



Trinity Pre-Sessional Programme 2021



Overview

The Trinity Pre-Sessional Programme is a 10-week summer intensive English for Academic Purposes programme which provides a direct entry route for applicants who hold a conditional offer for undergraduate or postgraduate study at Trinity College Dublin.

Successful completion of the Pre-Sessional Programme allows students to fulfil Trinity's English language requirements and to progress directly to their degree courses without having to take any further external English language proficiency tests prior to the start of term.

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Why I should do this programme

Our full-time, intensive 10-week English language Pre-Sessional Programme is for international students with the equivalent of an IELTS (academic) score of 6.0 or 6.5 and who already hold an offer to study on an undergraduate or postgraduate course at Trinity College Dublin but who have yet to meet the university's language requirements.



Benefits

- ◆ Students who successfully complete the programme are not required to take any further external language proficiency tests prior to registration
- ◆ Develop your English language skills and competences from B2 to C1 level
- ◆ Enjoy a highly interactive and rewarding learning experience that will enable you to develop the academic English skills you need for successful study at Trinity
- ◆ Curriculum focused on discipline –specific language use
- ◆ Highly qualified and experienced teachers
- ◆ Familiarise yourself with the Trinity campus and Dublin before your course begins with a range of cultural and fun activities



Schedule

24 May—30 July 2021

Online live classes will be supplemented by some face-to-face events and tutorials for students who are already in Dublin. Classes are timetabled between 9am and 2pm (Irish Summer Time), GMT+1) from Monday to Friday.

There are 20 contact hours of classes per week, supplemented by self-study activities provided in our online learning environment.

Fees

The fee for the Pre-Sessional Programme is €3,450 for 10 weeks of full-time, intensive study. The fee must be paid in advance via the PayPal platform (credit card payments are also accepted).



Programme Design



We support students' development of advanced academic literacy and oral communication skills in English through learning and assessment activities associated with their field of study. Our activities maximise authentic opportunities to use English in an academic context, immersing students in Trinity's academic culture.

Topics covered include

- Reading and evaluating academic texts
- Writing in academic genres
- Active listening to academic content
- Oral communication in the academic context
- Critical thinking and argumentation
- Note-taking, paraphrasing, and academic referencing
- Using academic and technical vocabulary
- Group-work and discussion on academic issues
- Giving fluent and accurate academic presentations
- Cross-cultural communication



The curriculum focuses on communicative language use and is intended to foster lifelong, autonomous language learning. You will be engaged in discipline-specific English language learning. The programme employs a task-based learning approach, which, through the use of authentic academic resources, will engage you in real-life academic tasks with both oral and written components, to encourage the development of transferable language skills.

Working Methods

The Pre-Sessional Programme supports the development of advanced English language skills across academic disciplines. The programme promotes active learning through project work. This means you will be required to spend some time working independently and in small groups as well as in class, in order to research topics, consulting dictionaries and reference grammars, edit and fine-tune texts, shape your contribution to class work, and so on.

Ultimately, by taking charge of your own learning, you will discover how language study can be used to further your academic ambitions. The Pre-Sessional Programme will also help you to work collaboratively and effectively through English. These collaborative learning skills have been identified and integrated into the course because they will contribute significantly to the success of your academic and professional life in the future. The focus on presentations within the programme ensures that you will gain valuable experience in making public presentations, as well as learning to present under time pressure, using prompts and fielding questions from an audience.

Each session is likely to begin with a plenary (whole class) session to discuss organisational matters, introduce key topics, and address any language-related issues arising from ongoing work. The teacher may also arrange whole class discussions at various intervals to report on work-in-progress. The remainder of each class will usually involve a variety of working methods including individual work and group work.



Assessment



Your academic English skills will be formally assessed through a combination of course assignments and skills-based tests.

Skills-based tests (40%)

- ◆ Academic Reading
- ◆ Academic Listening
- ◆ Academic Writing
- ◆ Academic Speaking

Coursework assignments (40%)

- ◆ An academic essay
- ◆ An oral presentation

Portfolio (20%)

This is a collection of your work during the programme, including

- ◆ Your weekly formative assessments
- ◆ Guided reflections on your learning
- ◆ Self-assessment of your English language proficiency
- ◆ Examples of your work

Application Process

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Students complete a short online application form on the CELLT website
www.tcd.ie/slscs/English

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Pay the PSP fee via PayPal platform (credit cards may be used at this stage) on the CELLT website

3

Email supporting documents to the CELLT office (letter of offer, current IELTS score)
cellt@tcd.ie



Contact Us

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We welcome any queries, small or large, regarding the programme and the application process.

The CELLT office is located just opposite the main college campus, on the first floor of Trinity's building at 7-9 South Leinster Street. We are working remotely so please do email us with your queries or to request a personal call back.