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Pre-Sessional English
Language Programmes**



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Queen Mary: Pre-Sessional English language programmes

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Queen Mary is one of the largest Colleges in the University of London with around 20,260 students and 4,000 staff. Based in a creative and culturally diverse area of east London, we are the only central London university able to offer a completely integrated residential campus, with a 2,000-bed award-winning student village at our Mile End home.

As a member of the Russell Group, we are one of the UK's leading research-focused higher education institutions, and teach and research across a wide range of subjects in the humanities, social sciences, law, medicine and dentistry, and science and engineering.

What a Pre-Sessional programme offers

- A unique opportunity to make rapid progress in academic English
- A chance to acclimatise to life and study at Queen Mary
- A time to make friends and learn about other cultures...before the academic year begins



Charlotte Altschul Pre-Sessional English

The Pre-Sessional course was really helpful to me. I had classes with plenty of exercises, which helped me to improve my English skills in an academic environment. I also had a preview of my main course, having regular lectures, writing essays and practising presentations, with really good individual feedback. Thus, I am much more prepared now for my masters degree.

Features of Queen Mary's Pre-Sessional programmes

- High success rates: over 90 per cent of Pre-Sessional students progress to their degree programme at Queen Mary
- A multicultural learning environment
- High-quality and timely support for your CAS/visa applications
- High-quality tuition
- Individual tutorials
- Varied academic lecture programme

- Independent learning facilities: campus-wide free Wi-Fi, computer labs and our Multimedia Language Resource Centre
- A range of sports and activities with QMotion, our new fitness centre
- Single-room accommodation in modern university campus housing
- Student village with shops and a bank – and help with opening your UK bank account
- Varied programme of social activities
- Contemplation rooms open to all faiths for prayer and reflection.

Staff

The Pre-Sessional programmes are taught by highly qualified teachers who have many years experience in teaching English for academic purposes to adults at university level. The majority of our Pre-Sessional teachers also teach on our English language development programme, which runs throughout the academic year.



Debra Hills Teacher on the Pre-Sessional programmes

Queen Mary Pre-Sessional students tend to be extremely motivated and keen to develop their academic skills. Helping them to express themselves more accurately, as well as to acclimatise to UK academic study, is a very rewarding experience.



The summer Pre-Sessionals

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Queen Mary's summer Pre-Sessional programmes run for 13, 9 or 5 weeks. They develop your English language and academic study skills, and prepare you for your degree at Queen Mary. The summer Pre-Sessionals offer you a stimulating academic experience by a teaching team committed to making sure that you complete the programme successfully.

Who are the summer Pre-Sessionals for?

The summer Pre-Sessionals are for international and EU students who want to improve their academic English and study skills before enrolling on their degree at Queen Mary.

This includes:

- international students
- students from the European Union (EU)
- students with an offer from Queen Mary which requires a summer Pre-Sessional programme
- students with an unconditional offer who want to perfect their English and study skills, prepare for academic life, and acclimatise to life in the UK, London and Queen Mary
- students who intend to progress to degrees at other universities in the UK*

*Please check that your university accepts the Queen Mary Pre-Sessional programme.

Course aims, structure and content

Aims

- To develop your English for academic purposes so that you are confident in your use of English at university level
- to develop your academic study skills, so that you can succeed in your degree at Queen Mary
- to develop your learner autonomy, so that you can undertake independent study and research for your academic programme, and
- to introduce you to Queen Mary, so that you get used to your new life as a student in London.



Jiangzhou Li Pre-sessional English

The first thing I learned was where to buy a cup of coffee! Then I had many exercises about giving

presentations and academic writing, which gave me good preparation for my masters degree. With the help of William and Richard, my teachers, my studies became much easier and more interesting.

The summer Pre-Sessionals

Structure:

Each week of the the summer Pre-Sessionals consists of: 21 hours of tuition (including four sessions of tutorials/ guided independent study), and one free afternoon. In addition, students are expected to do 16.5 hours per week of independent study, which makes a total study week of 37.5 hours.

Maximum class size is 20 (average 16).

Content:

Academic English and study skills

- Academic listening: lecture comprehension and note-taking techniques
- Academic writing skills for essays, reports and other types of university writing
- Academic reading and critical thinking
- Incorporating your reading into your writing: referencing and citation
- Academic speaking: seminar presentation and discussion skills
- Grammar and vocabulary workshops
- Research skills

Lectures

Regular lectures, given by Queen Mary faculty and guest lecturers, provide you with practice in note-taking and asking questions.

