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Welcome to Aberystwyth

Why to study with us?

- ★ Best English Language Centre in Wales (*EL Gazette 2018*)
- ★ 98% satisfaction on our English language courses 2017-18
- ★ University of the Year for Teaching Quality
(*Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018 and 2019*)
- ★ Safe and friendly university town
- ★ Access to all campus facilities including libraries, Sports Centre, Arts Centre, computer suites
- ★ Guaranteed university accommodation
- ★ Beautiful seaside location
- ★ Personalised tuition in small group settings

This is *your* place

Welcome to Aberystwyth

The International English Centre (IEC) looks forward to welcoming you to Aberystwyth University. We are proud to be the top English language centre in Wales (EL Gazette 2018) and University of the Year for Teaching Quality (*Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018 and 2019*).

Our friendly and highly professional English centre is a key part of the University and offers a wide range of courses. Whether you want to prepare for a degree in the UK, improve your general English skills or just take a study holiday, we have a course to suit you. We also offer tailor-made courses, teacher development courses, and provide in-session support for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

At the IEC, we offer high quality courses, personalised teaching and excellent levels of care for all our students. We keep classes small (maximum 16) to ensure that every student receives individual attention, and we have a personal tutor system to support your learning needs. We know that studying in a new country can be challenging as well as exciting, and our friendly staff are always ready help you.

Whether your goal is to improve your general English, prepare for undergraduate or postgraduate study, or develop your teaching skills, we are confident you will enjoy what the IEC has to offer and find a warm welcome here in Aberystwyth.



Keon Kang, South Korea

“Lovely teachers and a lovely place! My English has really improved and Aberystwyth has been a turning point in my life.”

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Degree Preparation Courses

Kiet Sinh Nguyen, Vietnam

“My time on the Foundation was full of joy. It prepared me for my degree, taught me how university life works in the UK, and let me make awesome friends from around the world.”

International Foundation Certificate (& Fast Track Foundation)

The International Foundation Certificate gives you the academic and language skills you need for undergraduate success. It also provides a solid introduction to your degree subject, and gives you the opportunity to get to know your future department. Passing the course guarantees a place on an undergraduate degree.

There are two routes to the Foundation Certificate: a 30-week course with start dates in September and January, and a 15-week Fast Track option beginning in January. Students who successfully complete the International Foundation Certificate are guaranteed progression to a degree at Aberystwyth University.

Course	Dates
30-week International Foundation Certificate	23 September 2019 – 29 May 2020
30-week International Foundation Certificate	6 January 2020 – 11 September 2020
15-week Fast Track International Foundation Certificate	27 January 2020 – 29 May 2020

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english for more information

The following Foundation and Fast Track Foundation Pathways are available:

- International Foundation Pathway into **Business**
- International Foundation Pathway into **Computer Science**
- International Foundation Pathway into **International Politics**
- International Foundation Pathway into **Theatre, Film and Television**
- International Foundation Pathway into **Law & Criminology**

Other Aberystwyth University Departments including **Education, Physics*, Art**, Sport and Exercise Science*, English and Creative Writing, Psychology*, Sociology, Geography** and **History** also accept students from these pathways.

* Dependent on study of appropriate subjects at High School level

** Art History only; to progress to Fine Art, a portfolio will be required

Designed and taught in collaboration with your future academic departments.

- 20 hours tuition per week
- Maximum 16 students per class
- Regular personal tutor meetings
- See website for timetable
- Guaranteed degree place for successful students



Did you know?

Aberystwyth is the only UK University to win **University of the Year for Teaching Quality** twice - in 2018 and 2019 (*Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide*).



Who is the International Foundation Certificate for?

1. Students who have completed high school in their own country but do not have the qualifications to begin a British degree. If your country has a 12 year education system, you probably need a Foundation Certificate Course.
2. Students who need to improve their English before starting a degree.
3. Students who already have the qualifications to begin a degree, but want to gain more confidence in their language skills and subject knowledge.

How is the course structured?

The academic year is divided into three blocks. Students on the 30-week Foundation Certificate take either Blocks 1 & 2 or Blocks 2 & 3. Students on the Fast Track Foundation Certificate take Block 2 only.

The course involves 20 classroom hours a week, plus independent study, regular one-to-one tutorials and plenty of individual attention.

