

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Reflecting Leicester’s multiculturalism, we offer one of the widest selections of ESOL courses in the country with classes of all levels for those people first language is not English.

You can also learn other skills such as IT, numeracy, retail, accountancy, childcare, business, office, sewing and maths. Take classes in your community and/or on a College main site during the day or evening whenever is suitable for you.

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ESOL can also be tailored to support other courses, and made relevant to employment.

A recent Ofsted report said that the College’s ESOL department was comprehensive, very effective and met the local needs of one of the most multicultural cities in the country.

Qana Ismael

English for Speakers of Other Languages

After coming to the UK seeking asylum from Iraq, Qana wanted to learn to speak English.

He enrolled on the ESOL course and since then has passed not only that course, but levels 2 and 3 speaking and listening, reading and writing as well.

He continues to study at Leicester College, taking courses in ICT, numeracy and office skills, and hopes to gain a job in an office or as an electrical engineer.

He said, “English has opened up a whole new future for me, giving me independence, the ability to talk to others, to learn about life in England and has maximised my chances of finding a good, secure job.”



English for Speakers of Other Languages

Location: Abbey Park Campus
Course Code: A0380
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: Level 1



What's it all about?

For all non-EU and EU adults who do not have English as a first language. It provides preparation for further ESOL or mainstream study and/or employment.

What does it involve?

Study of all skills in ESOL – reading/writing/oral/listening and IT. Punctuality, regular attendance and completion of tasks, assignment and homework is essential. Learners are expected to take an active part in classes as individuals, in pairs and in groups.

Are there exams?

Yes, assessment is through a mixture of exams and continuous assessment.

What do I need to start?

ESOL Entry 3 level of English. Learners will need to have an interview to decide if this course is suitable.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress on to Further or Higher Education courses, vocational training courses or you can take up employment either in the UK or abroad/home.

What days and times will I be in College?

14 hours over five days per week.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Learners will be required to purchase a current English dictionary.

English for Speakers of Other Languages: 14-16 Access Programme

Location: Various
Course Code: A0997
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 1



What's it all about?

A one-year course for learners aged 14 or 15 who have English as a second language, who are on roll at/ or have been referred directly from a local school.

What does it involve?

Modules of ESOL, Numeracy, ICT, Office Skills, Basic Science, Guidance and Citizenship. Topics include: Education, Background to the UK, Citizenship, the World of Work, Life Skills and the Environment.

Are there exams?

Yes, assessment is through a mixture of exams and continuous assessment.

What do I need to start?

There are no formal entry requirements – your level of English will be assessed on enrolment.

What can I do afterwards?

Progression to further education courses at the appropriate level or to a higher level ESOL course.

What days and times will I be in College?

The course includes 25 hours of classroom teaching per week from Monday to Friday.

Are there any other things I need to know?

You may be able to participate in educational visits and enrichment activities. The course will be funded by the Local Education Authority. Leicester College must receive full payment of course fees prior to enrolment.

English for Speakers of Other Languages: 16-19 Access Programme

Location: Various
Course Code: A1754
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 1



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What's it all about?

For learners aged 16 to 19 with English as a second language whose level of English precludes their admission to mainstream Further Education programmes. The course bridges the gap to further education courses, training or employment.

What does it involve?

A modular programme of ESOL, Numeracy, ICT, Office Skills, Guidance and Citizenship to prepare learners to access further education, training and employment opportunities. The course includes general studies, visits, project work, taster courses and a programme of enrichment activities. Guidance regarding suitable education, training and employment opportunities will be provided throughout the year. Each learner will have regular individual and group tutorials with their personal tutor.

Are there exams?

No, assessment is continuous.

What do I need to start?

No formal entry requirements – your level of English and Numeracy will be assessed on enrolment.

What can I do afterwards?

Progress to further education courses at the appropriate level.

What days and times will I be in College?

The course includes 15 hours of classroom teaching per week.

English for Speakers of Other Languages and Introduction to Childcare

Location: Various
Course Code: Various
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 1



What's it all about?

This course is for learners living, working or studying in Britain who do not have English as a first language and are interested in a career in childcare.

What does it involve?

Learners learn about how children develop, healthy eating, Health and Safety, basic needs of children, activities to help children learn, how to work within a team and job search skills. The course also follows the adult ESOL and ICT curriculum, helping learners to operate and achieve at national ESOL standards in speaking, listening, reading, writing, and IT.

Are there exams?

Yes, assessment is through a mixture of exams and continuous assessment.

What do I need to start?

Prospective learners need English at Entry Level 2 but do not need any childcare knowledge or experience. A Criminal Record Bureau check will be completed at the beginning of the course.

What can I do afterwards?

Progression is possible to higher level English courses and to a Level 2 childcare qualification the following year. You could also look for work within a childcare setting.

What days and times will I be in College?

The course includes eight hours of classroom teaching per week. Learners will also need to attend a childcare placement for two/three hours each week.

English for Speakers of Other Languages and Office Skills

Location: Various
Course Code: Various
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 1



What's it all about?

This course is for learners living, working or studying in Britain who do not have English as a first language and are interested in a career within an office.

What does it involve?

Learners learn about how to work within an office environment including dealing with telephone calls, writing memos, Health and Safety, filing, petty cash, organisation of a company, qualities of an office worker, office supplies, writing formal letters, purchasing and sale of goods. The course also follows the adult ESOL and IT curriculum helping learners to operate and achieve at national ESOL standards in speaking, listening, reading, writing, and IT.

Are there exams?

Yes, assessment is through a mixture of exams and continuous assessment.

What do I need to start?

Prospective learners need to be working at English at Entry Level 3 but do not need any prior office knowledge.

What can I do afterwards?

Progression is possible to a higher level ESOL course and onto an NVQ in Business Administration. You could also look for work within a office setting.

What days and times will I be in College?

The course includes 14 hours of classroom teaching per week.

Finding the right Pathway for you

If you are entering education at entry or level 1, the Foundation Learning Tier at Leicester College could be for you. Our Foundation Learning Tier offers personalised learning programmes which gives you the opportunity to progress onto:

- a first, full level 2 qualification
- skilled work or an apprenticeship
- independent living or supported employment
- a Foundation (level 1) Diploma or GCSE's.

The Foundation Learning Tier is designed to support your learning and deliver the qualifications you need. Whichever route you choose it will enable you to accrue qualifications as you progress, recognising and rewarding your learning.

Our Foundation Learning Tier ensures that you will achieve:

- vocational knowledge
- skills and understanding
- functional skills
- personal and social development.

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