

Certificate in English – Basic

Course Synopsis

This 3-month full-time or part-time course focuses on strengthening the ability of an English Language student at Basic level. It is the first of three levels of English. It develops and enhances English listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills for academic purposes. In addition, it supports understanding of grammar and vocabulary acquisition. Students will be able to practice, demonstrate and use what they have learnt within classroom activities and formal assessments. Upon completion of this level, students should be able to show improved language skills and progress to their next academic level. This level is equivalent to an IELTS 4.5.

This level of English is assigned as English Basic Level; it consists of 6 concurrently run modules – 4 core English skills (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing) and 2 supporting skills (Grammar and Vocabulary). These modules will be run, taught and managed with formal evaluations, assessments and guided practice. Face-to-face contact lecturing, blended learning, and self-study activities will provide a suitable pathway for students to develop and apply the English language.

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Module Overview

Modules	Description
Listening Module	This module develops students' listening skills to enable them to listen for specific information, make and confirm predictions, listen for reasons and make and explain inferences;
Speaking Module	This module allows students to communicate effectively in English; students learn pronunciation, stress and intonation, develop the ability to articulate sentences and hold a conversation, practice speaking for real life scenarios; they will develop general, social and professional use of spoken English; students will develop stronger confidence and ability to deliver presentations;
Reading Module	This module supports students' reading skills allowing them to skim and detect the main idea of a passage, scan text for specific information, make inferences, paraphrase, and summarise;
Writing Module	This module enhances students' writing skills enabling them to write essays particular to the level of English they are studying; students should be able to plan essays, write with good pace, detect mistakes and make corrections accordingly;
Grammar Module	Through this module, students receive, learn and understand the fundamentals of English grammar; apply and strengthen these skills throughout their academic work;
Vocabulary Module	Carrying out this module, students will identify word forms, synonyms, words from context and expressions; they are able to expand vocabulary and to remember and use words that have been practiced;
Course Outcome	Overall, students are to develop their general ability of the English Language providing them a pathway to use this for future academic and professional goals.