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Adult English Learning in the East of England

Adult General English / General English Plus

What is the course structure?

Courses at BLS run throughout the year except for a two week break over the Christmas period (second half of December).

When do I commence my course?

Entry into courses at BLS is very flexible so that you can start your course most Mondays in the year. BLS runs a "rolling registration" system – with students able to join at times other than the start of each academic term in September, January and April.

How long will my studies be?

- Some students come to BLS for short periods – perhaps only two or three weeks. The friendly and hard working atmosphere at BLS encourages students to make progress even in a short space of time
- Other students come to us for longer courses – very often for one or two 12 week terms – to prepare for one of the international exams
- There are also students who come to us for one or two academic semesters – up to 48 weeks

What is the class size?

For most of the year the average number of mixed nationality students in your class will be 9 – the maximum is 15.

Will my current English skills be assessed?

They will be assessed as soon as you arrive at the school. We will give you a placement test which will tell us your grammar, listening and written English levels. You will also be given a short individual interview to assess your goals and confidence in speaking English. The Director of Studies will then place you in the most suitable class for you.

- Courses have flexible lengths, from two weeks to one year
- Courses start every Monday
- Maximum class size is 15 (average nine)
- General English - 15 hours / 20 lessons in classroom
- General English Plus - 19 hours / 25 lessons, in classroom
- General English Plus - Two afternoons of skills practice (4 hours) in addition to General English 15
- General English and Weekly Progress Test on Friday afternoon
- Conversation Class on Monday evenings
- The average age is 23 years

Tutorials

There is the opportunity to have one to one tutorials with our Director of Studies – to review your progress and identify areas for individual study.



Class Times at BLS

General English Programme

15 Hours per week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lesson 1	09.30 - 11.00	09.30 - 11.00	09.30 - 11.00	09.30 - 11.00	09.30 - 11.00
BREAK					
Lesson 2	11.15 - 12.30	11.15 - 12.30	11.15 - 12.30	11.15 - 12.30	11.15 - 12.30
LUNCH TIME					
Weekly Assessment / Test*					13.30 - 14.45*

General English Plus Programme

19 Hours per week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lesson 1	09.30 - 11.00	09.30 - 11.00	09.30 - 11.00	09.30 - 11.00	09.30 - 11.00
BREAK					
Lesson 2	11.15 - 12.30	11.15 - 12.30	11.15 - 12.30	11.15 - 12.30	11.15 - 12.30
LUNCH TIME					
Lesson 3	13.30 - 14.30		13.30 - 14.30		13.30 - 14.30*
BREAK					
Lesson 4	14.45 - 15.45		14.45 - 15.45		
Weekly Assessment / Test*					

The Academic Year

Are you planning to go on to an English-speaking university, or hoping to move on to an international job? Whatever your plans you will be making BLS English your home for six months or more. It is very important to us that every aspect of your stay is as comfortable and beneficial to you as possible.

All students at BLS English receive individual tutorials with the Director of Studies to discuss their progress and assess whether they are on course to achieve their agreed targets.

University application: We will give you help and advice as regards your university application if this is needed.

For students requiring longer courses, BLS recommends the academic semester course of 24 weeks. Students can choose the Adult General English / General English Plus or Exam Preparation Course. Our academic year is divided into three terms: autumn (14 weeks), winter (12 weeks) and spring (12 weeks).

- 24 weeks or more
- Free membership to the town library
- Range of weekend excursions
- Weekly conversation class
- Weekly progress test
- Assistance with university selection and application





Exam Preparation

- Flexible course lengths are from two weeks to one year
- Flexible start dates – Mondays
- Maximum class size is 15 (average is 9)
- 23 hours / 30 lessons in classroom
- 15 hours General English + 8 hours Exam preparation
- Weekly Progress Test on Friday afternoon
- Conversation Class on Monday evening
- The average age is 23 years

Exams

BLS has been preparing students for major English language examinations since 1995. Exam courses remain our focus, of which the two most commonly requested are: IELTS (required to enter UK universities) and Cambridge Exams (FCE, CAE etc). BLS is an authorised centre for the Cambridge Examinations.

IELTS

IELTS is an important test of academic English and is used by many universities around the world as an entry requirement. By combining our morning programmes with academic training in the afternoon we are able to offer a year round preparation programme to enable the student to achieve their personal best.

Cambridge Exams

All Adult General English classes at BLS are broadly based on the “communicative” Cambridge Examinations syllabus; which means that even a short stay at BLS will provide General English that forms the basis of the Cambridge exams. In the afternoon classes, the focus is on skills and examination technique in addition to language. Practice of the examination past papers is a key component here. Ideally, a course of twelve weeks is recommended, although it is possible for students to join these courses for shorter periods at any time of the year.

Timetable

The example timetable here is for a student who chooses an Examination preparation course.

TIME	ACTIVITY	PURPOSE
09.30 to 11.00	General English	Grammar and structures, vocabulary extension and pronunciation form the basis of the first lesson each day. The emphasis will be on improving your ability to communicate accurately in English. Constructive error correction to help you progress as quickly as possible is one of the methods employed.
11.00 to 11.15	BREAK	
11.15 to 12.30	Language Skills	Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing skills are practised here. Fluency in the four skills is the aim.
12.30 to 13.00	LUNCH	
13.30 to 15.45	Exam training	This class concentrates on the exact techniques required for the different parts of your chosen examination. (There is a 15 minute break between 14.30 and 14.45)
16.00 to 17.00	Self-study	Our Cambridge Study Room stays open for private study. This is the perfect opportunity for examination candidates to practise past papers and do some extra study
18.30 to 19.30	Conversation Class	Join the free Conversation Class on Monday evening



“Just to say thanks once again for all the hard work you all did in the last three weeks to make our experience the best we’ve had abroad since we started travelling to the UK and Ireland nine years ago. We’ve been pleased with all the families”.