Block 1 Modules (September - January)

- Language, Culture & Communication
- Introduction to Reading & Writing for University
- Introduction to Listening & Speaking for University

Block 2 Modules (January - June)

- Keys to Business **or** Keys to International Politics **or** Keys to Computer Science **or** Keys to Theatre, Film and Television **or** Keys to Law and Criminology
- Reading, Writing & Critical Thinking for University
- Listening & Speaking for University
- Language Enhancement for University Study

Block 3 Modules (June - September)

- Advanced Reading, Writing & Critical Thinking for University
- Advanced Listening & Speaking for University
- Advanced Integrated Skills for University Study

What will I study?

The course is designed to develop your language skills, your academic skills and your knowledge of your degree subject. The course is taught in close collaboration with academic departments, ensuring you receive a thorough preparation for your degree.

Entry Requirements

International Foundation (& Fast Track Foundation) Certificate

Qualifications	You must have completed high school to a level that indicates likely success on the Foundation Programme.		
Age	You must be at least 17 years old before the course start date.		
English Language	If you need a Tier 4 Visa for this course, you will require an IELTS for UKVI Test. The score you need depends on your future degree. See below.		
Pathway into	Computer Science or Business	Theatre, Film & Television Studies or Law and Criminology	International Politics
30-week course (September - June)	IELTS 4.5 (with no score below 4.0)	IELTS 4.5 (with no score below 4.5)	IELTS 5.0 (with no score below 4.5)
30-week course (January - September)	IELTS 4.5 (with no score below 4.5)	IELTS 5.0 (with no score below 4.5)	IELTS 5.0 (with no score below 5.0)
15-week Fast Track course (January - June)	IELTS 5.0 (with no more than 1 score below 5.0, and no score below 4.5)	IELTS 5.5 (with no more than 1 score below 5.5, and no score below 5.0)	IELTS 6.0 (with no more than 1 score below 6.0, and no score below 5.5)

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english for any updates to entry requirements

What English language level is the International Foundation Certificate?

Students who successfully pass this course will have achieved a minimum English level of CEFR B2.

Progressing to an Undergraduate Degree from the International Foundation Certificate

Students who pass the International Foundation Certificate at the level required by their future department are guaranteed a degree place at Aberystwyth University.

100% of International Foundation Certificate students were satisfied with the quality of teaching on the course in 2017-18



Kim Gaeun, South Korea

“I improved my English and enjoyed myself at the same time.”

Pre-Masters

(& Fast Track Pre-Masters) in Business & Management

This course helps you gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed on a Masters or PhD in a business-related subject. It provides a bridge between undergraduate studies in your own country and a postgraduate degree in Aberystwyth Business School.

The Business and Management component of the course is taught in collaboration with Aberystwyth Business School. This ensures that you receive a thorough preparation for your postgraduate degree, and become familiar with the academic culture of the UK and the expectations of your future department.

The course runs for 30 weeks, and you can join in either September or January.

There is also a 15-week Fast Track option.

Course	Dates
30-week Pre-Masters Programme	23 September 2019 - 29 May 2020
30-week Pre-Masters Programme	6 January 2020 - 11 September 2020
15-week Fast Track Pre-Masters Programme	27 January 2020 - 29 May 2020

- 20 hours tuition per week
- Maximum 16 students per class
- Regular personal tutor meetings
- See website for timetable

Xin Jintao, China
Pre-Masters

“I can use everything I have learned on this course to help me succeed on my Masters in Finance & Banking, thanks to the great teaching.”

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english for more information

Who is the Pre-Masters Programme for?

1. Students who need to improve their English before starting a postgraduate degree in a Management or Business-related subject.
2. Students who have the qualifications to begin postgraduate study, but want to increase their knowledge and skills in order to begin their degree with greater confidence.
3. Students whose undergraduate/Bachelor's qualification from their own country is not equivalent to a British undergraduate/Bachelor's degree. These applications will be judged on an individual basis.



Did you know?

Aberystwyth University was established in 1872 and is the oldest university in Wales.

