

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH COURSE

Improve your English with confidence



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courses please scan the QR code or
visit **port.ac.uk/pre-sessional-english**

WELCOME

Welcome to the University of Portsmouth's Pre-Sessional English course brochure.

You will find detailed information on our range of pre-sessional courses, how to apply for them, what our entry requirements are and what we can offer you as a Portsmouth student.

Our Pre-Sessional English (PSE) courses are designed to improve your academic English language skills so you can study your chosen degree course with confidence.

We offer a range of courses to suit different levels of English language ability. This includes a refresher course for those who have already met their degree requirements and want to practise their English in a friendly academic environment before their degree begins. Our courses are offered on-campus and via distance learning.

Our Pre-Sessional English courses are accredited by BALEAP and the British Council.

The BALEAP Accreditation Scheme (BAS) is designed to establish and sustain the standard required of specialist English for Academic Purposes provision to enhance the student experience.

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BENEFITS OF OUR PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH COURSE

- BALEAP accredited course
- Designed to improve your English language skills for university
- Support and advice provided by staff with a wealth of experience
- A range of courses from 4–20 weeks depending on your English Language certificate
- On-campus and distance learning courses available
- Spring and summer start dates for September/October degree entry
- Autumn start dates for January/February degree entry
- Full support throughout the course from our dedicated Pre-Sessional English team, the University of Portsmouth Global team and PSE tutors
- Early welcome to the University and Portsmouth, a vibrant waterfront city for our on-campus students
- You will also attend weekly workshops on various topics including sport and culture to help you settle into university life



TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT

On-campus delivery

Your weekly teaching will include:

- Classroom-based seminars and activities
- Academic skills workshops
- Weekly personal tutorials with a dedicated tutor
- Independent and group-focused work
- Self-directed study and homework

Distance learning delivery

Your weekly teaching will include:

- Online group seminars
- Online academic skills workshops
- Online weekly personal tutorials with a dedicated tutor
- Activities and set tasks using Moodle, our Virtual Learning Environment
- Self-directed study and homework



TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT

You will have access to our virtual learning environment, online resources, the University Library and regular tutorials with your tutor.

Our assessments are designed to test your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. You must pass all assessments, and show a good level of engagement and attendance to meet your degree language requirements and progress to your chosen degree.

'I have improved my English a lot because of the PSE course, and I very much enjoyed the learning experience! I am very grateful to my tutor who would patiently answer my questions.'

Lu Di, MSc
International Business
and Management





Assessments and progression

You will be regularly assessed and provided with feedback by your tutor. Your final assessments will include written coursework, oral presentations, in-class tests and examinations. Our assessments are designed to test your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

Students are expected to pass all assessments and have a good attendance and engagement record to meet their degree language requirements and progress to their chosen degree course.

ACCOMMODATION

University accommodation

Our on-campus students can apply for University accommodation for their Pre-Sessional course. Accommodation is in a single standard room set out in a self-contained flat of five bedrooms, a shared kitchen and either a shared bathroom or an en suite. The Hall has a main reception where staff are available to assist with any queries and issues.

Our halls are a short walk to where your classes will be held.

For information about accommodation costs and deposits, please scan the QR code on page 9 or visit port.ac.uk/pre-sessional-english

University accommodation includes:

- Shared kitchen equipped with oven, hob, microwave, fridge with freezer and kettle
- High-speed Wi-Fi
- Energy costs included in fee
- Communal areas cleaned regularly

Student halls student arrival pack includes:

- Single duvet and pillow
- Bed cover and pillow slip
- Large towel
- Essential student kitchen pack



Please note, accommodation photographs are for illustration only.



Additional Information

For students on the 20 and 15 week courses, accommodation with private bathrooms will be available as standard. Due to room availability, all students on these courses who are staying in University accommodation will initially be placed in any available room on campus. During their accommodation students will be required to move to a different building, where they will be closer to other Pre-Sessional students for the remainder of the summer. We can assist with this move by arranging free taxi travel between your accommodation.

Autumn accommodation is en suite as standard. Students may be accommodated in any hall on campus. Accommodation is available term-time only. Additional accommodation during vacation periods will be charged separately and is not included in the accommodation fee.

For additional nights accommodation please contact **pse@port.ac.uk** for more information and fees.

***For shorter courses, some rooms with private bathrooms may be available. These must be requested in advance and are subject to availability and need.**

Private accommodation

You can find and book your own accommodation, if you prefer. Our Student Housing team can advise you on private housing, find suitable landlords for you, and provide you with advice. For their contact details please see page 11.

Homestay

We can offer you Homestay accommodation with a host family in Portsmouth. Available on a limited basis, please contact PSE@port.ac.uk for more information.

'I had such a great experience in the Pre-Sessional English course on not only academic skills but also in real life, which will definitely help me to have confidence for my future journey.'

Ai Umeda, MSc Coastal and Marine Resource Management

GETTING TO PORTSMOUTH

Travel

Portsmouth is easily accessible by all main forms of travel, with two train stations located near campus. A campus map can be found on the back page. All University buildings are in walking distance of each other. The University also runs a free bus service for students to help you get around campus.

