

The EAP Foundation Programme at Buckingham

Why study English for Academic Purposes (EAP)?

Many international students struggle at degree level because of poor English and lack of study skills. The English for Academic Purposes (EAP) foundation programme is designed to prepare you for life and study for a degree at a British university. We focus on the language skills you will need to be a successful student at undergraduate or post-graduate level, and the cultural awareness which will help you to adapt to life in Britain.

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At Buckingham, we keep group sizes small (usually 8– 10 students) so that you can benefit from the individual attention of our highly-qualified and experienced tutors. In addition to 18 hours of classroom tuition per week, each student attends regular one-to-one tutorials, where guidance is given on a series of increasingly demanding self-study projects. In the one-term pre-session course, you will be shown how to research and produce a written academic project on a topic related to your chosen degree subject. You will also learn effective techniques for giving oral presentations, attend a series of formal lectures to practise listening and note-taking skills, and receive tuition from subject specialists in business, law or psychology.

Course Description

Our Foundation Programme has two levels of entry, leading to a course of 10 weeks or 6 months. The length of your foundation course depends on your level of English when you join. Each course has two starting dates in the year, as shown on the table below:

Starting Month	Programme	Requirement
January / July (IELTS Course)	2-term EAP Foundation (6 months)	IELTS 4.5 or equivalent (intermediate level)
April / October	1-term EAP Foundation (10 weeks)	IELTS 5.5 or equivalent (advanced level)

Each 10-week term can act either as a free-standing course or as part of a progression towards university entry. Successful completion of the one-term course will lead to the award of the **Buckingham EAP Foundation Certificate**, which is accepted by the university as proof that you are capable of studying on most undergraduate degree programmes. (Post-graduate and Law students must achieve the level of pass stipulated by those departments.)

Our policy is to focus on the skills you will need to be a successful student. In this way, we ensure that your time on the foundation programme is used

effectively. We have over twenty years of experience of teaching students from a variety of different cultures, and many of our staff have taught extensively in other countries. If you join one of our programmes, you will have the advantage of knowing the University and its environment, fellow students and lecturers before your degree starts. By the time you graduate from the foundation programme, you will have the confidence and ability to succeed at degree level.

To apply, or to ask for more information about the Foundation Programme:

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