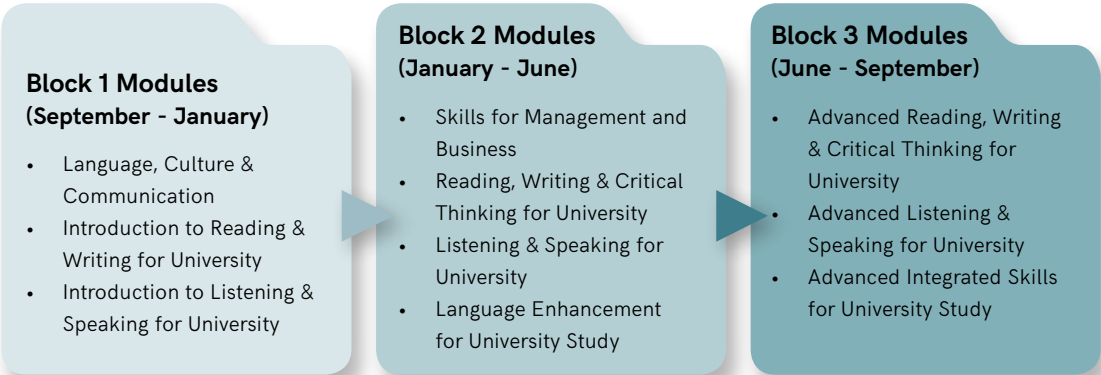
How is the course structured?

The academic year is divided into three blocks. The 30-week Pre-Masters Programme consists of either Blocks 1 & 2 or Blocks 2 & 3. Students on the Fast Track Pre-Masters Programme take Block 2 only.

The course includes 20 classroom hours a week, with regular one-to-one tutorials and plenty of individual attention.

What will I study?

The Pre-Masters Programme will help you to develop both the academic and language skills needed for a postgraduate degree in Aberystwyth Business School. You will learn to research and write in your own subject area, and will work with tutors from Aberystwyth Business School to extend your subject knowledge. Emphasis is placed on developing independent research and study skills, and a high-level of self-directed learning is required.



What English language level is the Pre-Masters Programme?

Students who successfully pass this course will have achieved a minimum English level of CEFR B2.

How do you Progress to a Postgraduate Degree from the Pre-Masters Programme?

Students who pass the course at the required level have a guaranteed postgraduate place at Aberystwyth Business School.

Aberystwyth Business School : Top 10 in the UK for student satisfaction in the subject area of Management Studies (National Student Survey, 2018)

University of the Year for Teaching Quality 2018 and 2019 (Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide)



Entry Requirements

Pre-Masters (& Fast Track Pre-Masters) Programme

Qualifications	Applicants should usually have completed a first degree and obtained good grades. Applicants holding a three year diploma will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
English Language	If you need a Tier 4 Visa for this course, you will require an IELTS for UKVI Test. The score you need depends on your future degree. See below.
30-week course (September - June)	IELTS 5.0 (with no score below 4.5)
30-week course (January - September)	IELTS 5.0 (with no score below 4.5)
15-week Fast Track course (January - June)	IELTS 5.5 (with no more than 1 score below 5.5, and no score below 5.0)

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english for any updates to entry requirements.



Did you know?

95% of research activity at Aberystwyth University is of an internationally recognised standard or higher (Research Excellence Framework).



Guo Kaiyue, China

“ I loved my course for the good quality teaching and the kindness of the teachers and staff. It really feels like home here.”

Pre-sessional and Pre-sessional Plus Courses

Our Pre-sessional and Pre-sessional Plus Courses are intensive courses for international students who have been offered a place on a degree at Aberystwyth University.

These courses help you to develop the academic and language skills needed for success on your degree, and give you an in-depth introduction to British academic culture and to Aberystwyth University.

You should expect to work hard on the Pre-sessional, studying alongside other ambitious and highly motivated students from around the world. By the time your degree starts, you will be ready for the academic challenges of university study, and will have had the opportunity to make friends and get to know the university so you can begin your degree with confidence.

The courses run for 42, 30, 12 and 6 weeks.

Course	Dates
For entry onto degrees in 2019	
30-week Pre-sessional Plus	7 January 2019 - 13 September 2019
12-week Pre-sessional	24 June 2019 - 13 September 2019
6-week Pre-sessional	5 August 2019 - 13 September 2019
For entry onto degrees in 2020	
42-week Pre-sessional Plus	23 September 2019 - 11 September 2020
30-week Pre-sessional Plus	6 January 2020 - 11 September 2020
12-week Pre-sessional	22 June 2020 - 11 September 2020
6-week Pre-sessional	3 August 2020 - 11 September 2020

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english for more information.

