University Foundation Course overview

Preparation for IELTS

September entry

7 weeks

Integrated English Language Skills

Grammar & vocabularly development Reading & writing tasks Listening & speaking tasks

10 lessons per week

Study Skills

Listening: for gist & specific information
Speaking: presenting, turn-taking & discussing
Reading: skimming, scanning & justifying choices
Writing: describing visual input & structuring
discussion essays

5 lessons per week

Examination Skills

Practice tests
Examination techniques
for IELTS success

6 lessons per week

Self-Access
Consolidation

Careers & Higher Education Workshops

Preparation for University

October entry

7 weeks

English Language & Study Skills

Usage & collocation Register & nuance Idioms etc

Academic reading & writing skills Note-taking & summarising Making presentations

10 lessons per week

ı	Business Studies				
	Economics	Business	Maths for business		
	3 lessons	3 lessons	3 lessons		
		OR			

Politics History Philosophy
3 lessons 3 lessons 3 lessons

Basic Statistics for Business Studies Students 6 weeks x 2 lessons

Global Issues for International Affairs Students 6 weeks x 2 lessons Career & Higher Education preparation & guidance

Preparation for University

January

21 weeks

English Language & Study Skills

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10 lessons per week

Making presentations

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Economics	Business	Maths for business		
4 lessons	4 lessons	4 lessons		
OR				
Politics	History	Philosophy		
4 lessons	4 lessons	4 lessons		

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Basic Statistics for International Affairs Students 6 weeks x 2 lessons Career & Higher Education preparation & guidance

Extra IELTS on request

Preparing for university or your future studies

University Foundation Course

Age: 17+

Level: Intermediate+

This programme is aimed at students who wish to:

- prepare and apply for an undergraduate course in the UK
- prepare for study at any other university where undergraduate courses are taught in English
- improve their English and study skills and acquiring subject knowledge in preparation for future studies

Entry requirements for the Foundation Course

Before you enrol you must:

- have completed Secondary Education in your own country
- be 17 years of age or over
- have a proven knowledge of English as follows:

for September entry – IELTS* 5.0 or equivalent (Equivalent = B1/B2 Common European Framework) for late October/early November entry – IELTS* 5.5 or equivalent (Equivalent = B2 Common European Framework)

*International English Language Testing System

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"I think St. Clare's is awesome and different from other schools. The teaching, facilities and extra-curricular activities are all excellent – I feel privileged to have studied here."

Course structure

The course has two main pathways:

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

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Academic subjects

1. English Language pathway

From September to October the primary focus is on improving your IELTS score. This examination is recognised worldwide by more than 4,500 institutions in 120 countries.

Classes take place over 21 lessons per week in small groups (max 12). The programme includes integrated language skills and examination practice in preparation for the IELTS examination.

From late October the focus shifts. English classes (10 lessons per week) concentrate on more advanced EAP and the study skills required at university: researching, referencing, paragraphing, developing arguments and similar skills that will help with your academic subjects.

2. Academic subject pathway

From late October the academic subject programme begins. There are two broad streams:

Business Stream Subjects

Business Studies + Mathematics for business

Economics

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International Affairs Stream Subjects

Philosophy

+ Politics

20th Century History

Classes take place over 3 or 4 lessons per week for each subject as shown opposite. You are taught at pre-university level by subject specialists who bring the benefits of the latest research in their own areas of expertise. Your final grade is based on a combination of course assessments and final examinations and is externally moderated.

Careers and Higher Education advice

You are supported by the team at St. Clare's which oversees your personal welfare and academic progress. Our Careers and Higher Education Adviser provides comprehensive advice and personal guidance throughout your course and supports you in selecting the right university for you.

University success

The **Business Stream** can lead to a university course in Business, Management, Economics, Travel and Tourism, Hotel Management and related areas.

The **International Affairs Stream** can lead to a university course in Politics, International Relations, Law, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Psychology, Philosophy and many others.

Sample Timetable

Lesson 1	Language development	English	
	'Global issues in the media'	teacher	
Lesson 2	e-learning skills		
Lunch	Mingle with friends in the college dining roor		
Lesson 3	Academic Subject	Subject	
	'Effective Marketing'	teachers	
Lesson 4	Lesson 4 'Culture Wars in 1960s America'		
Self-study Consolidation tasks			
Activities	llege events		

The benefits for you:

- ✓ IELTS 6.5+ by the end of the course
- ✓ research and study skills transferable to university
- entry to university in the UK, USA or other country where undergraduate courses are taught in English