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 your grammar, and develop your listening comprehension, seminar discussion skills and writing style for academic assignments.

Programme structure
The programme consists of six taught modules and a series of individual tutorials.

• Essay Writing
• Grammar
• Seminar Discussion and Presentation Skills
• Listening Comprehension/Note-taking
• Academic Reading
• Pronunciation
• 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, proofread 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.
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.

Academic Reading – ED007

• **Aims:** This module aims to provide you with concrete strategies for improving your academic reading skills and to guide you through the task of reading academic texts specifically in preparation for writing essays for your subject discipline.

• **Learning outcomes:** You will learn how to: choose reliable sources for essay writing, use a range of predictive and structural techniques to read academic texts, chart progression through an academic text, take effective notes and summarise texts for essay writing and improve your reading speed.

Pronunciation – ED008

• **Aims:** This module aims to teach you the principles of British English pronunciation.

• **Learning outcomes:** You will: learn how different sounds are made; read phonetic transcription; recognise features of pronunciation such as stress, strong and weak forms, assimilation, elision and linking; understand the functions of intonation; discriminate between different accents; support your listening skills with your knowledge of pronunciation.

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.

**How to register**

• Register for the taught modules by clicking on the Workshops button on your page on the Student Data System. Choose English Language under Workshop Skills.

• To make an appointment for an individual writing tutorial email cewl@kent.ac.uk

**Further information**

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