

ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages FULL-TIME GENERAL ENGLISH PROGRAMME 2020-21

Learning Objectives

This course is designed to help you improve your English language skills in order to prepare you for living, working and studying in the UK and to be able to use English for international communication.

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 15 hours tuition and 1 hour guided self-study
- beginner – advanced levels
- normally 18 – 20 students per class, with a maximum of 22
- 34 weeks
- 24 August 2020 – 28 May 2021

Course outline

- strong focus on interactive communication for all levels
- vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation
- listening, reading, speaking, writing
- English for work and study
- Scottish Qualifications Authority qualifications (units) for ESOL
- integrated use of technology
- focus on study skills
- project work with a special focus on Scotland
- guided self-study in college – one hour a week
- one to one support from a dedicated group tutor
- cultural visits and events – around six a year (free or cost up to £10 each)

At lower levels, students will be introduced to basic grammar and vocabulary and there will be an emphasis on equipping students with the practical language and skills that they need to participate in everyday situations outside the classroom.

At higher levels, students' knowledge and use of language will be extended and refined and there will be a focus on exam skills and academic English. Higher level groups will also prepare for Cambridge exams. Students at CEFR B1 will focus on PET and students at CEFR B2 and above will focus on either FCE or CAE.

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: When you are offered a place on the course, you can apply for a fees-only bursary. This means you do not pay fees if you stay for 18 weeks or more. To be eligible for the bursary you must be a passport holder of the European Union and have been resident in an EU country for the previous 3 years.

Non-EU 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 in March or April and a testing day in 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 August. 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:

Andrea Dew on 01382 834902 or email a.dew@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.

PET - £45

FCE - £84

CAE - £87

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 in order 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