- 20 hours tuition per week
- Maximum 16 students per class
- Weekly personal tutor meetings
- See website for timetable



Did you know?

HRH Prince Charles, Prince of Wales studied Welsh at Aberystwyth University.



Who are the Pre-sessional and Pre-sessional Plus Courses for?

- 1. Students who have a conditional offer to study at Aberystwyth University, but need to improve their language level in order to meet the conditions of their offer.
- 2. Students who have an unconditional offer from Aberystwyth University, but want to improve their English language and academic skills before starting a degree.

How are the courses structured?

All courses involve 20 hours of classroom-based study and tutorials a week.

The 12-week and 6-week Pre-sessional Courses do not include holiday periods.

The 30-week and 42-week Pre-sessional Plus Courses consist of the 12-week Summer Pre-sessional, and either one, two, or three terms of the Target English Course (see page 19). They include some holiday periods (see page 35 for term dates).

What will I study?

The courses focus on developing your academic skills and improving your command of academic English, so you can start your degree with confidence. The classroom sessions involve intensive practice of the four language skills (writing, reading, listening and speaking) through a variety of academic tasks. You will have the opportunity to experience live lectures and to gain confidence in taking effective notes. You will learn to participate actively in seminars, deliver presentations and present ideas and information to an audience in a professional manner. You will develop strategies for searching for information, reading effectively and efficiently, and recording information. There is a strong emphasis on academic writing. By the end of the course you will have learned to research and write academic essays and reports, making skilful use of sources to support your ideas, and using an appropriate academic style.

Entry Requirements

Pre-sessional and Pre-sessional Plus Courses

Qualifications	You must have met the academic entry requirements for your chosen degree and hold an offer for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at Aberystwyth University.		
Age	You must be at least 17 years old before the course start date.		
English Language	If you need a Tier 4 Visa for this course, you will require an IELTS for UKVI Test. The score you need depends on your future degree. See below.		
Your IELTS score now	For entry into degrees requiring		
	IELTS 6.0	IELTS 6.5	IELTS 7.0
4.0 (with no score below 4.0)	42- week Pre-sessional Plus		
4.5 (with no score below 4.5)	30-week Pre-sessional Plus	42- week Pre-sessional Plus	
5.0 (with no score below 4.5)	12-week Pre-sessional Course	30-week Pre-sessional Plus	42- week Pre-sessional Plus
5.5 (with no score below 5.0)	6-week Pre-sessional Course	12-week Pre-sessional Course	30-week Pre-sessional Plus
6.0 (with no score below 5.5)	Optional 6-week Pre-sessional Course	6-week Pre-sessional Course	12-week Pre-sessional Course
6.5 (with no score below 5.5)	Optional 6-week Pre-sessional Course	Optional 6-week Pre-sessional Course	6-week Pre-sessional Course
7.0 (with no score below 5.5)	Optional 6-week Pre-sessional Course	Optional 6-week Pre-sessional Course	Optional 6-week Pre-sessional Course

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english for any updates to entry requirements.

What level are the Pre-sessional and Pre-sessional Plus Courses?

Students who successfully pass a Pre-sessional or Pre-sessional Plus Course will have achieved a minimum English level of CEFR B2.

Progressing to your Degree

Students who pass a Pre-sessional or Pre-sessional Plus at the level required by their academic department can progress automatically to their degree at Aberystwyth University.



General English Courses

Veronika Karsanova, Russia

“My course was an extraordinary experience. I really enjoyed it and learned a lot.”

Target English

The Target English Course offers you the chance to improve your English language skills in a university environment, sharing classes with students preparing for undergraduate or postgraduate study. The course runs during the academic year, between September and June. You can join for between 4 and 30 weeks. Some students join Target English simply to improve their English, while others use it as a stepping stone onto another course. Whatever your motivation, Target English offers an intensive and stimulating language learning experience.

Course	Dates
Target English Term 1 (12 weeks)	23 September 2019 - 13 December 2019
Target English Term 2 (12 weeks)	6 January 2020 - 27 March 2020
Target English Term 3 (6 weeks)	20 April 2020 - 29 May 2020
Other periods of 4 weeks or more are available during term time	

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english for more information

Entry Requirements

Target English

Age	You must be over 17 years old before the course start date.
Level	You must have an English level of at least CEFR B1 (IELTS 4.0). We can offer a Skype interview if you do not have a test certificate.