One-to-One Courses

- Qualified and experienced teachers
- Course length is a minimum of one week
- Courses run throughout the year
- Bespoke courses developed to meet individual needs
- Regular homework and self-study guidance

One-to-one intensive

Our experienced and qualified teachers will work with you to develop a bespoke course that meets your specific, individual needs. This course will be designed and the key points are

- An intensive course of 25 hours of one-to-one tuition a week
- Bespoke courses developed to meet individual needs
- Beginners to Advanced



One-to-one plus

This course is aimed at professionals working in a particular industry or young students preparing to enter the workplace. It is similar to our one-to-one intensive course but differs in that it aims to develop your language competence and skills in a specific area in addition to improving your general English. Key points are

- An intensive course of 25 hours of one-to-one tuition a week
- 15 hours of General English and 10 hours of professional English
- For professionals or those with a professional interest
- Areas on offer are law, business and finance
- Intermediate to Advanced

One-to-one combination

This course is designed to bring you the best of both worlds: the interactive and communicative aspect of our General English classes with the individual time and focus of our one-to-one classes. Key points are

- An intensive course of 25 hours a week
- Combination course of Group classes and one-to-one tuition
- General English Group Course 15 hours a week
- 10 hours of one-to-one tuition a week
- Course length is a minimum of two weeks





“After our recent visit to BLS a short note to say, the friendliness, and professionalism was wonderful the teaching was really good our students had a great time learning and living in a true British environment, we will certainly be back every year”

English for Teachers

Who should look at this course?

For group leaders who also teach in their home country, this course is designed with professional development in mind. It allows you the opportunity to practise and improve your English language knowledge and at the same time develop your teaching practice. In the mornings you will join one of our General English classes and in the afternoons you will take part in a programme of observations, workshops and group discussions on various aspects of teaching methodology and practice, including theory and practical aspects.

What is the course?

- Combination of English classes and teacher training (23 hours a week)
- 15 hours of General English classes and 8 hours of observations and feedback
- Minimum level required is intermediate
- Guided observations of our qualified and experienced teachers
- Workshops on different aspects of teaching theory and practice
- Course length is minimum of two weeks

Business English

Part-time English options – available to students on the Intensive English 23 hour a week programme

Who should look at this course?

This course is for people who already work in business or those with a business interest. Those who wish to improve their knowledge of specific language and skills in English in a wide range of business situations. Students will be given the option of sitting the LCCI Business English examination at the end of their course.

What is the course?

- Combines General English with English for business
- Intermediate to advanced English
- Business English class option once a week in our afternoon classes
- London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Examination option
- An intensive course of 23 hours including the Business English option
- Course length is a minimum of 10 weeks

Adult Summer Courses

- Courses start every Monday - mid June to August
- Minimum age is 18 years
- Minimum course length is two weeks
- Maximum class size is 15 (average is 9)
- Intensive English of 23 hours / 30 lessons or General English of 15 hours / 20 lessons in the classroom
- Weekly Progress Tests are held on Friday afternoons
- General English + Examination Training / Skills Practice
- Social Activities and Excursions

Your assessment and class size

English Level

Your current level of English will be assessed as soon as you arrive at the school. You will take a placement test which will tell us your levels of grammar, listening and written English. You will also have a short personal interview to assess your goals and confidence in speaking English before being placed in the appropriate class.

Nationality Mix

In summer 2013, we had 39 different nationalities across the range of courses at BLS. A wide range of countries and cultures encourages real communication in English and there is less likelihood that you need to revert to your mother tongue – even when you are enjoying the social programme.

The courses available to you

Summer Intensive English, 23 hours per week

This course is specifically designed to help you make the most progress in the short summer period. There will be General English every morning and Skills Training or Exam Preparation in the afternoon. In addition to the English classes you will also be able to participate in the various activities and excursions that we organize each week.

Summer General English, 15 hours per week

Consisting of General English in the morning, there is free time in the afternoon for you to discover the beautiful county of Suffolk. A weekly progress test is held every Friday afternoon.

Summer Intensive English, Social Activities & Excursions Course

Spend your summer vacation with BLS English and you will attend an Intensive English Course of 23 hours per week. Included in the price of the course will be a weekly social programme and Saturday excursions to places such as London and Cambridge.





Cambridge Study Room & Library

Guided self-study (working on your own) is an extremely important part of your BLS learning programme. The self-study skills you acquire will make it possible for you to continue to develop your English when you return home. As such we encourage you to make maximum use of our self access Cambridge Study Room. (At other times you can always get professional assistance from a teacher.)

There is a selection of factual and reference books; English and bi-lingual dictionaries and atlases; and a small selection

of fiction. In addition, there are sample examination materials and grammar and vocabulary exercises at different levels. There are also films as well as instructional and documentary titles which students are welcome to borrow.

- Use of PC's
- DVD facilities
- Graded Readers
- Teacher assistance available (during self-study periods)

Common Room

Our Common Room has a flat screen TV where you can watch a movie; or challenge your friends to play table tennis; or even play the piano. No matter what you choose to do it's the perfect place to practise your English with fellow students from around the world.

- TV & DVD
- Piano
- Hot drinks and snacks
- Table tennis and board games