Independent study and tutorials

Independent study is a vital part of the learning process at university in the UK. We therefore organise guided independent study sessions each week. During this time you may be given work by your tutor or work on your own projects. You will also have at least one individual tutorial with your tutor each week. In tutorials you can discuss feedback on your work, receive guidance and discuss your progress.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching:

The summer Pre-Sessional programmes are taught through interactive seminars, lectures and individual tutorials; the lessons involve face-to-face teaching, small group and pair work teaching, the use of IT skills, the QM Plus online learning system and work in our multimedia language resource centre.

Classes are every weekday, from 9am to 4pm, with two coffee/tea breaks and a lunch break.

Assessment:

Every week, you give presentations, participate in seminar discussions, and write essays and/or reports. These are assessed by your tutors who provide you with detailed feedback on how to improve the quality of your work.

The end-of-programme assessments are accepted by the UKVI; consequently you do not need to sit an IELTS or other Secure English Language Test. Our end-of-programme assessments test your reading, writing, listening and speaking. In order to progress to your degree programme, Queen Mary requires you to attend and successfully complete (by final assessment) the Queen Mary Pre-Sessional Programme. This means you will need to fulfil all the assessments.

At the end of the programme, you receive a report, which is also sent to the Course Director of your degree programme. The report contains information about your attendance, your final percentage mark and recommendations for further English language tuition.

Dates and Fees:

Course A: 13 weeks June to September

Course B: 9 weeks July to September

Course C: 5 weeks August to September

Fees:

Fees are determined annually for both tuition and accommodation.

Please see our website: <http://language-centre.slif.qmul.ac.uk/preessionals> for up-to-date information on dates and fees.

Entry requirements:

Your offer letter will advise you which summer Pre-Sessional you need to take, and this depends on the English requirements of your undergraduate or postgraduate degree programme.

As a general guide, each four-week block leads to a 0.5 improvement in your IELTS score. This is only a guideline. Please see Queen Mary website for information on specific English language entry requirements for different courses of study.

www.qmul.ac.uk/international/englishlanguage/requirements/index.html

Please note: Pre-Sessionals are not suitable for elementary or pre-intermediate students.

The summer Pre-Sessionals

Accommodation:

- Single study bedrooms with washbasins
- Shared bathroom, toilet, kitchen and dining room facilities. Three-star rated accommodation
- Self-catering, with kitchen appliances provided (cooker, microwave, fridge)
- Sheets and towels provided
- Kitchen utensils are not provided but can be ordered and delivered
- Meals available in the on-campus refectory
- Lounge area
- 24-hour reception and security service
- Internet access in residences
- Laundry facilities on-site.

Social Life:

We organise a number of social events where you can get to know your fellow students and the local area. Most are free or require a small fee and include: trips to some of London's world-class museums, such as the British Museum, National Gallery and Science Museum; theatre trips to some of London's best known shows and plays; and sightseeing visits in central London.



Ryohei Iwanari Pre-Sessional English

The things which I experienced through the Pre-Sessional were the most precious I have ever experienced, not only in terms of English skills, but also gaining knowledge of the economic and political situation in foreign countries and being impressed by adults who have extensive experience as teachers. Of course, the classes in the Pre-Sessional course improved my English skills. The teachers were very kind and cooperative and, thanks to these classes, now I completely understand the structure of an academic essay. But there is an extra advantage in taking the Pre-Sessional course: since there were many masters and PhD students who had already worked in their countries, I could gain valuable information about jobs. A masters student who is a top manager of a film company in his country shared a lot of his experience and gave me precious advice which impressed me a lot. So the Pre-Sessional course improved my English skills amazingly and gave me the most precious experience I have ever had.

Facilities and Student Services:

- Free campus-wide Wi-Fi and internet access
- Multimedia Language Resources Centre
- Queen Mary Library
- Queen Mary's Advice and Counselling Service provides advice on visas and immigration during the Pre-Sessional programme
- Restaurants and bars on the campus
- Student village with shop, bank and cash points on-site; larger supermarket nearby.
- Bookshop
- Five minutes to Tube into Central London

How to apply:

Your offer letter from Queen Mary will normally tell you if you need to do a summer Pre-Sessional, and which programme (13 weeks, 9 weeks or 5 weeks) to do.

Please turn to page 21 for information on 'How to apply'.



Kosuke Hosokawa Pre-Sessional English

I had such a great time on the Pre-Sessional English course here at Queen Mary. In particular, what

this course taught is really helpful to me now – and I also study the free In-Sessional English modules as well.

The Pre-Sessional was brilliant also because it provided lots of things for me – apart from the English study – because most of the classes consisted of LLM students, many of whom had high-status jobs in their own countries, as lawyers or paralegal professionals.

Therefore, I feel the course was really beneficial in many ways – not only English language!

The Foundations Pre-Sessional

The Foundations Pre-Sessional programme runs in the summer and is for students who need extra English before starting their International Foundation Programme for Humanities and Social Sciences (IFP) or the Pre-Masters Graduate Diploma at Queen Mary.

