

OPERA CITY ENGLISH COLLEGE

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I. COURSES WE OFFER



General English [105278H]
English for Academic Purposes [105280C]
IELTS Preparation [105279G]

Morning Evening 9:30 AM-3:00 PM 4:00 - 9:30PM



General English

CRICOS CODE: 105278H English for everyday social and business settings.

Enrolment Date

Every Monday

Level of Completion

10 weeks

Duration

5-50 weeks

Holidays

Max 10 weeks

Course Objectives

- Develop your grammar
- Improve your vocabulary
- Speak English with greater fluency and confidence
- Improve your writing skills
- Read and understand texts on familiar topics

English for Academic Purposes

CRICOS CODE: 105280C
Key to your success in
Australian vocational and
tertiary education.

Enrolment Date

Every Monday

Level of Completion

10 weeks

Duration

5-30 weeks

Holidays

Max 6 weeks

Course Objectives

- Improve your academic writing and listening skills
- Speak accurately
- Read and understand more complex topics
- Develop and deliver presentations
- Learn essay and report writing techniques
- Critically analyze academic texts
- Master research and referencing skills

IELTS Preparation

CRICOS CODE: 105279G Targeted test preparation course.

Enrolment Date

Every Monday

Level of Completion

10 weeks

Duration

5-30 weeks

Holidays

Max 6 weeks

Course Objectives

- Improve your academic writing and listening skills
- Speak accurately
- Read and understand complex topics
- Learn test-taking strategies and techniques for best results





General English (CRICOS Code: 105278H)

Overview

This course is designed to improve students' overall English language proficiency, focusing on the four key language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. This course is ideal for learners of all levels, from elementary to advanced levels, who want to enhance their communication skills for everyday use, work, travel, or further studies.



Key Features:

- **Skill Development: I**mproves fluency, pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar.
- Interactive Learning: Engages students through role-plays, group discussions, and real-life scenarios.
- Listening & Speaking Practice: Enhances confidence in verbal communication.
- **Reading & Writing Exercises:** Strengthens comprehension and written expression.
- Cultural Understanding: Introduces students to different cultural contexts to improve language use in real-world situations.
- Flexible Learning Levels: Usually structured into beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.

Who is it for?

This course is suitable for students looking to:

- Improve their general communication skills in English.
- Build a strong foundation for academic or professional English courses.
- Prepare for language proficiency tests such as IELTS, TOEFL, or PTE.
- Enhance their ability to travel, work, or study in an English-speaking environment.

Course Duration & Structure

The General English course runs for 60 weeks (inclusive of 10 weeks break maximum), with 20 face-to face hours per week and daily homework. Students can join any Monday, except for a two-week break over Christmas/New Year. The course includes five levels of 10 weeks each, with a minimum enrolment of five weeks. Students are eligible for up to 10 weeks of study break, with 2 weeks' break for every 10 weeks of enrolment. The course runs continuously, and students are encouraged to start in Week 1 or Week 6. If students struggle with content, they can repeat the level until ready to advance.





Entry Requirements

Students come from different proficiencies across the four macro skills and, as a result, all students are required to sit for Opera City English College placement test prior to the commencement of classes. These tests and scales form the basis of the Placement Tests. Because the courses can accommodate students with only a very low grasp of English, Opera City English College is able to accept students into the Elementary course even if they are at a very low level.

Learning Outcome

English Proficiency	Develop proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in a variety of contexts.
Core Knowledge	Build a strong foundation in English vocabulary and grammar.
Sociocultural Awareness	Gain understanding of communication with both native and non-native English speakers in diverse settings.
Studies Skills	Enhance study skills for more effective learning both in class and independently.
Independent Learning	Foster independent learning skills for continuous improvement in language proficiency.





English for Academic Purpose (EAP) (CRICOS Code: 105280C)

Overview

This course is designed to equip students with the essential language skills required for success in academic settings. It focuses on improving proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking within an academic context, ensuring students can effectively engage with academic studies pursuance such as coursework, research, and classroom discussions.

Course Objectives:

- Develop critical reading and comprehension skills for academic texts
- Enhance academic writing abilities, including essay structure, referencing, and research skills
- Improve listening and note-taking techniques for lectures and presentations
- Strengthen oral communication skills for seminars, discussions, and presentations
- Expand academic vocabulary and refine grammar for precise and formal expression

Who is this Course For?

