



General English

The General English course combines studying in a classroom, a lively social programme and online support. When you leave the college LITE Online can be continued to help you practice and maintain your English. This combination helps students to get greater reward for investing money, time and effort into their studies .

Start dates

Beginner	Once a month
Elementary	Any Monday
Pre-Intermediate	Any Monday
Intermediate	Any Monday
First Certificate (FCE)	Any Monday
Advanced	Any Monday
Proficiency	Any Monday

Term length

Beginner	4 weeks
Elementary	16 weeks
Pre-Intermediate	16 weeks
Intermediate	16 weeks
First Certificate (FCE)	24 weeks
Advanced	24 weeks
Proficiency	24 weeks

Study hours

Times
9am-12pm / 12-3pm
3pm-6pm / 6pm-9pm*

*The study time 6pm - 9pm is not a recognised full-time study time by the Home Office, and is not recommended if applying for a student visa.

Full - time
15 hours per week (3 hours per day, Monday - Friday)

Part - time
9 hours per week (3 hours per day, 3 days per week)

Breaks
30 minutes per class

Maximum class size

The maximum number of students per class is 20, although most classes have around 12-16 students.



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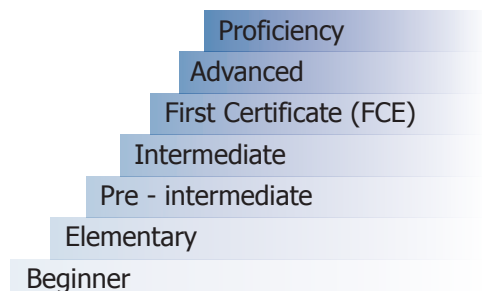


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The levels



Entry to the course

All students will need to take a test before they start the General English course, regardless of whether they have taken a test before. The test takes about 1 hour to complete. The teacher will then monitor the student's level in the first week and make sure they are in the right class.

Free trial lesson

The only way you can find out if the course is right for you is by seeing a lesson, so we offer all new students a free trial lesson that can help you decide. Please contact reception to arrange a convenient time for a trial lesson.

LITE Online (Online learning support)

This part of our General English course. It is the home of LITE Online courses in English which provide extra help to students while studying at the school and also help them maintain their English when they leave. LITE Online uses a personalized course approach. The online materials mirror the school syllabus. We look at the student's current level, ask them questions about their skills, and then create a custom course based on the results. The course is also assessed by skills, which shows us and the student their strengths and which areas need improvement. Almost every lesson on our site gives you the opportunity to explore the web. English is a living language and you should get the chance to use it, not just study it. The course is divided into a series of exercises, each taking between 10 and 20 minutes.

Terms

The General English course is divided into terms of 16 weeks each for the levels Elementary to Intermediate and 24 weeks each for the levels FCE to Proficiency. The Beginners course is 4 weeks.

Our students

Most of our students are aged between 22 and 35, although we have a full range of ages in each class and anyone aged 18 or over is welcome to study at LITE College. Each class has a good mix of nationalities to encourage a lively exchange of cultures and experiences. If there are some people from the same country in the same class, they will still only be allowed to speak English during the lesson!

Tutors

The teachers at LITE College are all CELTA/TEFL qualified and provide lively, exciting lessons for their students.

Tutor support

At LITE College, we feel it is important that you get some one-to-one time with your teacher so that you can discuss any problems you are having with the course. For that reason, all English students have tutorials with their teacher twice each term.

Moving up a level

At the end of each term (or when you and your teacher think you are ready), you will take a level-up test to see if you can move to the next class. If you do pass, you will be automatically moved. If you do not pass the test and have to stay in the same class, you will not repeat the same book – the teacher will start a new one.

Progress test

In the middle of the term you will be given a progress test, which will show you and your teacher what you have learnt. Your teacher can also give you advice about how to improve your learning techniques.

Books

You must buy a book whenever you start a new level. They can be bought from reception or any good bookstore.

The average book price is £15 to £20, depending on the title. LITE will buy books back that have not been damaged or written in for £8 less than the original price. We also have second-hand books available to buy. Please ask reception for more details.

Examinations

Many students like to take formal exams in order to have clear evidence of the level of English they have reached. LITE has been sending students to complete the Cambridge University UCLES examinations for over ten years. You can register for the exam at the school and sit the exam in London. Special examination preparation courses are also available at LITE.

Social programme

The social programme at LITE is designed to help you practise your English skills whilst having fun with your new classmates and teachers. It also gives you a chance to see some of London and other places in the UK. The trips are arranged for the last Friday of each month and all students are welcome.

Student welfare

We know at LITE that coming to live and study in a new country can be sometimes a worrying experience. We take student welfare very seriously and want to help you make the most of your time in London. Our reception staff are always available and will happily help with day-to-day problems and we also have specially appointed teachers who offer welfare advice for more detailed problems.