

# English Language Summer School 2024 at Aberystwyth University



**12 August – 6 September 2024**

2-week course

3-week course

4-week course

***“Aberystwyth has become my second home.***

***The kind staff and fun classes at Aberystwyth University have made my life happier.  
If you want to study English in a comfortable environment, you should definitely come  
here. I highly recommend it.”***

***– English Language Summer School student, 2023***

## **Aberystwyth University**

Aberystwyth University is the No.1 university in the UK for student satisfaction (National Student survey, 2022) and the 2024 Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide awarded us top in Wales and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the UK for Teaching Quality.

The University was established in 1872 and is home to approximately 8,000 students from over 100 countries. It is in one of the most beautiful areas of the UK, on the stunning Ceredigion Coast. Aberystwyth town is welcoming and safe, with a great beach, stunning landscapes, and plenty to do.

## **The University's International English Centre (IEC):**

The course is hosted by the International English Centre (IEC) at Aberystwyth University. The IEC prides itself on teaching excellence, pastoral care and high levels of student satisfaction.

## **Course Content**

### **Communicative English Classes (20 hours per week)**

The emphasis is on practical communication skills and fun – classes are lively, creative and interactive, and will help students become more fluent and confident English-users. Class sizes are small, so students have lots of opportunities to speak and get personal attention from the teachers.

The focus is always on using the language, and students will do plenty of speaking in every lesson. As well as classroom-based lessons focussing on developing language skills and fluency, there are activity-based language classes where students practise their English while going for a walk on the beach or cooking a traditional British recipe with their teacher and classmates.

There are also culture-focussed lessons linked to the excursions and activities on the social programme, all with the aim of ensuring students enjoy their language learning and can communicate more confidently and fluently by the end of their course.

## The Social Programme

A lively programme of social activities and events helps students to further develop their English skills in a friendly and informal atmosphere. The social programme includes:

- 2 evening activities each week
- A full day trip each Saturday
- A ½ day activity or excursion each Wednesday

Trips give students a chance to get to know Aberystwyth and its beautiful surroundings and visit some vibrant Welsh and English cities such as Cardiff, Liverpool or Chester.

All social programme transport and most activities are free, but students should budget up to £30 per week for entry fees and meals on the Social Programme.



Image: Students and Teacher enjoying an afternoon tea on the IEC Social Programme.

## Sample Week Timetable

*(Please note: this timetable has been provided as a guide only. A confirmed timetable will be sent to students before the start of the Summer School)*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
<b>Morning</b>	English language lessons (3h)	English language lessons (3h)	English language lessons (3h)	English language lessons (3h)	English language lessons (3h)	<b>Social Programme</b> Full day trip to <a href="#">Cardiff</a> and the <a href="#">National Museum of History</a>  With free time in the city centre to explore <a href="#">Cardiff Castle</a> , enjoy multiple <a href="#">shopping</a> opportunities, or hang out in <a href="#">Cardiff Bay</a>	Free	
<b>Lunch break</b>								
<b>Afternoon</b>	Free	Culture-focused language class (1.5h)	<b>Social programme</b> Trip to Powis Castle	Activity focussed language class (1.5h)	Free			
<b>Evening</b>	<b>Social programme</b> Beach Barbecue			<b>Social programme</b> Sports Night				

### Certification

Participants will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance on completion of the course, which will be presented at a short ceremony on the final day.

### University Facilities

Participants will be provided with a university email account and library card and will be able to use any of the university's library and computing facilities (workstation

rooms across the campus are available for student use). Wi-Fi is available across the campus.

The University has a thriving **Arts Centre** on the campus, offering theatre performances, cinema, comedy, live music, dance, exhibitions, classes and more. The Arts Centre also contains two popular eateries and a lively bar.

The University has an on-campus **Sports Centre** complete with gym, swimming pool, running tracks, sports pitches, climbing wall and a wide range of classes. Free access to the Sport Centre is included in the course price.

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation will be in the comfortable single study bedrooms in our award-winning [Fferm Penllais Halls of Residence](#).

Each apartment has 8 – 10 bedrooms and shared kitchen-dining facilities.

### **Catering**

The University apartments have fully equipped kitchens that participants can use if they want to do their own cooking. Students can also eat in one of the University's restaurants and cafeterias which offer healthy and tasty food at reasonable prices.

### **Travel to and from the UK**

To be arranged by the agent (where applicable) or individual.

### **Travel from and to the airport**

Coach or taxi transfers from and to Birmingham International Airport, Manchester Airport or London airports can be arranged for students by the International English Centre. There will be an additional cost for this service. Please contact [tesol@aber.ac.uk](mailto:tesol@aber.ac.uk) for an initial quote.



There are also regular direct trains from Birmingham International Airport to Aberystwyth.

Please contact [tesol@aber.ac.uk](mailto:tesol@aber.ac.uk) for any queries regarding transport in the UK.

### **Visas**

The International English Centre will issue all course participants with course offer letters, detailing their study dates and accommodation arrangements.

This is to support the course participants' visa application, where applicable.

For further information, please visit our website about [Visitor Visas](#) (for students studying for less than 6 months).

### **Insurance**

To be arranged by the agent (where applicable) or individual. Please note that course participants are not entitled to free health care in the UK and every course participant should have travel and medical insurance.

### **Dates and fees**

This year, there is an option of: 2-week, 3-week and 4-week programmes, all starting on Monday 12 August.

- Cost is £525 per person per week to reside in the Fferm Penglais accommodation.

<b>Course duration</b>	<b>Course dates</b>	<b>Accommodation dates</b>	<b>Fees</b>
2 weeks	12 – 23 August	10 – 24 August	£1,050
3 weeks	12 – 30 August	10 – 31 August	£1,575
4weeks	12 August – 6 September	10 August – 7 September	£2,100

Accommodation is available from 3pm on Saturday before the course starts to 10am on the Saturday after the course finishes.

**Included in the fee:** All tuition fees; course materials; accommodation in single-occupancy, self-catering halls of residence; free accommodation for 1 group leader; all transport on social programme visits; free membership of the University Sports Centre (pool, gym, classes etc.); use of university libraries and IT facilities.

**Not Included in the fee:** Flights and airport transfers; meals; travel insurance; spending money; entry fees on social programme excursions

### **Booking and Payment**

To book, please return to [tesol@aber.ac.uk](mailto:tesol@aber.ac.uk):

1. Completed Booking Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/d9rrZrBce9>
2. scanned valid copy of passport.

**We cannot send any offer letters and invoices without passports.**

**Booking Deadline:** 25 May 2024

**Payment Deadline:** 30 days after you receive the invoice

Once the application form and passport are received the invoices will be sent within 5 working days.

Once payment is received, an offer letter will be sent within 5 working days.

### **Cancellations and Refunds**

- If the participant is prevented from travelling because of government travel restrictions in the UK or the home country, a full refund (less any bank charges) will be provided.

- Cancellation before 21 June: A full refund (less any bank charges) will be provided.
- Cancellation between 21 June and 21 July: 50% refund or a credit voucher for the same course in 2025 or 2026
- Cancellation after 21 July: credit voucher for the same course in 2025 or 2026

### **Contact details**

For information and bookings please contact the International English Centre

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**We look forward to welcoming you to Aberystwyth!**