What will I study?

The course covers language development, communicative and academic skills and includes 20 classroom hours a week. As well as improving your everyday English, you will have opportunities to develop your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through a variety of academic tasks. The course also explores aspects of British and Welsh culture, and encourages students to extend their learning well beyond the classroom.

Who is Target English for?

- Students who want to improve their English in a university environment, and develop their general and academic language skills.
- Students who need to increase their language level before starting a Pre-sessional, Pre-Masters or International Foundation Certificate Course.

What level is Target English?

This course is open to students with an English level of CEFR B1 (IELTS 4.0) and above. If you do not have an IELTS test, we may be able to offer you a Skype interview to assess your level.



Did you know?

Aberystwyth University is consistently ranked among the top 10 safest places in the UK to be a student.

Summer School: English and Communicative Skills Summer Course

The overall aim of this course is to help you become a more fluent and confident user of English. The course takes a creative and communicative approach to language learning, and its main aim is to build your confidence, fluency and accuracy in speaking English. The Social Programme (see page 22-23) is a key part of the course and gives you lots of opportunities to practice your English with friends.

Many language learners have a lot of grammar and vocabulary knowledge locked away in a "grammar box" in their heads. Our aim is to help you unlock your passive knowledge so that you are better able to use your English in the wider world.

In addition to classroom-based lessons, your teachers will lead group projects and assignments to get you using English in the wider community too, so you can expand your vocabulary and consolidate your knowledge of grammar in very practical ways.

Each course is different so you can take several courses, one after another. You can study for 2, 4, 6 weeks or more.



English and Communicative Skills Summer Course: Summer 2020

Course	Dates
CS1: Group Bookings only (10+ students)	1 July 2019 - 12 July 2019
CS2	15 July 2019 - 26 July 2019
CS3	29 July 2019 - 9 August 2019
CS4	12 August 2019 - 23 August 2019
CS5	27 August 2019 * - 6 September 2019

* Monday 26 August 2019 is a Bank Holiday and no classes will be held.

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english

English and Communicative Skills Summer Course: Summer 2020

Course	Dates
CS1:	13 July 2020 - 24 July 2020
CS2	27 July 2020 - 7 August 2020
CS3	10 August 2020 - 21 August 2020
CS4 *	24 August 2020 - 4 September 2020

* Monday 31 August 2020 is a Bank Holiday and no classes will be held.

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english

Entry Requirements

Summer School: English and Communicative Skills Course

Age	You must be aged 17 or over at the start of the course.
Level	<p>This course is aimed at students in the CEFR A2 - B2 range. We cannot accept complete beginners.</p> <p>You do <i>not</i> need an IELTS or other test certificate to join this course.</p> <p>We can accept group bookings for students at a higher or lower level, but students booking individually should be in the A2-B2 range.</p>

- 20 hours tuition per week
- Average class size 10 students
- Maximum 16 students per class
- Full-day trips every Saturday
- Half-day trips every Wednesday
- Evening activities
- See website for timetable

What will I study?

The main aim of the course is to help you become a more confident communicator in English. The classes build on your existing language skills and focus on:

- Developing speaking and listening skills
- Building vocabulary
- Improving pronunciation and intonation
- Increasing grammatical accuracy
- Enhancing fluency and confidence
- Improving reading and writing skills
- Enabling independent learning

In addition, you can choose from a range of special interest classes. In previous years these have included:

- IELTS preparation
- Out and About in Aberystwyth
- Language learning through film-making
- Pronunciation workshops
- Kitchen culture: Language through cooking
- Language on the move: walking and learning
- Dragon's Den: English for Business
- Interview skills



Davide Castagno, Italy
English & Communicative Skills

“Great teachers, great facilities, great social programme, great accommodation. Day by day I feel more confident in my English.”



Did you know?

Students from over 120 countries studied at Aberystwyth in 2018.

Summer Social Programme

The International English Centre provides a full and lively programme of activities and events every summer.

This offers opportunities to explore the area, enjoy trips to places of interest, make friends and further develop your English skills in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

We provide two trips and a range of evening events every week during the period when the English and Communicative Skills Courses are running. The trips are open to students from all IEC summer courses. The trips let you get to know Aberystwyth and its beautiful surroundings, enjoy the stunning coastline and the nearby mountains, and visit vibrant Welsh and English cities.

