

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING
General English and English for Academic Purposes
In-Sessional Series 5 Course Descriptions

Academic Writing: Proofreading and Editing

Editing involves looking at your work with a critical eye, measuring it against certain standards, and then changing it to meet those standards. This course will cover structure, communication, relevance, bias (i.e. ensuring that your arguments are *unbiased*), ownership (demonstrating that you are the originator and are in sole control of the words), economy (making sure that you haven't written too much or too little), referencing, and proofreading. Editing also involves the 'proofreading' of your document, with spelling, punctuation, grammar, and other language errors eliminated.

Academic Writing: Academic Integrity

This course involves practice in summarising, evaluating, synthesising, and analysing the work of others. Students will also learn how to use an academic style of writing which incorporates referencing.

Advanced General English

Based on advanced level (including authentic) materials, this course provides opportunities for overall general language development in the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as well as an understanding of British/Scottish society and culture. This course is intended for students with a minimum score of IELTS 7.0 overall or equivalent. **It should be noted that the Series 5 course content differs from Series 1-4.**

English in Social Contexts

This course aims to develop students' ability to communicate effectively in English in a wide variety of situations, with a focus on speaking and listening. It will include practice in frequently used vocabulary, expressions, and colloquial English.

Grammar for Academic Reading and Writing

This course provides a selective overview of the key areas of English grammar that you need to master to express yourself correctly and appropriately in academic writing. Those areas include the basic distinctions of meaning in the verb tense system, the use of modal verbs to express degrees of certainty and commitment, and alternative ways of grouping and ordering written information to highlight the flow of your argument.

Consultations

In addition to these courses, if In-sessional students have any problems with their English (pronunciation, presentation skills, structure of writing assignments, etc.) and would like some advice, they can arrange an online consultation with an experienced tutor. This service is intended for students who are already proficient writers in English. If students' writing skills and/or grammar are weak, then they should enrol in one of the many different types of academic writing classes that the ELT offers throughout the year. Each student may sign up for a total of 2 x 20-minute consultations per week FREE of charge irrespective of how many In-Sessional courses they are taking. If you are interested in making an appointment for a consultation, please email elt@strath.ac.uk at least 24 hours in advance of the timetabled consultation session. Please note that this is not a proof-reading service.