This course is ideal for:

- International students preparing for higher education in English-speaking institutions
- Non-native English speakers looking to improve their academic communication skills
- Professionals seeking to enhance their academic writing and research abilities

Course Duration & Structure:

The English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course runs for 36 weeks (Inclusive of 6 weeks break maximum), with 20 face-to-face hours per week and daily homework. The college closes for two weeks over Christmas/New Year. Students can start in any Monday of a week. Those enrolled in the 10-week course can take up to two weeks' study break, while students in the 20-week course can take a maximum of four weeks, and if students enrolled in the 30-week course, they can take up to 6 weeks break maximum. This structure provides flexibility while helping students meet their academic goals.

The EAP course is typically divided into 3 different levels (Intermediate to Advanced) and may include:

- Reading & Critical Thinking: Strategies for analyzing academic texts and identifying key arguments
- Writing Skills: Essay writing, research reports, citations, and avoiding plagiarism
- Listening & Note-taking: Effective techniques for understanding and summarizing lectures
- Speaking & Presentation: Improving fluency and confidence in academic discussions and public speaking





Entry Requirements

To begin the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course, students must have either completed Intermediate Level in the General English course or demonstrate IELTS Overall score at 5.0 or equivalent to gain direct entry. With intakes beginning on Monday each week, except during the 2-week Christmas/New Year break.

Learning outcome

Develop Academic Skills	to succeed in diploma-level or higher courses in English- speaking countries.
Improve Overall English Proficiency	across reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
Gain Mastery	academic vocabulary and grammar commonly used in academic settings.
Build Sociocultural Awareness	effective communication with both native and non-native English speakers.
Enhance Academic Study Skills	efficient learning both in class and independently.
Foster Independent Learning Skills	support ongoing language improvement in vocational or higher education.

By the end of the course, students will be better prepared to handle vocational, higher education or university-level assignments, participate actively in academic discussions, and confidently navigate academic environments. This course serves as a strong foundation for students transitioning into certificate, diploma, undergraduate or postgraduate programs in English-speaking institutions.





IELTS Preparation (CRICOS Code: 105279G)

Overview

This course is designed to help students develop the necessary skills and strategies to achieve their desired scores in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam. This course focuses on improving proficiency in the four key components of the test: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

Course Objectives:

- Familiarize students with the IELTS test format and assessment criteria.
- Develop effective test-taking strategies to maximize performance.
- Enhance English language skills, including vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation.
- Provide intensive practice through mock tests and real exam simulations.
- Build confidence in academic and general English communication.

Course Duration & Structure:

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Preparation course runs for 36 weeks (Inclusive of 6 weeks break maximum), with 20 face—to—face hours per week and daily homework. The college closes for two weeks over Christmas/New Year. Students can start in any Monday of a week. Those enrolled in the 10—week course can take up to two weeks' study break, while students in the 20—week course can take a maximum of four weeks, and if students enrolled in the 30—week course, they can take up to 6 weeks break maximum. This structure provides flexibility while helping students meet their examination goals.

- 1. **Listening** Strategies for understanding different accents, identifying key information, and improving note-taking skills.
- 2. **Reading** Techniques for skimming, scanning, and analyzing academic and general texts efficiently.
- 3. **Writing** Guidance on structuring essays, reports, and letters with clear arguments and coherence.
- 4. Speaking Practice sessions focusing on fluency, pronunciation, and spontaneous responses in real-life scenarios.





Entry Requirements

To begin the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Preparation course, students must have either completed Intermediate Level in the General English course or demonstrate IELTS Overall score at 5.0 or equivalent to gain direct entry. With intakes beginning on Monday each week, except during the 2-week Christmas/New Year break.

Who Should Enrol?

- Students aiming for higher education in English-speaking countries.
- Professionals seeking immigration or career advancement opportunities.
- Individuals looking to improve their English skills for personal growth.

Learning Outcome

Understand the IELTS Test Format	 Gain in-depth knowledge of the four test components: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Learn the assessment criteria used by examiners to score responses.
Develop Effective Test Strategies	 Master time management techniques to complete each section efficiently. Apply skimming and scanning methods for reading comprehension. Improve note-taking skills for the listening section.
Enhance English Language Proficiency	 Expand academic and general vocabulary for effective communication. Improve grammar, sentence structure, and coherence in writing. Strengthen pronunciation, fluency, and confidence in speaking.
Improve Writing and Speaking Skills	 Develop well-structured essays and reports with clear arguments. Use appropriate tone, style, and formal expressions in writing tasks. Practice spontaneous and structured speaking through mock interviews.
Boost Confidence and Exam Readiness	 Participate in mock tests and real exam simulations to experience test conditions. Receive personalized feedback and guidance from experienced instructors. dentify personal strengths and areas for improvement to optimize performance.

