



Pre-Sessional English courses in *Birmingham*

The language of instruction at BCUIC is English. To gain entry onto one of our undergraduate or postgraduate pathways, you need to be able to demonstrate the required level of English.

To get onto a Foundation or Pre-Master's programme, you will need an IELTS 5.5 (minimum 5.5 across all bands). For a First Year programme, you will need an IELTS 6.0 (minimum 5.5).

If you have not achieved these scores, you will need to enrol on a Pre-Sessional English course. You could study one of these courses either with Birmingham City University International Centre for English (ICE) or with Brasshouse Languages.

Birmingham City University International Centre for English (ICE)

What is it?

The International Centre of English at Birmingham City University offers the University's official Pre-Sessional English course.

Is it the right place for me?

Yes, if you hold a UKVI IELTS of 4.0 or above (Intermediate B1) and you have not previously studied on an academic programme in the UK.*

What would I study?

You will learn General English and will be introduced to Academic English. You will practise writing, reading, grammar, listening, and formal and informal speaking. You will also complete a mini-project and have the chance to find out about British culture and society.

Where would I study?

You will study alongside other Birmingham City University students at the City Centre Campus†, which has received millions of pounds' worth of investment.

What type of English qualification do I need?

UKVI IELTS

What level does my English need to be?

Course	BCUIC Foundation and Pre-Master's Exit level: 5.5 (minimum 5.5)	BCUIC First Year Exit level: 6.0 (minimum 5.5)
16-week Pre-Sessional English	4.0 (minimum 4.0)	4.5 (minimum 4.5)
10-week Pre-Sessional English	4.5 (minimum 4.5)	5.0 (minimum 4.5)
6-week Pre-Sessional English	5.0 (minimum 5.0)	5.5 (minimum 5.0)

When can I start?

Course	Start points
16-week Pre-Sessional English	May, September
10-week Pre-Sessional English	February, July, October
6-week Pre-Sessional English	March, August, November

www.bcuic.navitas.com/important-dates

What type of visa will I need?

Tier 4 Student Visa

How will I get my results and update my offer?

Your results will be communicated directly to BCUIC and we will send you an updated offer letter.

What do I do at the end of my course?

BCUIC will assist you in applying for your Academic Tier 4 Visa via the Birmingham City University International Advisory Team.

How much does it cost?

16-week course: £6,000
10-week course: £3,000
6-week course: £1,800

How do I apply?

Simply complete your BCUIC application for your academic programme, and if you submit a UKVI IELTS score that shows you need Pre-Sessional English, we will automatically add this to your offer.

Where can I find out more?

bit.do/pre-sessional

* Students who have studied on other pre-sessional courses in the UK must demonstrate adequate learning progress.

† In the spring semester the pre-sessional programme may be delivered on the BCUIC Campus in Bournville.

Brasshouse Languages

What is it?

Brasshouse Languages is the largest adult education centre in the UK, specialising in language courses and services.

Is it the right place for me?

Yes, if you do not hold a formal English language qualification but might have previously studied an English language course in the UK.

What would I study?

You will learn a wide range of language skills and will be able to use English more confidently and effectively.

There are General English classes at all levels, from Beginners (A1) to Upper Intermediate (B2). Brasshouse Languages also offers Exam Preparation Courses.

Where would I study?

Brasshouse Languages is located in the Library of Birmingham – one of Birmingham's most iconic buildings – in the city centre. You will study in one of 24 purpose-built classrooms.

What type of English qualification do I need?

No formal language qualification is required.

What level does my English need to be?

You will complete a test on arrival at Brasshouse, and you will be placed in the appropriate language class based on the results from this test.

When can I start?

September, January, April, July, August

What type of visa will I need?

Short Term Study Visa

How will I get my results and update my offer?

You will be required to sit a Birmingham City University language test, IELTS or PTE Academic Test and achieve the correct grades for your course. You will then need to send your results to BCUIC so that we can update your conditional offer.

What do I do at the end of my course?

You will need to return home to apply for the visa for your academic course.

How much does it cost?

13-week course: £2,184*

9-week course: £1,512*

4-week Summer Programme: £672*

* Plus a one-off £130 enrolment fee.

How do I apply?

Simply complete your BCUIC application for your academic programme, and if you show a level of English that indicates you need a Brasshouse Languages course, we will send you a Brasshouse Languages application form with your conditional offer.

Where can I find out more?

www.brasshouse.ac.uk

**Brasshouse
Languages** at the
Library of
Birmingham