The Social Programme activities vary from year to year, but these pages give examples of some of the trips our students enjoy.

See www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english/social for more details.



Chester



Conwy Castle

Full-day excursions each Saturday to destinations such as:

- Liverpool
- Birmingham
- Cardiff
- Chester
- Conwy Castle

Half-day local excursions each Wednesday, such as:

- Powis Castle
- Boat trips to look for dolphins in Cardigan Bay
- Visits to explore King Arthur's Labyrinth
- Afternoon tea



Ayesha Khairul Anuar (centre), Malaysia

“The International English Centre is a great place to make friends!”

There are evening activities to get involved in too. From cinema trips, sports, and team quizzes to international food evenings and beach barbecues, we offer a varied programme of activities to keep you entertained.

Most Summer Social Programme activities are included in your course fee. On occasion, you may need to

pay for theatre or cinema tickets, or entrance fees to attractions.

These additional costs will not exceed a total of £25 per week, and will usually be less.



Afternoon Tea

The UK University Experience Course

The UK University Experience Course gives high school students a unique opportunity to experience university study in Britain.

This two or three week course includes intensive English language study, a series of workshops, seminars and field trips given by various university departments, and a full social programme.

Aimed specifically at 16-18 year olds, the course enables you to improve your language skills, and gain insight into what studying at university is like, and how approaches to learning differ between school and university.

Course	Dates
The UK University Experience	Flexible



Nguyen Nhat Quang (left), Vietnam

“The time I spent in Aberystwyth was one of the most memorable times in my academic journey. I will always look forward to coming back to Aber.”

Who is The UK University Experience Course for?

This course is for high school students aged 16-18 who want to improve their English and get a taste of university study in Britain.

What will I study?

In your English Language and Study Skills classes you will focus on improving your spoken and written communication, and developing some of the vital skills students needed at university. You will learn how to carry out small-scale research projects, participate actively in seminars, give formal presentations and develop your own 'academic voice'.

You will also take part in activities organised by 6 different departments in the university. Each department will provide you with a lively, interactive and fun introduction to their subject. It does not matter whether you have studied the subject before or not.

One day you might be writing code and programming a robot in the University's Robotics Lab, the next making your own movie in the Department of Theatre, Film and Television, and the next exploring global poverty in the International Politics Department.

Depending on your group's needs and interests, your University Experience Course may include activities with the following departments:

- Art
 - Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS)
 - Computer Science
 - Education and Lifelong Learning
 - English and Creative Writing
 - Geography and Earth Sciences
 - International Politics
- Law and Criminology
 - Management & Business
 - Psychology
 - Sport and Exercise Science
 - Theatre, Film and Television Studies

How is the course structured?

You will have 20 hours of tuition per week, from Monday to Friday. Each week you will typically spend 12 hours studying English, and 8 hours in different university departments. There are trips with other international students on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and evening social activities twice a week (see pages 22-23).



Entry Requirements	
The UK University Experience Course	
Age	You must be aged 16 or over at the start of the course.
Language Level	The course is suitable for students with an English level equivalent to between CEFR B1 / IELTS 4.5 - CEFR B2/ IELTS 6.0
Other	The course is open for group bookings only. Groups must be accompanied by a suitable staff member from the home school, and each participant must have written consent from their parents.
Minimum Group Size	10 Students

Bespoke Courses for Groups

IEC regularly works with partner universities and organisations to tailor study programmes to specific needs.

With our wealth of expertise in teaching general and academic English and our position in Aberystwyth University, we have access to the knowledge and skills needed to create unique tailor-made courses. These often include substantial input from academic departments, allowing participants to improve their English and get to gain practical experience in an academic subject at the same time.

Recently contracted courses have included:

- English with Water Conservation
- English with Film Production
- English for Environmental Science
- English with Sports Science
- Professional Skills Development for University Lecturers

To find out how we can meet the needs of your organisation, please email us at tesol@aber.ac.uk



Facilities for Students

As a student on one of our courses, you have full access to the University's libraries, computer suites, Sports Centre and Arts Centre, and to the vast collection at the National Library of Wales.



Did you know?

As a student, you can access not only the University's own libraries, but also the National Library of Wales with its incredible collection of over 7 million books.



