IN-SESSIONAL ENGLISH SKILLS
About In-sessional English Skills

In-sessional English Skills provides English language support for all students at the University of Kent who are non-native speakers of English. The programme helps you improve your academic English language skills and gives you the chance to discuss your specific language difficulties with an experienced language tutor.

What we offer

• A free English language support service throughout the academic year.
• A ten week cycle of taught modules, delivered in the Autumn Term and repeated in the Spring term.
• Individual writing tutorials with staff from the Centre for English and World Languages in the Autumn and Spring terms.
• Independent study materials on Moodle for all registered students.
• A chance to earn up to 20 Employability Points per module.

Who In-sessional English Skills is for

If you are studying at Kent, at any level from Foundation to Postgraduate, and English is not your first language, In-sessional English Skills is for you. It will help you improve the accuracy of your grammar, and develop your listening comprehension, seminar discussion skills and writing style for academic assignments.

Programme structure

The programme consists of four taught modules and a series of individual tutorials.

• Essay Writing
• Grammar
• Seminar Discussion and Presentation Skills
• Listening / Note taking
• Individual Writing Tutorials

Essay Writing ED001

• Aims: This module guides you through the process of writing essays in a format normally accepted at British universities.
• Learning outcomes: You will recognise the conventional structures of academic texts and be able to: select suitable material from source texts, paraphrase accurately, write an assignment that follows academic conventions, proof read your essays for relevance, register, coherence and cohesion.

Grammar – ED002

• Aims: This module aims to help you write essays in structurally correct English and enable you to identify and correct grammar errors in your writing.
• Learning outcomes: You will learn how to: review your writing critically for grammatical accuracy, correct grammatical errors, search for assistance online on grammatical issues.
How to apply
• You can register for the taught modules by clicking on the Workshop button on your page on the Student Data System.
• To make an appointment for an individual writing tutorial you should email the address on the In-sessional English Skills page on the Centre for English and World Languages website.

Further information
• For more detailed information about In-sessional English and instructions on how to enrol, see: www.kent.ac.uk/cewl/courses/in-sessional/ie.html

Seminar Discussion and Presentation Skills – ED003
• Aims: This module aims to give you guidance and practice in seminar discussion skills and the preparation, organisation and delivery of presentations in an academic context.
• Learning outcomes: You will learn how to: discuss academic topics in an appropriate register; select and organise suitable content, plan the structure, and deliver a presentation on your specialist subject.

Listening Comprehension/Note taking – ED004
• Aims: This module aims to improve your understanding of a range of spoken texts. Whilst placing emphasis on listening to formal lectures, the module also recognises the importance of colloquial English in academic situations.
• Learning outcomes: You will learn how to identify the structure of a formal lecture, recognise language markers, select and use appropriate note taking styles, recognise a range of language registers and be aware of a variety of British accents.

Individual Writing Tutorials – ED005
• Aims: You will have the opportunity to discuss your academic writing with a member of staff of the Centre for English and World Languages, who will give you advice on the structure, coherence and cohesion of your work. Individual sessions last 20 minutes each.
• Learning outcomes: You will learn how to identify organisational and syntactical strengths and weaknesses in your writing and edit your own work.

Dates
Classes and tutorials are held from Weeks 3-12 in the Autumn Term and Weeks 15-24 in the Spring Term.

Entry requirements
The only entry requirement is to be a student whose first language is not English and registered at the University of Kent.