Train

Our closest station is Portsmouth and Southsea. It's a 5-minute walk from the buildings on our Guildhall campus. Trains depart regularly from Heathrow airport to Portsmouth via London Waterloo or London Victoria. You can plan your route with National Rail or Trainline.

Airport collection service

We offer our Pre-Sessional students a free taxi collection service to meet you at London Gatwick or London Heathrow airport. For details on booking a taxi, please check your offer email.

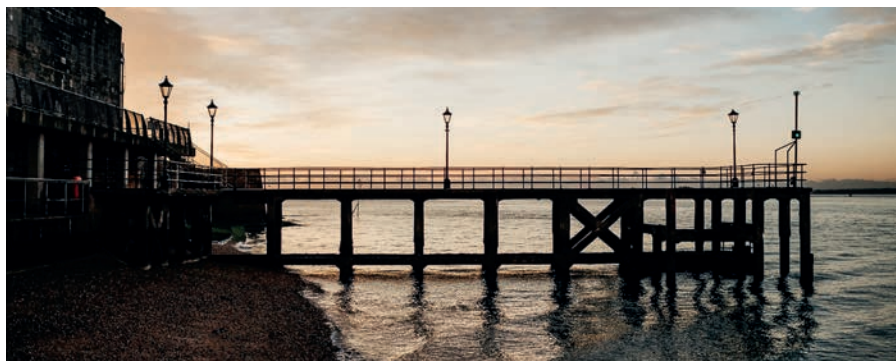
Coach

Regular daily direct coach services run to Portsmouth from London, Bristol, Birmingham, Heathrow and other locations around the country.

All these services call at The Hard Interchange by Portsmouth Harbour railway station, which is a 15-minute walk from our Guildhall campus. You can find out coach times and routes with National Express and megabus.

From London

For all international connections, we're only 1 hour 30 minutes from both Heathrow and Gatwick airports.



HOW TO APPLY

If your degree offer requires you to meet a certain level of English language, you can apply for a Pre-Sessional English (PSE) language course with us. Log into your applicant view, where you will see a button: Apply for Pre-Sessional English Program. When you click this button, you can choose your course from a drop down menu.



We can offer on-campus PSE students a Single-CAS for their PSE course, or a Joint-CAS which includes both your PSE course and your degree course.

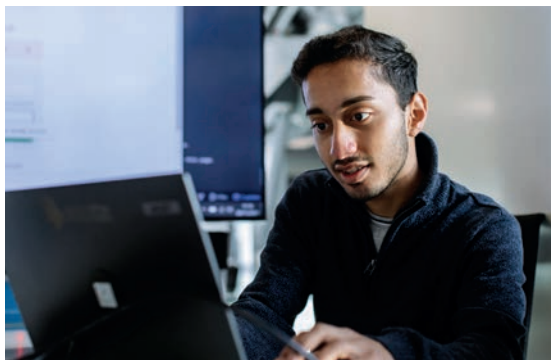
Students attending the distance learning PSE course do not need a CAS to study on the course. Students on this course must study from their home country and must not travel to the UK at any time during their PSE study.

Once you have applied and submitted your application, you will be sent a Pre-Sessional English course offer email, which will advise you on the next steps, including how to make payments, what documents to send us, and what our contractual terms are. Cancellation terms and appeal information will also be included.

Entry Requirements

To apply for the Pre-Sessional English course, you must have received a degree offer letter from the University first. Students must be aged 18 years or over on the first day of their PSE course.

Applicants must have a valid English Language Certificate to enroll on PSE. For more information on accepted tests please visit: port.ac.uk/english-language.



4 WEEK COURSE IN DETAIL

We also offer a 4 week Pre-Sessional course for students who have already met their degree requirements and would like to practise and develop their English and academic skills. This course helps to prepare you for successful academic study at the University of Portsmouth by enabling you to practise and develop essential academic study skills such as:

- referencing and research skills
- extensive academic reading skills
- taking notes while reading and during lectures
- academic writing: essays, reports, reflections

Completing a 4 week Pre-Sessional course can also help you develop your confidence as well as familiarise yourself with academic culture and conventions and expectations of UK universities. The 4 week Pre-Sessional also provides you with opportunities to work collaboratively with other international students from different disciplinary backgrounds and a variety of cultures.



USEFUL CONTACTS/LINKS

Pre-Sessional English course contact information

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Useful contacts

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We use WeChat

Living in Portsmouth

You will be taught in University buildings, located in Portsmouth city centre. You may also visit other University facilities for some lessons and workshops.

You will be close to Halls of Residence, the Library, the Students' Union, Student Support and UoP Global. There is access to shops, restaurants and entertainment venues and recreational spaces. Portsmouth is a vibrant waterfront city with a rich history. You can find out more about Portsmouth by visiting port.ac.uk/why-portsmouth



WHY PORTSMOUTH?

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UNIVERSITY

QS TOP UNIVERSITIES 2023

TOP 10

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE
WHATUNI STUDENT CHOICE 2022

TOP 3

MODERN UNIVERSITY FOR
RESEARCH POWER
RESEARCH EXCELLENCE
FRAMEWORK 2021

94%

GRADUATES IN WORK
AND/OR FURTHER STUDY
HESA GRADUATE
OUTCOMES SURVEY 2019/20

5,700

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
FROM AROUND 150 COUNTRIES

UNIVERSITY QUARTER

