



Summer English Course for International University Students

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English



WELCOME TO UCL

London's Global University

University College London is a world-leading multidisciplinary university with an international reputation for high-quality teaching and research, and is ranked in the top 10 universities worldwide.*

Based in Bloomsbury, central London, UCL's main campus is within walking distance of outstanding academic, social and cultural resources, as well as exceptional sporting facilities and entertainment, giving easy access to the best student city in Europe.**

- 01 MIT
- 02 Imperial College London
- 03 Stanford University
- 04 University of Oxford
- 05 Harvard University
- 06 University of Cambridge
- 07 ETH Zurich
- 08 National University of Singapore
- 09 **UCL**
- 10 California Institute of Technology*

A global top 10 university

1st

London has been ranked the best student city in Europe**

* QS World University Rankings 2026

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A three-week course for university students wishing to improve their English language skills at a global top 10 university while experiencing the social and cultural highlights of London during their summer vacation.

The course is taught on UCL's central London campus by UCL teaching staff.

Course aims

The course aims to improve your English language skills in the key areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing, through task-based activities, placing an emphasis on improving communicative abilities.

Course structure

Academic

Classes are taught by UCL teaching staff in small groups with an average of 14 students per class.

Teaching takes place Monday to Friday, with morning classes which include:

- English language skills
- visit preparation
- British culture
- conducting research
- presentation skills
- report writing.

As part of the course you will also:

- attend weekly UCL academic lectures followed by class discussions
- undertake a research project in an area which interests you.

Cultural visits

Guided visits to places of significant cultural importance around London take place two to three afternoons a week. You will prepare for all visits during the visit preparation classes.

Last year, students visited:

- Tower Bridge
- Tate Britain Art Gallery
- East End of London
- Kew Gardens
- Greenwich
- theatre visit: The Lion King.

Certificate of completion

You will receive a course certificate (minimum 80% attendance required) and a report from your tutor including your assessment grades.

Depending on the regulations at your home university, it may be possible to gain credits towards your degree course from the successful completion of this course.

Course fees

The course fee is £1,950.

Course fees include tuition, course materials and entry fees for trips which are part of the course. You are responsible for travel costs to the cultural visits.



Applying

Am I eligible?

You will be:

- a university student (or just about to start)
- aged 18 years or above
- somebody who does not speak English as their first language
- eager to develop English language skills by exploring the rich diversity of London.

What are the entry requirements?

Students on the course normally have levels of English in the ranges shown in the table.

If you do not have a formal English language qualification, you're encouraged to apply and we may ask you to complete a short-written test as part of the application process.

You will be placed in a class according to your level of English.

Qualification	Score
IELTS	5.0 to 7.0
TOEFL IBT	45 to 109
TOEIC	600 to 850
Cambridge	PET to CAE
The College English Test	CET4: 425 to 670 CET6: 400 to 650
Eiken	Grade 2 or above

If you have an overall IELTS score higher than 7.0, but writing and speaking subscores of 7.0 or below, we will consider your application.

This course is not suitable for beginners or elementary students.

How do I apply?

Please apply as early as possible to secure your place on the course. Applications are made online at: ucl.ac.uk/ssec

What documents do I need?

- fully completed application form (including a short writing exercise to help us assess your level of English)
- an English language certificate (if you have one).

Accommodation

We have rooms available in UCL Accommodation for the duration of the course. For more information, including costs, please check the course website.

Once we have confirmed you are suitable for the course, we will be in touch via email with details on how you can accept your offer and reserve accommodation.

Disclaimer

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