Lord Mayor’s Parade is a showstopping event with floats of every theme imaginable. The International Street Theatre Festival and the Bradford Mela also bring locals and visitors alike together to enjoy the flavours of living in a global community.

## Affordable

Bradford is not expensive which means you can enjoy accommodation, food and entertainment for less.



“ I will always remember the friendliness of the people here, not only at the University but also in the city. People here do not see international students as strangers, but as part of their community. This fantastic city would amaze my friends at home. ”

**Risa Fujimura**  
(from Japan)

## How to find us

Bradford is situated in the centre of the UK. It has excellent communications, and is easily reached by rail, road or air.

### By Air

There are direct regular air services into Leeds/Bradford International Airport, 7 miles (11 km) from the University, from various cities around the UK and Ireland as well as from many international locations. Bradford can be reached from the airport by taxi at a cost of about £18. There is also a half-hourly bus service to Bradford Interchange. Many internal and international flights can also be made into Manchester Airport, 50 miles (80 km) south-west of Bradford.

### By Train

Bradford Interchange and Forster Square stations have good rail links. The Interchange is where you will probably arrive. Approximate journey times are: London, King’s Cross - 3 hours; Edinburgh - 4 hours; Birmingham - 3 hours; Manchester - 1 hour; Leeds - 20 minutes. See [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

### By Coach

A coach service connects most parts of the country to Bradford’s Travel Interchange. See National Express at [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

## To get to the University from the Travel Interchange

**Main campus** - walking takes about 15 minutes: from the Interchange, come down the hill, across the crossing and turn left in front of City Hall.

From Forster Square station, walk past the ‘Fibres’ sculpture out onto Cheapside, then along Market Street to City Hall. From there walk in front of the fountain in Centenary Square. Cross the road and walk left towards the glass front of the Alhambra Theatre. Turn right up Great Horton Road just before the Alhambra Theatre. The University is about 300 metres up this hill, beyond the College.

There is a free city bus connecting Bradford Travel Interchange and Forster Square station to the University.

Alternatively, and especially if you have luggage, you can take a taxi, costing approximately £4.00.

**School of Management** - just over 2 miles from the city centre. A taxi should cost around £5.00.

**School of Health Studies** - from the city centre, walking from the Interchange takes about 15 minutes.

For buses, see [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)

For further information, go to [www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/ulc)

Language Centre Courses



# Application Form

## University Language Centre

Complete this application form and return it in an envelope to: The University of Bradford, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 1DP. Please use black ink and write as clearly as possible using block capitals or tick the appropriate boxes.

### Section 1: PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Mr/Ms/Mrs: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Correspondence may be via email, therefore it is vital this information is clear and correct)

### Section 2: COURSE DETAILS

Language course you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

English Level:

IELTS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOEFL: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Your highest qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Data Protection Act

To enable us to keep you informed of events please tick the box so we can keep your records on file

We work closely with other organisations: please tick if you do not want us to pass on your details



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