



UCC Language Centre Pre-sessional English Programme 2025/26





Welcome!



We are delighted to announce the 2026 Brochure for our very popular Pre-Sessional English Programme!

This year we offer our 16-week, 12-week and 6-week courses tailored to accommodate all our students' degree requirements.

This brochure includes Student Testimonials from our Alumni which we hope will be of benefit to you and shows the benefits of our on-campus courses along with our online ones and the value each student gets from attending.

As always, we would be delighted to engage with you if you have any queries regarding courses, accommodation or campus life.

Leo Woods

Director, UCC Language Centre.

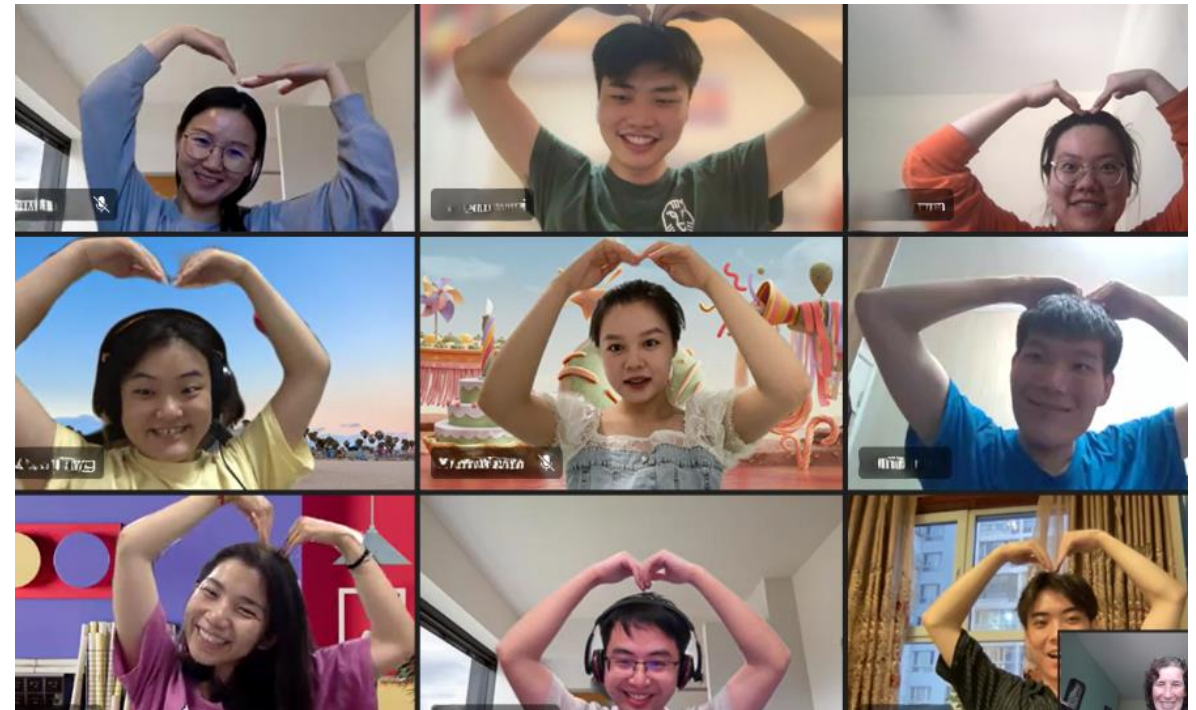
Pre-sessional Programme, 2025/26



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Who is the programme for?

- Students who need to improve their level of English in order to get a full offer letter.
- Students who would like to improve their academic English skills before beginning their degree programme who have a full offer already (eg, degrees in Nursing, Engineering, or Business).



Price list, 2025/26



Number of weeks	Online or on-campus?	Start date	End date	Course fees
16 weeks	Online	23/03/2026	17/07/2026	€5,745
12 weeks	Online	27/04/2026	17/07/2026	€4,230
6 weeks	Online	08/06/2026	17/07/2026	€2,440
12 weeks	On-campus	18/05/2026	07/08/2026	€4,230
6 weeks	On-campus	29/06/2026	07/08/2026	€2,440

Entry requirements, 2025/26



Target: IELTS 6.5 (6.0 individual bands) or equivalent

Your current IELTS score	Programme length
6.0 - no skill less than 6.0	6 weeks
6.0/5.5 - no skill less than 5.5	12 weeks
5.5 - maximum 2 skills at 5.0 and none lower	16 weeks

Target: 6.5 (6.5 individual bands) or equivalent

Your current IELTS score	Programme length
6.0 - no skill less than 6.0	6 weeks
6.0/5.5 - minimum 1 skill at 6.0 and none below 5.5	12 weeks
5.5 - all skills at 5.5	16 weeks

Target: IELTS 7 (6.5 individual bands) or equivalent

Your current IELTS score	Programme length
6.5 - no skill less than 6.5	6 weeks
6.5/6.0 - no skill less than 6.0	12 weeks
6.0 - maximum 2 skills at 5.5 and none lower	16 weeks

Target: IELTS 7 (7.0 individual bands) or equivalent

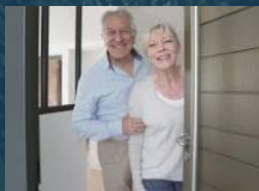
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6.5 - no skill less than 6.5	6 weeks
6.5/6.0 - no skill less than 6.0	12 weeks
6.0 - Speaking & Writing must be 6.0 with min 5.5 in Listening & Reading	16 weeks

Accommodation



Host family accommodation

Available year-round! We offer carefully selected friendly local host family accommodation. Staying with a host family is the ideal way to practise your English in real-life situations.



Campus accommodation

ONLY AVAILABLE IN SUMMER
For students who prefer self-catering accommodation, UCC offers ensuite rooms in its campus accommodation.



The benefits of being an on-campus student

On-campus pre-sessional English students can take advantage of all the facilities UCC campus offers:



Our UCC student card allows access to all the facilities on campus

Access to Student Health and Wellbeing centres

Sports club membership (swim, gym, climbing wall, classes). Art gallery, cafes, shops and hair salon all on campus

Drop-in support sessions throughout the week

Membership of the University Library



Summer social programme

On-campus pre-session English students can take part in our Summer School social programme. (Some activities are free and some may have a fee.)

Meet our Pre-sessional Team



Kerry Platts
Pre-sessional
Programme
Coordinator



Ann O'Donovan
Pre-sessional
Programme
Administrator

Student testimonials



Furong Zhang



Yuri Harada



Xilin Wei



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