The Foundations Pre-Sessional programme runs for nine weeks from July to September each year. It develops your English language and academic study skills, and prepares you for your IFP Pre-Masters study at Queen Mary.

Who is the Foundations Pre-Sessional for?

This programme is for you if you have met the academic requirements of your IFP or Pre-Masters, but not the required English language level.

This includes:

- international students
- students from the European Union
- students with a conditional offer for the IFP or Pre-Masters which requires attendance on the Pre-Sessional
- students with an unconditional offer for the IFP or Pre-Masters who want to prepare for academic life, and life in London and at Queen Mary.

Programme aims, structure and content:

The Pre-Sessional programme develops your English language and academic study skills, and offers you a stimulating academic experience delivered by a teaching team that is committed to making sure that you complete the course successfully.

Aims

The Pre-Sessional:

- develops your English for academic purposes, so you become confident in your use of English
- develops your study skills, so you can meet the requirements of your IFP or Pre-Masters Programme
- develops your autonomy, so you can undertake independent study and research
- introduces you to the UK, London and Queen Mary, so you can settle into your new life.

Structure:

Each week of the the Pre-Sessional consists of: 21 hours of tuition (including four sessions of tutorials/ guided independent study) and one free afternoon. In addition, students are expected to do 16.5 hours per week of independent study, which makes a total study week of 37.5 hours.

Maximum class size is 20 (average 16).



The Foundations Pre-Sessional

Content:

Academic English and study skills

- Academic listening: lecture comprehension and note-taking techniques
- Academic writing skills
- Academic reading and critical thinking
- Incorporating your reading into your writing: referencing and citation
- Academic speaking: seminar presentation and discussion skills
- Grammar and vocabulary workshops
- Research skills

Lectures

Regular lectures provide you with practice in note-taking skills.

Independent study and tutorials

Independent study is a vital part of the learning at university in the UK. Each week, we organise guided independent study sessions when you work on your own projects. You also have a weekly individual tutorial with your tutor when you discuss feedback on your work, receive guidance and discuss your progress.



Maki Yoshie Pre-Sessional

The Pre-Sessional English programme was a great experience for me. There were a wide variety of

opportunities to study English. I made several presentations, took academic lectures and improved my essay skills. Especially in essay skills I was surprised because almost every non-native student seemed to have problems writing essays in the class, for example, how to follow cohesion and coherence. The style of academic study is different from my country, so it was a good opportunity for me to get used to it before starting the major study.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching:

You learn through lectures, interactive seminars, and individual tutorials. The lessons involve face-to-face teaching, small group and pair work teaching, the use of IT skills, the QM Plus online learning system and work in our multimedia language resource centre.

Classes are every weekday, from 9am to 4pm, with two coffee/tea breaks and a lunch break.

Assessment:

Every week, you give presentations, participate in seminar discussions, and write essays or parts of essays, and your tutors provide detailed feedback on how to improve the quality of your work.

The end-of-programme assessments are accepted by the UKVI so you do not need to sit a Secure English Language Test. The assessments test your reading, writing, listening and speaking. In order to progress to your IFP course or Pre-Masters, Queen Mary requires you to attend and successfully complete this Pre-Sessional programme. This means you need to do all the assessments. At the end of the Pre-Sessional, you receive a report, which is also sent to the Course Director of the IFP course or Pre-Masters programmes.

The report contains information about your attendance, your final mark and recommendations for further English language study.

Dates and fees:

The Foundations Pre-Sessional runs each summer from July to September.

Fees:

Fees are determined annually for both tuition and accommodation.

Please see our website: <http://language-centre.silf.qmul.ac.uk/preessionals> for up-to-date information on dates and fees.

Entry requirements:

You must:

- have the minimum English language entry requirements of:
- IELTS 5.0 (min.W, R, L, S: 4.5)
- have a conditional offer for your IFP or Pre-Masters Programme

For more information please visit: <http://language-centre.silf.qmul.ac.uk/foundations-pse-entry-requirements>

The Foundations Pre-Sessional

Accommodation:

- Single study bedrooms with washbasins
- Shared bathroom, toilet, kitchen and dining room facilities. Three-star rated accommodation
- Self-catering, with kitchen appliances provided (cooker, microwave, fridge)
- Sheets and towels provided
- Kitchen utensils are not provided but can be ordered and delivered
- Meals available in the on-campus refectory
- Lounge area
- 24-hour reception and security service
- Internet access in residences
- Laundry facilities on-site.

