

english language courses





We offer a wide range of English courses for students at all levels except beginners. We have General and Business English courses plus Academic English to prepare for IELTS; we can advise you which course is suitable for you. You can progress from your English course to our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Most English courses at STCL are organised in periods of about three months, called a term. You can study English with us for up to two years. Courses start in September, January, April and July. Our summer course programme runs from July to August.

The maximum class size is 22 students. Most of our students are aged 18–35.

The College can only accept students aged 16 and older. Students aged 16–17 must have confirmed guardianship arrangements in London, either with family or friends, or specially arranged. Guardianship details must be confirmed to the College and UK Border Agency.

Recognised Quality

STCL is a member of English UK, the national association of accredited English language centres.

- Our English courses meet the quality standards of Accreditation UK and are accredited by the British Council
- We are a major UK centre for Cambridge English examinations and the British Council / Cambridge IELTS
- All STCL courses are included in the quality assurance procedures of UK state education. Our English department was rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted
- All our courses are of the highest academic standard and our students achieve excellent results

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of English





Mara Alem

After a year doing General English in another school, Mara decided to try something different in order to improve her professional career. Mara was told about South Thames College from friends

and she is now enrolled on a “Business English” and Spanish course at the College. Mara is originally from Brazil and would recommend South Thames to her friends and prospective students. She said “At South Thames College you can find a real student environment where we have a wide variety of ways to learn. The College also gives us the opportunity to improve our studies even more shown through my peers selecting me to be the class representative for the International Department.”



Marcos Lira

“I chose South Thames College because I could start with an English course and then continue with my postgraduate business management studies. What’s more important, the programme includes a work placement.

“Everything is absolutely outstanding at the college. I have never seen anything like the facilities here. The class rooms are amazing and the whole learning technology behind the classes themselves is really, really good.”

English Levels and Qualifications at STCL

EIS level General English	CEFR level	General English	Business English	Academic English
Advanced 2	C2	CPE - Proficiency		IELTS
Advanced 1	C1	CAE - Advanced	BEC Higher	IELTS
Intermediate 2+ and Intermediate 3	B2	FCE - First	BEC Vantage	IELTS
Intermediate 1+ and Intermediate 2	B1	PET - Preliminary Test	BEC Preliminary	IELTS
Late Elementary and Intermediate 1	A2	KET - Key Test		

CPE - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English

CAE - Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English

FCE - Cambridge First Certificate in English

PET - Cambridge Preliminary English Test

KET - Cambridge Key English Test

BEC - Cambridge Business English Certificate

IELTS - International English Language Testing System

Examination Dates and Fees

Cambridge Exams

We offer FCE, CAE and CPE in June or December and KET, PET and BEC in June, December and March. Registration fees currently are: £30 – £80.

IELTS

Normally available 4 times each year; the IELTS entry fee is currently about £110.



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English for International Opportunity

General English

General English is suitable if you:

- need to communicate in English in everyday situations
- want to obtain Cambridge English qualifications to help your career
- want English classes that include a focus on living and working in the UK
- want to prepare for other English studies
- want to progress to Academic English or other studies but do not have the required level

Course Content

- You will work on all language skills: grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, speaking and pronunciation
- Classes include cultural aspects of communication and skills for UK life
- Support at every step before and during your studies with us
- Self-study material, including audio and video, and internet / E-mail in our Learning Resource Centre

Qualifications

You can prepare for a Cambridge English exam such as First or Advanced Certificate. Some students achieve 2 or 3 of these during their time with us.

Progression

You can progress to one of South Thames College's undergraduate or postgraduate courses or find a job.

COURSE DATES¹

26 April – 06 July 2011
 11 July – 19 August 2011
 08 September – 13 December 2011
 05 January – 28 March 2012
 16 April – 29 June 2012

DURATION

3 months (3-6 weeks in July – see page 11) to 2 academic years

TIMES

09:00-12:30 or 13:30-17:00 (including half-hour break)

LOCATION

Wandsworth

STUDY MODE

15 hours per week²

FEES

see page 8

¹ If places are available after a course has started and you want to study for more than 1 term, you can join a course, after it has started, on any Monday in the first half of a term.

² If you study General English in the morning you can add English top-up classes to make your study programme 18, 20 or 21 hours per week (see page 9).

³ Some General English classes have additional lessons with a trainee teacher; you will be told in advance and fees are slightly lower.

