

## EFL FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

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### 1. **Overview**

The University of Buckingham EFL Foundation programmes aim to provide you with a mixture of English language and academic preparation for study in any one of a number of degree level programmes in Law, Business, Humanities and Social Science. Courses include a selection of the following elements dependent upon your English level:

- Intensive General and Academic English
- Cultural/historical background knowledge
- Study Skills for Computing [4] - reading for gist, note making in lectures, essay and report writing, participation in seminars and giving presentations
- English for specific purposes (terminology and concepts for degree level subject).

### 2. **Programme Structure and Admissions Requirements**

Two-term Foundation – January and July entry	4.5-5.5 IELTS or equivalent
One-term Foundation - April and October entries	5.5-6.0 IELTS or equivalent
IELTS Preparation Course – July entry	4.5-5.5 IELTS or equivalent

(NB. This course also functions as the first term of the Two-term Foundation)

In the absence of an IELTS or TOEFL score, it is possible to take the Buckingham entry test in order to assess your English proficiency.

See the table below for programme structures.

### 3. **Assessment**

You will be assessed in all courses through written and oral assignments, mid-term and end-of-term examinations. Successful completion of the four-term, three-term and two-term Foundation programme will lead to the award of the Buckingham EFL Foundation Diploma. Successful completion of the one-term Foundation programme will lead to the award of the Buckingham EFL Foundation Certificate.

## EFL/EAP FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

	<b>WINTER TERM</b>				<b>January Entry Two-term programme</b>
Entry levels: IELTS 4.5 - 5.5: Intermediate - Upper-Intermediate					
18 hours per week	Reading and writing skills <i>6 hours per week</i>	Speaking and listening skills <i>4 hours per week</i>	Grammar and Vocabulary <i>4 hours per week</i>	Integrated Skills <i>4 hours per week</i>	
	<b>SPRING TERM</b>				<b>April Entry One-term programme</b>
Entry levels: IELTS 5.5 - 6.0: Upper-Intermediate – Advanced					
19 hours per week	Reading and writing skills: project writing <i>6 hours per week</i>	Speaking and listening skills, note-taking from lectures <i>5 hours per week</i>	Grammar and Vocabulary <i>4 hours per week</i>	English for Specific Purposes (Business, Law or International Studies) <i>4 hours per week</i>	
	<b>SUMMER TERM</b>				<b>July Entry IELTS Preparation / Two-term Programme</b>
Entry levels: IELTS 4.5 - Intermediate - Upper-Intermediate					
18 hours per week	Academic reading skills for IELTS <i>5 hours per week</i>	Academic writing skills for IELTS <i>5 hours per week</i>	Speaking skills for IELTS <i>4 hours per week</i>	Academic listening skills for IELTS <i>4 hours per week</i>	
	<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>				<b>September Entry One-term programme</b>
Entry levels: IELTS 5.5 - 6.0: Upper-intermediate – Advanced					
19 hours per week	Reading and writing skills: project writing <i>6 hours per week</i>	Speaking and listening skills, note-taking from lectures <i>5 hours per week</i>	Grammar and Vocabulary <i>4 hours per week</i>	English for Specific Purposes (Business/Law /International Studies) <i>4 hours per week</i>	