

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT PRE-SESSIONAL & ACADEMIC ENGLISH COURSES

International students who have been offered a place to study a degree course at Westminster, but who have not met the English language requirements, may also be offered a place on one of our pre-sessional courses. If you are an international student who has met the English language requirements for your degree course, but would still like to study on one of our pre-sessional courses, you may also apply to the admissions officers responsible for your course. To be admitted onto either the six-week or 12-week course, you will need to meet minimum English language criteria; full details of entry requirements can be found on our website, at [westminster.ac.uk/courses/english-as-a-foreign-language/pre-sessional/undergraduate-and-postgraduate-in-september](http://westminster.ac.uk/courses/english-as-a-foreign-language/pre-sessional/undergraduate-and-postgraduate-in-september)

Once you have started your studies, our Professional Language Centre can offer you further English language support in our Academic English classes, which help you to develop your academic skills.



### Pre-sessional English

Our pre-sessional English courses will help you develop the language and study skills necessary for academic life on your full-time undergraduate course. You will also experience student life through our social and welcome programmes. Our aim is to provide you with a solid foundation for when you start your degree course, and to give you the skills, knowledge and experience to make the most of your time at university.

#### These courses will develop:

- your understanding of what is required on your future degree course
- the accuracy and range of your English, including academic language
- your range of academic vocabulary, with a focus on collocation and word families
- your ability to apply academic language across a range of text types in your research
- your essay and report writing skills through ongoing practice
- effective strategies for reading academic books, journal articles and case studies
- the listening and note-taking skills necessary to benefit from university lectures

- your ability and confidence to participate in group discussions and seminars on academic topics
- your presentation skills, including work on pronunciation, stress and intonation
- your confidence in being able to follow university-level courses in English.

As a full-time pre-sessional student you will also be expected to do homework which will lead to formal assessments at the end of the course. In addition, you will have access to the University's extensive facilities, including libraries, computers and the fitness suites.

For more information visit [westminster.ac.uk/courses/english-as-a-foreign-language/pre-sessional](http://westminster.ac.uk/courses/english-as-a-foreign-language/pre-sessional)

### Academic English

Our credited Academic English modules have been designed to allow you to consolidate, extend and develop your proficiency in Academic English alongside your degree course. Assessment of your level of proficiency in Academic English will take place during orientation week and learning week one (exact dates and time-slots will be circulated to students in early September).

This will determine whether you will benefit from taking one on the modules.

For more information visit [westminster.ac.uk/academic-english](http://westminster.ac.uk/academic-english)



## INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The International Foundation courses are for international students who do not meet our Bachelors degree entry requirements in the following subject areas:

- Accounting, Finance and Economics
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biosciences
- Business and Management
- Business Information Systems
- Computer and Network Engineering
- Computer Science and Software Engineering
- Criminology
- Electronic Engineering
- History
- Law
- Multimedia and Games Computing
- Nutrition
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Tourism and Events

They also prepare for undergraduate study for the following individual courses:

- Fashion Buying Management
- Fashion Merchandise Management
- Journalism
- Public Relations and Advertising

Delivered by Kaplan International College (KIC) London, the Foundation is designed to prepare you for undergraduate study. Progression to Westminster is guaranteed (subject to meeting visa requirements) if you complete your KIC London course and achieve the required grades.

### Course content

The Foundation covers a range of skills that allow you to study your Bachelors degree of choice with confidence. These include note taking, presentation skills, avoiding plagiarism, time-management skills, essay writing and much more. English language tuition is available at a range of levels.

### Subjects of study on the Foundation in Business, Law and Social Science include:

- Applied Maths
- Business and the Business Environment
- Business Enterprise
- Economics in an International Context
- Foundation Maths
- Introduction to Legal Principles and Systems
- Introduction to Social Science
- Statistics for Social Science
- The Individual, State and Society

### Subjects of study on the Foundation in Science and Engineering include:

- Applied Mathematics
- Basic Engineering
- Foundation Mathematics
- Fundamentals of Science
- Physical Sciences

### Length of course

Between two and three terms depending on English level at point of entry. Start dates are available in September, October, January and February

### Application

Apply directly to KIC London, [kic.org.uk/westminster-london](http://kic.org.uk/westminster-london)

### Location

Central London

### Typical offer for September 2014

In general, entry to the Foundation Certificate requires you to have passed Grade 12 (or equivalent). You will also need to show proof of English language ability, usually an IELTS test (or equivalent). A higher IELTS score means your course will be shorter and you can progress to your Bachelors degree more quickly. For specific entry requirements and general information, contact KIC London (see below).

On successful completion of the Foundation Certificate at KIC, you will progress to the first year of an undergraduate degree at the University of Westminster.

### Contact details

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[kic.org.uk/westminster-london](http://kic.org.uk/westminster-london)





The University of Westminster is recognised by the industry as one of the top media teaching institutions in the UK. A number of our courses are approved by Creative Skillset, the industry training body supporting the creative industries.

The rigorous approval process for courses in the Faculty of Media, Arts and Design shows them to be not only of high quality in their education but also totally relevant to the needs of the industry. The Creative Skillset Tick is a mark of quality that to date fewer than 200 courses across the country have received (January 2014).

The approval process required us to submit details of the teaching, the hours taught, a review of equipment and resources, as well as details of applicants, their progression and their employment.

Currently the following courses have been awarded the Tick:

- Fashion Design BA Honours
- Film BA Honours
- Radio Production BA Honours
- Television Production BA Honours

In addition the Journalism BA Honours is approved by the Broadcast Journalism Training Council and is recognised by Creative Skillset as 'tickable'.

You can find out more about the Creative Skillset Tick online, at [courses.creativeskillset.org](http://courses.creativeskillset.org)

David Abraham, Chief Executive of Channel 4 and Creative Skillset Board member, said:

**"The Creative Skillset Tick is an essential signpost that helps potential students choose courses that are approved by industry.**

**It tells them the course has gone through thorough assessment, including a review of graduate employment, work experience and links with industry, which contribute to improved employment prospects on completion of the course."**

The Creative Skillset Tick has been commended in Lord Heseltine's report, *No Stone Unturned*, as a recommended model for kite-marking degree courses which have been endorsed by employers; you can find out more at [bis.gov.uk/heseltine-review](http://bis.gov.uk/heseltine-review)

For more information visit [courses.creativeskillset.org](http://courses.creativeskillset.org)