Academic English / IELTS

English for Undergraduate Study

English for Postgraduate Study or Professional Registration

Academic English is perfect if you:

- need English and study skills preparation for further study in English – undergraduate (pre-degree) and postgraduate (pre-masters) – or for professional registration
- need to obtain or improve your IELTS score
- want to study in a lively academic environment where English is used all around you
- want English classes that include a focus on living and studying in the UK
- have at least a good Intermediate level of English

Course Content

- The main focus is the core skills of English – reading, writing, listening and speaking – and language development in an academic context
- You will also practise study skills in English
- Intensive and extensive reading, note taking from texts and lectures, summary and reformulation, academic writing and presentation
- IELTS test preparation
- Classes include cultural aspects of communication and skills for UK life

Qualifications

- You can prepare for IELTS
- We normally make this test available 4 times each year: March, June, August and December

Next Steps / Progression

Other undergraduate or postgraduate studies at STCL or another college or university.

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Business English

This is perfect if you:

- need to improve your English skills for professional or managerial purposes and communicate better in English in business situations
- want Cambridge English qualifications to help your international career
- want to study in a lively learning environment where English is used all around you
- want to prepare for a work placement / internship
- have at least upper intermediate level English

Course Content

- Communication in an English-speaking international professional, managerial environment
- You will study language typically used in business situations, both formal and informal. Communication in class involves the real world. There is a special emphasis on vocabulary
- The study programme depends on the needs and interests of the students in the class. Teachers decide on the content for

a class at the start of a term, through tests and consultation with students

In general, however, your studies will include the language and terminology of subjects such as:

- Negotiating
- Presentations
- Import / Export
- Making Conditions
- Proposing / Recommending

Classes include cultural aspects of communication and skills for UK life.

Qualifications

- You can prepare for a Cambridge Business English Certificate – BEC
- BEC is available at three levels - see page 3
- The exams are available in March, June or December

Next Steps / Progression

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Pre-Sessional English

This course is ideal if you:

- want to prepare for business and management courses at South Thames College London
- need to improve your English study and communication skills
- need classes that focus on academic and business English

Course Content

You will work on developing the study skills that you need to succeed on your main business or management studies course, including:

- research skills, including academic referencing
- reading and processing complex academic tests
- planning and writing assignments
- exam skills [for some courses]
- getting the most out of lectures
- formal presentations

The skills are integrated into study of management-related content.

Classes include work on all language skills: grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, speaking and pronunciation.

You will also be required to use the self-study material, including audio, video and internet, in our Learning Resource Centre, outside class time.

Entry Requirements

- Conditional Offer for business and management course at STCL
- 3 months: IELTS score of 5.5 (with minimum 5.0 in each section) or equivalent
- 6 months: IELTS score of 5.0 (with minimum 4.5 in each section) or equivalent

Progression

You prepare for a mandatory assessment.

You progress to your STCL business and management course if you pass the progression assessment. Only students who pass this assessment can progress.

If you do not pass the assessment, you must continue Pre-Sessional English until you do.

Progression Criteria

To progress to your undergraduate or postgraduate programme, you must have:

- minimum 90% attendance
- good report, on classwork, effort, homework, assignments and punctuality, from your class tutor
- achievement of level of English assessed by STCL as being appropriate for advanced academic study, approximate to CEFR level C1 or IELTS 6.0

English Course Fees 2011–2012

COURSE DATES

26 April – 06 July 2011

11 July – 19

August 2011

08 September – 13

December 2011

05 January – 28

March 2012

16 April – 29 June 2012

DURATION

Usually 3 to 6 months
(6 weeks from July is
possible in some cases)

TIMES

3 or 5 days per week

LOCATION

Wandsworth

STUDY MODE

15-18 hours per week
of classes; you also
need to do 10-12 hours
per week of private
study (study time =
classes + homework
+ assignments /
projects + preparation
for classes)

FEES

see opposite

General and Business English, Academic English (English for Undergraduate or Post-Graduate Study) and Pre-Sessional English all 15 hours per week

26 April – 06 July 2011	£825
26 April – 19 August 2011	£1,335
11 July – 19 August 2011	£540
11 – 29 July or 01 – 19 August 2011	£285
08 September – 13 December 2011	£1,105
April - December 2011, 30 weeks (2 terms + Summer)	£2,440
July – December 2011, 19 weeks	£1,615
05 January - 28 March 2012	£935
April 2011 – April 2012, 36 weeks (3 terms)	£2,660
April 2011 – April 2012, 42 weeks (3 terms + Summer)	£3,020
July 2011 – April 2012, 31 weeks (2 terms + Summer)	£2,560
16 April – 29 June 2012	£1,020
July 2011 – July 2012, 42 weeks (3 terms + Summer)	£3,220
September 2011 – July 2012, 36 weeks (3 terms)	£2,860
September 2011 – August 2012, 42 weeks (3 terms + Summer)	£3,220

English Top-up Classes

These are extra classes that you can take in addition to your morning English classes of 15 hours per week. As well as helping you learn English more quickly, you will have the opportunity to study with some of our part-time students who are in London for a wide range of reasons.

