

Academic English for Higher Studies Full-time Programme 2023-24

Learning Objectives

- To improve your abilities in academic reading, writing, listening, speaking and study skills.
- To provide you with the opportunity to develop and practise these skills and develop the language skills necessary to participate in the higher education within Dundee & Angus College or other institutions in the UK.

Key information

- qualified, experienced teachers and programme leaders
- Dundee and Angus College is a member of English UK and is accredited by the British Council
- 16 hours per week on 2.5 days a week. This consists of 16 hours tuition and 1 hour support & guidance
- SCQF Level 6
- a minimum of 2 full days face to face classes with an online element (TBC)
- normally 18 – 20 students per class, with a maximum of 22
- 34 weeks
- 28 August 2023 – 31 May 2024

Course outline

- focus on developing skills for Higher Studies
- focus on developing grammar and vocabulary for Higher Studies
- focus on developing study skills for Higher Studies
- Scottish Qualifications Authority qualifications (units) for ESOL
- integrated use of technology
- project work with a special focus on Scotland
- regular homework / Directed Study tasks
- one-to-one support from a dedicated group tutor
- cultural visits and events – around six a year (free or cost up to £10 each)

Working towards Level 6, students' knowledge and use of language will be extended and refined with a clear focus on Academic English.

Students on this course can prepare for Cambridge exams such as C1 Advanced (CAE), C2 Proficiency (CPE) or IELTS.

Example timetable

	Monday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-12:00	Y307B Sue Hain <u>Coursebook</u>	Y302 Sue Millar Skills Focus	Y307B Peter Yorston <u>Coursebook</u>
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Learning Hub Self-study
1:00-4:00	Y304a Allan Smith Exam Preparation	Y303 Ally Kerr <u>Coursebook</u>	

Cost

EU applicants: If you have settled status under the UK EU Settlement scheme, you may be eligible for a bursary.

For EU students arriving in the UK after 31st of December 2020 and starting their course in September 2021 and onwards, you will be classified as international student and will need to apply for a student visa, your course tuition fee will be in line with international fees.

International applicants: £7,500 subject to annual review

Please contact international@dundeeandangus.ac.uk for details.

You will need to buy course books – maximum £80.00.

Applications

Please apply online at www.dundeeandangus.ac.uk

In order to be offered a place on the full-time course, applicants living locally must attend a group interview / information session between April - June to assess their level of English. Applicants living abroad will be asked to do a writing task which they return by email. They must then attend an information / testing day in September. All students will then be placed in a suitable ESOL group which may be in Gardyne Campus (Dundee) or Arbroath Campus.

Minimum enrolment age: 18, but we accept 16 -17-year-olds who are living with a parent or guardian. Evidence will be required.

For more information contact:

Lia Moss on 01382 834902 or email l.moss@dundeeandangus.ac.uk

Qualifications and Assessment

Learners are assessed before the beginning of the course and are placed into a class of the appropriate level. They have regular progress tests during the course. All students progress towards SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority) Units. These are compulsory and the fees are paid by the college. Depending on level, students also progress towards Cambridge ESOL exams. The exams are optional, and the fees are paid by the students. These prices are set annually by Cambridge and are subject to change.

C1 Advanced (CAE) - £165

At the end of the course, all students receive a report detailing progress made and qualifications gained while at Dundee and Angus College.

Resources / Facilities

Our courses are located in two campuses: Gardyne Campus (Dundee) and Arbroath Campus. Learners will benefit from cutting edge resources including a fully modernised library, gym and canteen. Our students have full internet access to on-line learning systems and a specially developed virtual learning environment.

Future Prospects

Depending on the level achieved, students completing the programme can progress to university, other college courses or benefit from their enhanced language skills to find work.

Student Support

Dundee and Angus College offers you excellent support and advice regarding work in the local area, studying at university, financial and personal matters. There is a very active Student Association which works hard to get students involved in sporting and social activities. The Learner Engagement team also runs a system of class representatives, so students have a clear voice in the college.

Dundee and Angus College

Dundee and Angus College is one of the largest and best-resourced colleges in Scotland. Our English language courses attract about 500 full-time and part-time students each year. We have a well-deserved reputation, nationally and internationally, for the excellent quality of our courses and the outstanding performance of our students and staff.

We have long experience of working with learners outside the UK and have helped thousands of students to improve their English, to gain new qualifications and to realise their ambitions.

We also run successful teacher training courses in Teaching English as a Foreign Language leading to the internationally recognised Cambridge CELTA qualification.

Dundee and Arbroath

Dundee and Arbroath, with a rich historical background, are ideal bases from which to discover the beauty and culture of Scotland. With two universities and a large teaching hospital in Dundee, the area is well known as a friendly place to study and Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen are within easy access. Dundee and Arbroath offer a high quality of life, with a low cost of living.

Accommodation

The college does not provide accommodation, but we can help you to find it.

There are also several accommodation agencies in Dundee/Angus. For more information about accommodation contact Maureen Thomson. m.thomson@dundeeandangus.ac.uk

Please refer to the college website for the most up to date information, including college holidays: www.dundeeandangus.ac.uk