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EAP Programmes for university partners

About the Centre

Established in 1994, The University Language Centre has expertise in creating EAP programmes. These include presessional programmes, intensive EAP courses, on-programme support, and programmes for specific disciplines.

These courses are designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge required for success in English-speaking Higher Education. All programmes can be delivered online, blended or in-person.
https://www.ucc.ie/en/esol/courses/

The Centre also provides tailormade courses for particular cohorts and partner institutions and currently has active partnerships with ten institutions.

Our students say:

"I had not believed in any online course until I completed the Pre-sessional Course of UCC Language Centre. Now I am confident that I will be able to obtain not only knowledge from academic lectures but also communicate with my lecturers and classmates."

'I feel more comfortable and confident with delivering ideas.'

'A very comprehensive course with the sort of information every masters student should get.'

'I'd make this course mandatory for all.'

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The intensive EAP programme

1. Critical Thinking
The ability to analyse information is vital in an educational setting. Students will learn different strategies to analyse, assess, reason and evaluate reading texts.

2. Academic Conventions
In developing their ability to write for an academic audience, students will learn about referencing conventions and how to avoid plagiarism.

3. Collaborative and Dialogic Learning
In order to make the most of their time at university, students need to be able to participate fully in tutorials and seminars. Many of these involve working with peers and having the confidence to ask questions. Students will learn how to communicate effectively and discuss topical issues with others.

4. Autonomous Learning
The ability to learn by oneself is a key expectation at a higher level institution. Students will be shown a wide range of methods to help them become more autonomous and develop learning strategies.

5. Inter-Cultural Communication
This module explores some of the elements of Irish and English speaking cultures, and includes Irish colloquialisms and pronunciation.

6. Presentations
Giving presentations is part of most University programmes. Participants will learn both the structure of and the language used in presentations and will practise giving presentations to their peers.

If required, the programme can also include:

7. Language development
English grammar, academic vocabulary and pronunciation

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Programme Details

2 weeks, 40 hours + 4 hours tutorials

Dates to be arranged with partner institution

Fees

Please enquire to discuss your requirements and for price. Minimum group size 5/ Maximum 15

Monday-Friday – SEMINARS

Online: Times will be arranged to suit local requirements.

Example
Irish 07.00-11.00. Shanghai 15.00-19.00, or
Irish 08.00-12.00. Shanghai 16.00-20.00, or
Irish 09.00-13.00. Shanghai 17.00-21.00

On-campus: 09.00 -13.00, 14.00-16.00 Irish time

Note that the first hour of any session may be asynchronous, with students working on preparatory work for the live session.

One day per week - TUTORIALS

Online: to be agreed

INDEPENDENT LEARNING of 1-3 hours pw

Assessment

Students are provided with an initial needs analysis and regular formative assessment. End of course reports can be provided for both the individuals and the commissioning institution.

If the language development module is taken, a level will be provided in relation to the council of Europe Framework of Reference for Languages.

Tech requirements for online programme

A computer, tablet or smartphone with audio and video. Reliable internet connection.

Programmes are delivered via UCC's dedicated learning platform, Canvas. Interactive seminars would usually be delivered via Microsoft Teams, however, where this software is not accessible, Zoom may on occasion be used.

For an informal discussion about your needs, please contact our Centre Manager, Vivienne Lordan

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