Business English

- 5 hours per week, 2 afternoons
- If you take General or Academic English classes in the morning, you can add this to your study programme

Fees

April – July 2011 term, £275.

September - December 2011 term, £370.

January - March 2012 term, £315.

April – July 2012 term, £340.

General English

- 6 hours per week, 3 afternoons
- If you take Academic or Business English classes in the morning, you can add this to your study programme

Fees

April – July 2011 term, £330.

September - December 2011 term, £445.

January - March 2012 term, £380.

April – July 2012 term, £410.

Academic English

- 5 hours per week, 2 afternoons
- If you take General or Business English classes in the morning, you can add this to your study programme

Fees

April – July 2011 term, £275.

September - December 2011 term, £370.

January - March 2012 term, £315.

April – July 2012 term, £340.

Writing Skills

- 3 hours per week, 2 afternoons (30 hours total over 10 weeks)
- For Intermediate and Upper Intermediate level students
- Includes additional writing preparation for Cambridge English exams

Fees

Until July 2011: £160.

From July 2011: £180.



Speaking and Pronunciation

- 3 hours per week, 2 afternoons (30 hours total over 10 weeks)
- For lower level students – Elementary to Intermediate

Fees

Until July 2011: £160.

From July 2011: £180.

British Studies

- 3 hours per week (2 afternoons) x 10 weeks, 30 hours total
- Upper Intermediate and Advanced levels
- Learn more about British society and culture. Content includes: British and Anglo-Irish literature and drama; 'pop-Britain' – music, fashion etc. from the 1960s to now; immigration in the UK; general history of the English language and much more

Fees

Until July 2011: £160.

From July 2011: £180.

Work Skills

- 3 hours per week (2 afternoons) x 10 weeks, 30 hours total
- Upper Intermediate and Advanced levels
- Course Content includes guidance on the UK job application process and expectations of employers, CV preparation and interview techniques, presentations for work and career development. Work for the Edexcel WorkSkills Certificate, level 3

Fees

Until July 2011: £160

From July 2011: £180

Teaching Knowledge Test

- 4 hours per week (Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 14:00–16:00) x 10 weeks
- Good Intermediate level and above
- This course prepares you for the Cambridge Teaching Knowledge Test – TKT – if you want to bring your English up to the level required for Cambridge CELTA. Content includes: methodology, classroom management, language awareness (grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, etc.)

Fees

£270

English Summer Courses

We offer English summer courses in July and August each year. Classes will be in the morning and possibly the early afternoon, so you can spend the rest of the day, and your weekends, exploring all the attractions of London. Classes typically have 16 to 20 students.

During our summer courses we offer an extensive social programme, such as London walks, pub visits or trips to other cities. The trips cost around £10 to £20 for the bus, refreshments and entrance to places of interest are extra.

Content

You can choose from General, Pre-Sessional or Academic English programme (for details of the Course Content see pages 4-7).

Main classes are in the morning; 09:00 - 12:30 (including a short break), Monday to Friday, 15 hours per week.

You can add a top-up class for an extra hour per day, 13:00 to 14:00 to make 20 hours per week; or choose Pronunciation or Conversation and Discussion as your Option Class.

START DATE

11 July and 19 August 2011 for three weeks courses

11 July 2011 for six weeks courses

DURATION

3 or 6 weeks;

Pre-Sessional English or Academic English: 6 weeks only

LOCATION

Wandsworth

STUDY MODE

15 or 20 hours per weeks

COURSE FEES 2011

3 weeks

15 hours: £285

20 hours: £380

6 weeks

15 hours: £540

20 hours: £720



Courses for Teaching English – ELT

STCL has run training courses for English language teachers for many years, and is a Cambridge English approved centre for CELTA and other ELT qualifications. ELT Course Team Leaders have many years of teacher training experience, in the UK and around the world, as well as considerable experience of running CELTA courses. Their teacher training includes work with various organisations. The team has considerable experience of teaching in the UK and many other countries.

CELTA – Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults

- Cambridge CELTA is an internationally recognised and respected ELT qualification; participants may already have some teaching experience
- Our CELTA courses are open to non-native speakers but require a good level of analytical awareness of the language as well as a high level of written and spoken English
- Non-native speakers should normally have the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) or equivalent

Admission includes an interview, which can be by telephone

Course Content

- Classroom management skills
- Development of language skills
- Use of a course book, supplementary materials and hardware
- Analysis of English from non-native learners' point of view
- Lesson planning (presentation and practice)
- Teaching of pronunciation

Qualifications

Cambridge CELTA.

Next steps / Progression

Initial English teaching position.

START DATE

July, August

DURATION

4 weeks

LOCATION

Wandsworth

STUDY MODE

Full time, 15+ hours

FEES

Until August 2011:
£1,010

From September:
2011: £1,095