Course Description

English Plus Business

The Language Centre

The Language Centre is one of 12 departments in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. It exists to serve the needs of international students whether they come to Edge Hill University to study or whether they come for shorter periods of time during the summer and then return to their home countries. The Language Centre teaches the following languages: English, Spanish, French, Italian, Arabic German and Mandarin.

The Language Centre delivers a range of English language courses:

- English Language Development
- English Plus Computer Science
- English Plus Business
- Pre-sessional Academic English
- In-sessional English language support (Writing)
- In-sessional English language support (Speaking)
- Academic Writing Clinic

It also delivers the following programmes:

- International Foundation Year (IFP)
- MA TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

In addition, special courses can be offered which meet the specific needs of students who come as a closed group.

The English Plus Business Course

This course runs in the summer period for 3 weeks.

Aims

The main aim of this course is to improve your overall English language ability and introduce you to aspects of Business. You may be studying Business in your own country or have an interest in this subject area. The aim is to increase your confidence in speaking and using English and increase your knowledge of the Business world.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course you should be able to:-

- Use a range of vocabulary in speech and writing to describe some general topics (family, sport, food) in addition to more specialised vocabulary used in Business;
- Interact with others using more fluent spoken English with a greater degree of confidence;
- Transfer knowledge from one skill to another, for example, listen and then write;
- Practise all four language skills in an integrated manner;
- Present a brief oral presentation on an aspect of British Culture that interests you;
- Present a group presentation on an aspect of British Culture or Business (your tutors will advise) that you have agreed as a group;
- Take part in seminars and discussions;
- Gain an overview of aspects of Business and latest developments;
- Gain an overview of aspects of British Culture including history, geography, politics, literary achievements, food and eating habits and how these aspects impacted on the local area and the wider world, sharing insights into your own culture.

Content

You will study all four language skills: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing but there will be a major focus on Speaking. You will also study Computer Science and aspects of British Culture.

1. Speaking and Listening (**6 hours per week**)
These classes will involve various activities to get you to speak and use English. You will have debates (e.g. about the Monarchy) and discussions. You will be asked to do an oral presentation on your own and also in a small group. You will also have a tutorial during the course.

2. Business (**6 hours per week**)
You will have sessions delivered by teaching staff in the Business School. You will cover topics such as the business environment, marketing a business idea or the business of tourism. You will also visit a local business and have business-related activities.

3. Integrated Language Skills (**3 hours per week**)
You will study language skills in an integrated way e.g. reading a text and then writing about it or listening to a news article and then discussing it with a partner. The type of grammar you study will depend on your current language level and needs. We ask students to 'actively' participate in classes so you can expect to talk and to do a range of pair and group work. This will help to activate the language you know but have not used.

4. British Culture (**3 hours per week**)
These classes aim to help you understand and learn about life in Britain, our customs and traditions. You will focus on many different aspects including:

- Food and eating habits
- The Monarchy
- Geography of the British Isles, what is the difference between the terms UK, Great Britain, the British Isles?
- British inventions
- Famous writers from Britain
- Princes and Princesses

English Language Entry Requirements

You will need to have a minimum English language level equivalent to IELTS 4.5 (overall and in each element) in order to join the English Plus Business course. This is equivalent to B1 on the Common European Framework for Languages (or CEFR). The Language Centre cannot take Beginners or Elementary students.

Sample Timetable

This course has 18 hours per week of classes and this includes a tutorial during the course. Classes take place every morning from 0930-1100 and 1130-1300 and also on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1400-1530. See sample timetable below:-

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
0930-1100	**Integrated Language Skills**	**Speaking and Listening**	**Business-related visit or activity**	**Speaking and Listening**	**British Culture**
1100-1130	Break	Break	Break	Break	
1130-1300	**Integrated Language Skills**	**Speaking and Listening**	**Business-related visit or activity**	**Speaking and Listening**	**British Culture**
1300-1400	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1400-1530	No lesson	**Business topics**	No lesson	**Business topics**	No lesson
1530 onwards	Independent study	Independent study	Independent study	Independent study	

Levels

This course is aimed at students who are Intermediate or higher in their English language level. We ask for evidence of English language before arrival to ensure

that students will understand the course. For closed groups, we check that students can be taught in the same closed group (i.e. that they are all at a similar level) so that they gain maximum benefit from the course. We also check English language level on arrival by doing a short interview and asking students to write something.

Independent Study
Outside of class times, you may use the library and other learning facilities on campus. There are open access computer suites across the campus and there are many computers in the Hub that you can also use.

Assessment
You will have a series of assessments throughout the course and your tutor will give you all the details you need when you join the course. We will award marks (out of 100) for each skill at the end of the course based on your performance in this series of assessments, which may vary from a mini test to an oral interview to a piece of written work.

Reports
We will write a report at the end of the course and this can be sent to your home address or collected. The report will comment on your progress and your attendance on the course.

Certificates
You will receive a certificate when you complete the course.

Class size
The maximum class size is 16 students.

Age of students
18 years or more.

Minimum period of study
3 weeks for this course.

Accommodation
Accommodation can be arranged for you and the International Office can help you with this. Please visit the website below for more details of Edge Hill's residential accommodation.
www.edgehill.ac.uk/international/accommodation/

Social Programme
The social programme, including visits to other areas or towns, is arranged by the International Office. Please visit their website for more details.
www.edgehill.ac.uk/international/support/while-you-are-here/?tab=social-activities

Sports Facilities
Edge Hill has a Sports Centre offering a wide range of sporting activities which are open to you.
www.edgehill.ac.uk/edgehillsport/

Booking your place on the English Plus Business course

If you want to join our course, you can apply through the International Office. Details of how to apply can be found on their website.
www.edgehill.ac.uk/international/how-to-apply/

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