



Pre-sessional Plus English language courses for University of Portsmouth applicants 2012

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Applications

Who can apply

- **You can apply for Programmes One and Two** if you have a conditional offer for September 2012 from the University of Portsmouth but you have not yet met the English language requirements for the course.
- **You can apply for Programme Three** if you have met the academic conditions and the English language requirements for your course and you want to do a refresher course in English.



How to apply

Please download an application form from www.port.ac.uk/presessionalenglishcourses.

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Please quote your University of Portsmouth student ID number each time you contact us. You will find it at the top left-hand corner of your course offer letter.

Course details

In order to help you with your degree course, you will be given all the extra support you need. Experience here at the University of Portsmouth, supported by contemporary ideas about second language learning, suggests that students' ability to use English improves best when they study it alongside their other studies. Therefore, all students who successfully complete our Pre-sessional Plus Programmes One and Two will continue to enjoy language support in the first year of their studies. You will also have access to Learning Support Tutors for help you may need with English or your academic studies.

Programme Three is a refresher course: there is no compulsory English for Academic Purposes (EAP) component during the following academic year. All students, however, have access to free EAP classes, should they wish to attend them. You can find full details about these classes at www.port.ac.uk/eap.

Visas

It takes up to six weeks for UK visas to be processed, so please bear this in mind when you are preparing your application. **If you do not have your visa in time, you may not be able to join the course.** Therefore, you are strongly advised to apply by the deadline below:

Programme	Application deadline
One	8 May 2012
Two	29 May 2012
Three	13 June 2012

Prices and deposits

Price		
Programme	Tuition only	Tuition and accommodation
One	£2,655	£3,595
Two	£1,770	£2,397
Three	£1,180	£1,598

To reserve a place you must pay a deposit.

Deposits

Programme	Tuition only	Tuition and accommodation	Deadline for deposit
One	£1,180	£1,598	8 June 2012
Two	£1,180	£1,598	29 June 2012
Three	£1,180	£1,598	13 July 2012

When you apply we will let you know which of the courses is suitable for you.

Language requirements

To comply with UK law, we will not normally be able to offer you a place on the Pre-sessional Plus programmes if any individual IELTS score is more than one band below your offer (Programme One) or half a band below your offer (Programme Two), as your English level may be considered too low to enter a degree course.

Whatever your score, you should make every effort to improve your English before coming to Portsmouth. Please do not wait until you arrive.

Dates

Programme One: 9 weeks
9 July to 7 September 2012

Programme Two: 6 weeks
30 July to 7 September 2012

Both Programmes One and Two will be followed by compulsory in-sessional English classes during your degree course, which will be shown on your timetable.

Progression

Progression to your degree course depends on you starting the programme on the correct date and:

- attending all classes on your timetable
- participating fully in all classes
- completing all homework, assessments and other tasks set by your tutors

Programme Three: 4 weeks
13 August to 7 September 2012

This course is suitable for you if you have met both the academic and English language conditions for entry, but would like to do a refresher course in English combined with a period of orientation before beginning your degree in September.

Teaching and assessment

How you will be taught

Initially, during your pre-session course, you will spend approximately 22 hours per week in classes, lectures, seminars and classroom-based elearning. Later you will have some periods of self-directed learning. In addition, you will be required to study for several hours each evening and at weekends. You will study general English and English for Academic Purposes (EAP).

How you will be assessed

You will be regularly assessed, mainly through writing and oral presentations.

Where you will be taught

You will be taught in Park Building and other University buildings located in the city centre, close to Bateson Hall, the railway station and Victoria Park, and only a short walk from the shopping centre, the seafront and Gunwharf Quays.

The International Office, University Library, Students' Union and student support services are nearby.



Where you will live

Accommodation can be arranged for you in a University hall of residence in, depending on availability, either a self-contained flat with five single study bedrooms, a shared bathroom and kitchen or a single room (meals are not provided). The bedding and kitchen equipment will be yours to keep.

Each bedroom has free, fast broadband and a free internal telephone. You will need a phone card or a free Freewire account to phone outside the University. For more information please go to www.is.port.ac.uk/halls.

Accommodation will be available:

- from Saturday 7 July 2012 for **Programme One students**
- from Saturday 28 July 2012 for **Programme Two students**
- from Saturday 11 August 2012 for **Programme Three students**

Accommodation will be available until 9.00am on Saturday 8 September 2012.

Should you need to arrive earlier than the dates above, accommodation can be arranged at the rate of £20 per night, but please give us as much notice as possible.

Airport pick-up

A taxi can be arranged to meet you at London Heathrow airport if you give us sufficient notice. An airport pick-up form will be sent to you with your joining instructions.

If you order a taxi and do not take it there will be no refund. You will have to make and pay for alternative arrangements yourself. There will be no refunds if taxis are not needed.

How to make the payments

The simplest, safest and quickest way to pay is by debit/credit card using our secure online form at <https://webpay.port.ac.uk/languagefee>. Please note that we do not accept American Express or Diners Club.

You can also pay by bank transfer or banker's draft, but please remember to send us a copy of the remittance form. You can find this at www.port.ac.uk/bankpay.

Please quote your University of Portsmouth **student ID number** in all communications. You will find it at the top left-hand corner of your offer letter.

Balance of fees

You will have to pay the balance of your fees before you can register for your pre-sessional course.

Please note that UK law does not allow us to give you surplus money from a draft. Therefore, if you plan to pay by draft, please bring the balance of your fees in a separate draft to your 'maintenance' money. Otherwise you will have to open a British bank account, deposit the money and then withdraw it to pay your fees.

If you select a bank before you come to Portsmouth you will save a lot of time when you get here.

Cancellation terms

If you have been refused a visa, please send us the original letter from the Entry Clearance Officer giving the reasons for the refusal. The University will retain a £300 administration fee from your tuition fee deposit and then refund the remainder of the tuition fee deposit to you. Please note that the accommodation portion of your deposit is non-refundable.

To comply with UK law, refunds will be made to the original debit/credit card or using the details on the remittance form.

Disclaimer

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this publication at the time of going to press. However, you are advised that this information could be subject to change.

This brochure is also available online at www.port.ac.uk/preessionalenglishcourses.



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