This course provides personalized feedback, interactive exercises, and expert guidance to help students achieve their IELTS goals with confidence



II. MODES & METHODS OF DELIVERY

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- 20 Hours/Week of face-to-face teaching, with additional homework and online tasks.
- 1:18 Teacher-Student Ratio for personalized learning experiences.
- Modern Classrooms equipped with textbooks, whiteboards, and projectors.
- Student-Centered Approach fostering active participation and a positive learning atmosphere.
- Core and Supplementary Materials to enhance learning outcomes.
- Varied Feedback including verbal corrections, written comments, and assessment scores.
- Detailed Record Keeping of lessons, resources, and homework for each class.
- Pathway Opportunities into partner VET Providers for further academic progression.





III. WHY CHOOSE US?

Personalized Support:

In our school, we offer a personalized and accessible learning experience. Understanding the diverse needs of our international students, we have a multicultural staff dedicated to supporting students in all aspects of their education.

Convenient Location:

Our location is unparalleled. We are the closest school to Town Hall station, allowing you to arrive and depart with total ease.

Flexible Schedules:

We understand your time is valuable. That's why we offer flexible schedules that accommodate your extra curricular commitments, making it easier for you to make progress in learning English.

Student Support:

Opera City English College offers academic, career, and well-being support, including tutoring, counseling, job assistance, and international student guidance to ensure a smooth and successful experience in Sydney.







IV. WHY SYDNEY?

Sydney is Australia's biggest city. With over 5 million people from countries all around the world, you're sure to make new friends and have a great time. Located on the east coast, Sydney is home to the famous Opera House, Harbour Bridge, and Bondi Beach.

Sydney also ranks as one of the most livable cities in the world and is well-serviced by buses and trains, which will take you wherever you want to go. Take a trip to the wonderful Blue Mountains or Hunter Valley, go whale watching, tour the historic Rocks area, or simply enjoy a coffee at a café by the harbour.

There's also a convenient link from Sydney airport to the heart of the city.

ABORIGINAL CULTURE

We would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present, and future traditional custodians and elders of this land. We'd also like to encourage students and visitors to check out the First Nations' culture, art, and history at one of the many events hosted throughout Sydney.

RESTAURANTS

Sydney is also famous for its restaurants. With such a multicultural population you'll find fabulous cuisines from all over the world.

WORK

Another great aspect of Sydney is the high number of 'in-demand' jobs. Australia has some of the highest wages in the world. International students are allowed to work up to 48 hours per fortnight, so take advantage and gain new experience and skills by working in one of the many popular industries such as hospitality, construction, delivery, and retail.

For more information, refer to the Department of Home Affairs: https://bit.ly/DHA-StudentWork.





V. LIVING COST IN AUSTRALIA

Living expenses vary depending on lifestyle choices and accommodation preferences. Sydney, being one of Australia's most vibrant cities, has a higher cost of living compared to other locations. Students should budget for essential expenses, including rent, food, transportation, and entertainment. Below is an estimate of annual living expenses for international students studying at Opera City English College:

Category	Estimated Annual Cost (AUD)
Student (You)	\$30,000
Partner/Spouse	\$7,500
Child (If applicable)	\$3,200

Sydney offers a variety of housing options for students, ranging from shared accommodation to homestays. Below are the estimated weekly accommodation costs for students at Opera City English College:

Accommodation Type	Estimated Cost (AUD per week)
Shared Accommodation	\$250 - \$350
Private Rental Accommodation	\$350 – \$800
Homestay (Includes meals)	\$275 — \$400

Students are encouraged to explore options through trusted rental platforms and consider location, proximity to the college, and included utilities when selecting their accommodation.

For an affordable lifestyle, students can share apartments, cook at home, and take advantage of student transport discounts to manage expenses effectively while enjoying everything Sydney has to offer.



VI. STUDENT TESTIMONIAL



Hello, my name is Sakura, and I'm from Japan. I came to Australia for a winter break internship during my university vacation. Right now, I'm doing an internship at a hotel in Australia, but I attended Opera City English College to get used to the Australian accent and pronunciation. The tuition was affordable, and I really liked that I could practice communicating in English with many friends in advance!

