

## PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITY SUMMER 2022 – FACE TO FACE and ONLINE DELIVERY

The English Language Preparation for University Programmes caters specifically for the language needs of students who intend to study for an undergraduate, study abroad or postgraduate degree at the University of Limerick. They are aimed at students who have reached the academic entry requirements for their chosen course but need to improve their English in order to meet the English language entry requirements for their chosen pathway at UL. They are very suitable for students who have received a conditional offer from the University of Limerick. Students should be aware of the minimum English language requirements for the study programme of their choice.

Due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, the ULLC teaching team will offer the summer P4U courses in both face to face and online modes for 2022. This will allow maximum flexibility to ensure that students are given every opportunity to complete their studies regardless of any further potential disruptions that may arise due to the pandemic.

8 weeks + 2 days

5 weeks + 2 days

These courses are open to all students with an offer to study in Ireland at a third level institution. They offer students a pathway onto their chosen degree studies, and enable them to become familiar with being an online student at an institution in an English speaking country.

### IELTS

Start Date	Finish Date	Hours per week <sup>1</sup>	No. of weeks	Minimum IELTS starting level <sup>2</sup>	IELTS equivalent of minimum finishing level	Fees <sup>3</sup>	Last date to apply
30 Jun 2022	26 Aug 2022	16+16 <sup>6</sup>	8 (+2 days orientation)	5.5 <sup>4</sup>	6.5	€2,400	03 Jun 22 (face to face) <b>OR</b> 24 Jun 22 (Online)
21 Jul 2022	26 Aug 2022	16+16 <sup>6</sup>	5 (+2 days orientation)	6.0 <sup>5</sup>	6.5	€1,540	24 Jun 22 (face to face) <b>OR</b> 15 Jul 22 (Online)

1. An hour equals an academic hour, i.e. 50 minutes.
2. Students should be aware of the minimum English language requirements for entry into the UL study programme of their choice.
3. An additional administration fee of €50 applies to all courses.
4. The minimum entry requirement for this course is an IELTS score of 5.5 with no less than 5.0 in any skill.
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6. 16 hours will be online sessions/lectures and 16 hours will be additional follow up tasks.

### DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST

Start Date	Finish Date	Hours per week <sup>1</sup>	No. of weeks	Minimum DET <sup>2</sup> starting level <sup>3</sup>	DET equivalent of minimum finishing level	Fees <sup>4</sup>	Last date to apply
30 Jun 2022	26 Aug 2022	16+16 <sup>5</sup>	8 (+2 days orientation)	80+	110	€2,400	03 Jun 22 (face to face) <b>OR</b> 24 Jun 22 (Online)
21 Jul 2022	26 Aug 2022	16+16 <sup>5</sup>	5 (+2 days orientation)	90+	110	€1,540	24 Jun 22 (face to face) <b>OR</b> 15 Jul 22 (Online)

1. An hour equals an academic hour, i.e. 50 minutes.
2. Duolingo English Test.
3. Students should be aware of the minimum English language requirements for entry into the UL study programme of their choice.
4. An additional administration fee of €50 applies to all courses.
5. 16 hours will be online sessions/lectures and 16 hours will be additional follow up tasks.

The Language Centre is also closed on all Irish public holidays.

### **Course Content - Online delivery**

The courses will consist of modules on:

- Integrated English Language Skills;
- Academic Reading;
- Academic Writing;
- Academic Listening;
- Academic Speaking;
- Academic vocabulary and grammatical structures

The first 2 days will focus on an orientation to the course with guidance on using the UL platform. There will also be an opportunity to get to know the staff and other students on the course. During the course, students will work on improving their language competence together with developing their language skills. They will also obtain an understanding of Irish HE academic conventions and expectations.

Students will be part of a virtual learning community and will be expected to fully engage with the synchronous (real time) input sessions. Additional learning will take place through asynchronous tasks, which will enable students to study at their own pace at a time that is most suitable for them.

Teachers will use a range of tools to deliver the course in an interactive and meaningful way. There will be a range of activities and tasks with teachers ensuring that students have every opportunity for learning to take place. This will include the use of synchronous lectures/classes; clear language tasks; cultural sessions; self-study and group work; self-reflection; blogs; quizzes; discussions; and a portfolio of work.

### **Course Outcomes**

It is expected that by the end of the course students will have:

- developed their communication skills;
- reached the English language requirements to enter a degree programme at the University of Limerick;
- developed the language and study skills needed for university course work, whether for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree;
- have a greater knowledge of how to learn independently;
- more awareness of university life.

### **Progression to Programmes at the University of Limerick**

Students who pass the English Language Preparation for University Programmes will have met the English language requirements for entry onto their chosen course of study (these requirements may vary). For those students it will not be necessary to take an external English language test at the end of their course. Before starting the course, students should check that their academic qualifications will allow them to enter their chosen pathway at the University of Limerick.

### **Entry Requirement**

To gain entry to the English Language Preparation for University Programmes students must produce evidence of their English language level in the form of a recent Duolingo English Test/IELTS band score or equivalent. The band score required will depend on the length of the course for which the student is applying. See minimum entry requirements for each course above.

### **Assessment**

Assessment will be continuous, i.e. there will be a number of assessments during the course rather than one final examination. Students may also need to sit an external English exam during the course. Students will be expected to attend and participate in all online sessions.