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Libraries

Aberystwyth University's libraries offer flexible study spaces to suit everyone's learning, with group and individual study rooms, well-equipped computer facilities, and a wealth of learning resources to help you to thrive in your studies. The main library is open 24 hours during term-time.

E-Learning

Across campus we have free Wi-Fi and around 800 computers available to use in libraries and dedicated computer rooms, some of which are available 24 hours. Our Blackboard virtual learning environment gives you access to your course materials anywhere and anytime and our language laboratories are available to all students.

Aberystwyth Arts Centre

Our award winning Aberystwyth Arts Centre is the perfect place to see a show, catch a film or an exhibition or enjoy a meal with friends. It is one of the most important arts centres in Wales and has a concert hall, theatre, cinema, live music venue, and galleries. The bookshop and craft shop are popular with students, and the bar and café serve great food.

There is a busy programme of performances, exhibitions, courses and workshops each year. Whether you want to participate and perform or watch and listen, there's something for everyone.



The Sports Centre

The University's on-campus Sports Centre offers facilities for indoor and outdoor sport and exercise, whatever your interest.

Facilities include an indoor swimming pool and saunarium, state of the art fitness suite and gym, dance studio, climbing wall, sports pitches for football and hockey, badminton, basketball and squash courts, cricket nets, running track, equestrian centre and boathouse. A wide variety of exercise and sports classes are also available.

The Students' Union

The Students' Union provides a relaxed social venue, run by and for students. The Union also offers a wide range of student services, and runs over 100 clubs and societies covering everything from sports and politics to arts and religion. The Union is also the venue for an excellent range of entertainment including bands, DJs and comedy.

International Office Events

During the academic year, the International Office runs regular trips to local beauty spots and neighbouring cities.

One World Week is an annual event celebrating the diverse cultures of the university. It involves a Gala Evening of student performances, a World Fair with food and drink from students' countries, international film screenings, talks, debates and much more.

The Music Centre

The Music Centre gives you the opportunity to join our choir or orchestra, or simply to continue playing your instrument. Located in the Old College, the teaching and practice rooms offer a variety of instruments including pianos, electronic organ, harp, harpsichord and chamber organ, and percussion instruments.



Free use of the Sports Centre

for students living in University accommodation



Did you know?

You can choose from over 100 clubs and societies to join at the university.

Support for International Students



Yu Lu, China

“IEC helped me every step of the way from my Foundation Course to graduation.”

Support for International Students

The International English Centre (IEC) and Aberystwyth University offer a wide range of support for students.

Language and Study Support

The IEC supports students throughout their time at Aberystwyth University. We offer undergraduate modules to help with academic communication and undergraduate and postgraduate writing and study skills seminars. We provide free one-to-one language consultations with expert language tutors. Students can also meet one-to-one with the Royal Literary Fund Writing Fellows for advice on writing.

Personal Tutors

Students on Foundation, Pre-Masters and Pre-session Courses meet regularly with a personal tutor. Personal tutors can support both your learning and your adjustment to a new living situation and a new culture. Your tutor will work with you to monitor your academic progress, consider your learning needs and help you plan your independent study. If you experience difficulties or problems, your personal tutor is here to listen and direct you towards further help if necessary.

Support for the Under-18s

Students who are under the age of 18 when they begin a course with the IEC will have regular welfare meetings with a pastoral tutor, as well as with their personal tutor. The role of the pastoral tutor is to ensure your wellbeing and support you in your new environment. Find out more about our under-18s support on our website.

The Student Welcome Centre

The Student Welcome Centre is Aberystwyth University's one stop shop for advice and information on support services. They can direct you to advice and support on finance and money management, health and well-being, childcare, disability support, support for specific learning differences and a range of other services.

Visa and Immigration Support

If you need help applying for or renewing a Tier 4 visa, the International Student Advisor can help you with this. The advisor can also provide advice and support to international students on a range of other issues.

You can see the full range of student support at:

www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english/welfare-and-support



Zhang Yankun, China

“The IEC is like a big family. You will feel warm and happy here.”

Sun Shuzheng, China

“The IEC became my family in the UK, and Aberystwyth has become my second home.”

Accommodation

*Full-time international students on our courses are **guaranteed accommodation** in University Residences.*

Each residence is a vibrant community, with its own character, offering you a safe and comfortable environment in which to relax, study and socialise. Residences vary in size and style, and most are on campus. Others are conveniently situated close to the town centre.