Social life:

Social Programme

London is one of the world's great cities and we want you to enjoy your time here. We organise a number of social events where you can get to know your fellow students and the local area. Most are free or require a small fee and include: trips to some of London's world class museums, such as the British Museum, National Gallery and Science Museum; theatre trips to some of London's best known shows and plays; and sightseeing visits in central London.

Facilities and Student Services:

- Free campus-wide Wi-Fi and internet access
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- Restaurants and bars on the campus
- Student village with shop, bank and cash points on site; larger supermarket nearby
- Bookshop
- Five minutes to Tube into Central London

How to apply:

Your offer letter from Queen Mary will tell you if you need to do the Foundations Pre-Sessional.

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Daisuke Abo
Foundations Pre-Sessional
student

I studied on the
Foundations Pre-Sessional
programme at Queen

Mary University of London, and the
experience helped me to understand
academic English on the Pre-Masters
Programme. This is because I already
knew about academic English when I
started to study on the PMP, so it is now
easy for me to understand what teach-
ers say. Also I was the only Japanese
student at Pre-Sessional, so I always
had to speak in English. These experi-
ences have improved my English skills.

Further English

language development

After your summer Pre-Sessional or Foundations Pre-Sessional

At the end of your Pre-Sessional programme, you receive information about the free in-sessional modules which are available to support you throughout the rest of your degree programme, and advice on how to register for them.

We offer a range of modules, including:

- Academic Reading and Critical Thinking
- Referencing and Avoiding Plagiarism
- Academic Writing for essays and reports
- Listening and Speaking for fluency
- Pronunciation modules
- Dissertation Writing
- Modules for PhD students
- English for Social Situations
- Modules to improve your vocabulary
- and many more.

Our teachers also provide drop-in tutorials and support via email or QM Plus during your studies.

Further information

For further information please contact:

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Sergii Grekov
Pre-Sessional English

There are several things about the Pre-Sessional programme at Queen Mary which I'd like to point out.

Firstly, the programme is highly practical and well-structured and it really develops skills that students will require during their main course. I fully appreciated it when I enrolled on the main LLM course and started to prepare various assignments. However, it is flexible and it is always possible to ask the tutor to clarify some areas in grammar or vocabulary usage. Moreover, if students feel that they still have some gaps, the tutor can even devote the whole lesson to a specific and highly critical issue.

Secondly, the Pre-Sessional programme allowed me to start the LLM programme as smoothly as possible. Students will be introduced to the university facilities, will have a chance to get to know other students, and, what is most important, they will learn how to do research and write an essay. This helped me in my LLM programme, especially when I faced the necessity to write the dissertation.

In retrospect I realise that the Pre-Sessional programme was one of the best moments in my studies. Despite the intensity of the programme, we all were able to enjoy summer in London and make friends.



How to apply

Step 1:

Apply for your degree programme. Before you can apply for your Pre-Sessional Programme, you must first hold an offer for an Undergraduate, Postgraduate degree programme or a Foundations IFP/Pre-Masters programme from Queen Mary. You can apply for a degree online by finding your desired programme and following instructions.

- **Undergraduate**

www.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/coursefinder/index.html (UCAS)

- **Postgraduate**

www.qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/coursefinder/index.html

- **Pre-Masters**

www.slif.qmul.ac.uk/languagecentre/prospective/Pre-Masters Programme/applymp/index.html

For further information on how to apply, please visit www.qmul.ac.uk/international/howtoapply/index.html

Step 2:

Obtain valid proof of your level of English. Queen Mary accepts academic IELTS, TOEFLiBT, and PTE. The minimum requirement for the Pre-Sessional Programme depends on your degree programme. For a list of English language entry requirements, please see www.qmul.ac.uk/international/englishlanguage requirements/index.html

Step 3:

Contact the Admissions Office to apply for the Pre-Sessional Programme.

Once you receive an offer for your degree programme, you can apply for the Pre-Sessional Programme by simply e-mailing the Admissions Team responsible for your degree programme offer, and indicating which Pre-Sessional Programme you are applying for. There is no application form to fill in. Please remember to state your application number and attach a copy of your English language certificate.

How to apply

Step 4:

Accept the Pre-Sessional programme offer. Successful applicants will receive an offer for the Pre-Sessional programme. Please confirm your place by accepting this offer online.

Step 5: Request a CAS

Applicants who require Tier 4 Immigration permission in order to be able to study in the UK will require a special reference number called a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). You will be sent instructions on how to request a CAS once you have firmly accepted your unconditional offer. The university will not start assigning CAS for the Pre-Sessional Programme before April of the year you wish to study. To request a CAS, please visit the CAS Information section of your web portal (MySIS).

Applicants who have no other academic conditions for their degree programme should normally be eligible for a joint CAS for both the Pre-Sessional and the degree programme.

For immigration advice, please visit www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/international/immigration/





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