Welcome to Queen Mary and the Pre-Sessional!

During this programme, you'll not only acquire the skills and knowledge to achieve high marks in your future degrees, but you'll get to know new friends and explore London and Queen Mary as well. The Pre-Sessional is your passport to success, and we look forward to working with you this summer.

Professor Kathryn Richardson, Chair of the Language Centre

What our students say about the Pre-Sessionals...

"I did Pre-Sessional B and C and I gained an insight into university study before I started my LLM. It was also helpful to get used to life in Britain by making friends and exploring the city together. Doing research on legal issues and writing essays is helping with my final dissertation now. I highly recommend it because at the end you will feel confident in your academic studies." (Gökce Mutlu. Pre-Sessional Student) Watch Gökce’s video testimonial

"Needless to say, I have learnt English skills, specifically the methods to cite articles and books in your legal writing. I also had a lot of opportunities to meet students who are studying different subjects such as Science and Business. The conversation with these students in English was fascinating and inspiring." (Naoto Yamamoto. Pre-Sessional Student) Watch Naoto’s video testimonial

Exciting new lecture programme for 2019

The guest lecture programme, which is designed to provide Pre-Sessional students with extensive listening and note-taking practice, will feature a number of highly-regarded academics from Queen Mary and elsewhere.

In 2019, our guest lecturers include Professor Richard Ashcroft (top left), Professor of Biomedical Ethics at Queen Mary; and Mr. John Cutler (left), Operations Director at Culturewise Ltd., who will be lecturing on intercultural communication.

A unique and innovative learning environment

On our Pre-Sessional, we make use of innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Using multimedia language labs and our tailor-made online resource of e-learning materials “Academic English Online” (http://aeo.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/), we aim to provide you with an engaging and varied learning environment. As students with us, you will also have full access to our virtual learning environment, QM Plus, where you will be able to watch our lecture programme again.

Facts and Figures

In 2018, 99% of students who completed the Queen Mary Pre-Sessional were recommended for progression to their chosen Schools at Queen Mary.

Student feedback on the 2018 Pre-Sessional informed us that:

99% had achieved a good understanding of how to write an essay;

98% had been encouraged to think for themselves.

99% had achieved a good understanding of how to refer to other writers’ work;

Upon completion of their final degrees at Queen Mary, the 2017 Pre-Sessional students attained the following results:

63% achieved a Distinction or a Merit, and there were no fails.