Most international students choose to live in a single room in self-catered accommodation. This accommodation is in flats or individual houses for between 5 and 10 people, who share kitchen/diners and bathrooms. The fully fitted kitchen/diners allow you to cook your own meals. You can also use the University's restaurants and cafes.

Some en-suite accommodation is available, but places are limited and there is no guarantee you will be allocated an en-suite room.

Availability & Costs

Rooms are available from 3pm on the Saturday before your course starts, and must usually be vacated by 10am on the Saturday after your course finishes.

Students on 30-week courses have access to their accommodation for longer at the end of their course.

The cost of accommodation varies according to type and availability, and typically ranges from £100-£125 per week.

Academic year and Pre-Sessional course students must pay a £100 accommodation deposit on the first day of the course. This will be refunded when you leave, provided that you have not caused any damage. Students must also complete their Accommodation Licence Pack on the first day of the course. This is a contractual document which outlines fees and students' rights and responsibilities when living in University Residence. All our accommodation is within easy walking distance of the International English Centre.

Visit www.aber.ac.uk/en/accommodation/types-accommodation to see our accommodation.



Accommodation Fee All Students

Included	Heating and lighting costs.
	Hard wired and wireless Internet network connection.
	Insurance (for unlimited value on personal items within the study bedroom, including accidental damage).
	24/7 reception, helpline and patrols to assist with all maintenance, security and welfare concerns.
	24/7 Learning Centres within easy access of your residence.
	Free Sports Centre Membership and use of pool, gym, classes etc.
Excluded	Cleaning - you are always responsible for keeping your bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchen/diners clean.

Summer Courses (except Pre-sessional) Accommodation Fee

Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bedding and laundry service for bedding.• Kitchen equipment.
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Academic Year & Pre-sessional Course Accommodation Fee

Excluded	Bedding and kitchen equipment.
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Did you know?
You can take an online tour of university accommodation at:
www.aber.ac.uk/en/accommodation/accommodation-tour

How to Apply

To apply for a course at the International English Centre you should complete the application form available on our website www.aber.ac.uk/en/international-english/applications

Email your completed application form and documents to us at tesol@aber.ac.uk

We will assess your application to ensure that you take the right course for your level of English, and that you meet our entry requirements.

If your application is successful we will send you an offer letter and invoice.

Deposits

To secure your place on a course, you must pay a deposit. We will tell you how to pay in your offer letter. If you need a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) then you will need to pay a deposit of £1,000. Without this deposit we will not be able to issue a CAS.

If you do not need a CAS the deposit you will be required to pay depends on the duration of your course.

Visas

Whether you need a visa or not depends on the country you come from and the course you are taking. We can give you advice on visas when you apply for your course.

The following websites may also be useful:
www.aber.ac.uk/en/international/visas-support-advice
www.ukcisa.org.uk

Refunds

Deposits will only be refunded if your visa application is refused. You must send us evidence of this within two weeks of the date of your visa refusal. Refunds will only be made to the person who paid the fees. Refunds are made at the discretion of the University, whose decision is final. An administration fee will be charged. See website for details.



Kanako Yoshinaga, Japan

If you are wondering whether “to learn at Aberystwyth or not, you should just come here!”

Cancellations and Withdrawals

All students must pay the full tuition fee before starting the course. If you cancel or withdraw from your course, your deposit is non-refundable.

If you withdraw from, or cancel, your course more than 28 days before the course starts, we will refund 50% of your course fee.

If you withdraw from or cancel your course less than 28 days before the course starts, no refund will be given.

Cancellation by the University
All information is correct at the time of going to press. However, the International English Centre reserves the right to cancel courses or change dates. Full refunds will be provided if a course is cancelled by the IEC.

IEC Dates of Term 2019-20

Term 1 23 September 2019 – 13 December 2019	Term 4 – (Summer) 22 June 2020 – 11 September 2020
Term 2 6 January 2020 – 27 March 2020	Non-teaching days during term time: 26 August 2019 (Bank Holiday) 4 May 2020 (Bank Holiday) 25 May 2020 (Bank Holiday) 31 August 2020 (Bank Holiday)
Term 3 20 April 2020 – 29 May 2020	





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