



**Kingston  
University**  
London

# English for Professional Development

“Great programme,  
helpful staff, and  
excellent facilities.”

Tim Lee, Chungcheongbuk-do Office of Education, South Korea

# About us

Established in 1994, the English Language Development unit is a specialist division of Kingston University's School of Humanities, providing English language training to around 1,000 students per year. We are highly experienced in designing and delivering short-, medium- and long-term programmes in English for Professional Development for external clients, and are able to tailor our courses according to the specific needs of our clients – for example, focusing on business English, academic English or technical English for a variety of industries. In addition to our bespoke courses, we also provide English language training for individual students or small groups on our structured long, medium and short summer and autumn courses, each year. We are one of only 16 Higher Education Institutions accredited by BALEAP (British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes), and are part of the 'English in Britain' scheme. Our permanent full-time and part-time staff are all qualified to masters degree level and/or hold a Diploma in English Language Teaching.

# What we offer

## **Pre-Sessional University Preparation**

### **English courses:**

Every year our summer and autumn Pre-Sessional courses attract hundreds of students to Kingston University to our accredited English for Academic Purposes Programme. We are one of only 16 institutions in the UK accredited by BALEAR. The course prepares each student with the English knowledge and academic skills necessary for successful completion of their Undergraduate and/or Postgraduate degree. As part of the course we include support with Visa requirements and applications, and help with finding accommodation. You can attend the course whether you are a prospective student of Kingston University or any other UK university.

## **English language training for international students**

These are bespoke courses designed for specific groups of international students. These courses are tailored to the requirements of the group, and can include elements of English for academic purposes, as well as, for example, English for Business students, Engineering students, Design students or Science students, and many other combinations.

## **English language training for international teachers**

These courses are designed specifically for international teachers who wish to improve their spoken and written language skills. This may be an advanced refresher programme for teachers of English, or a more basic-level course in English for non-language teachers. These courses are offered on a bespoke basis for groups of students from a single institution or single country.

## **Professional English**

For groups of professionals, we offer English language courses that are designed and delivered to reflect the aims and focus of your organisation. We identify your corporate language training needs, then create and implement training for your staff.

We have wide experience in needs analysis and delivery of English language for a broad range of sectors, including: law, business, engineering, medicine, banking and finance, and science.

## **Teaching method**

Course delivery is through interactive seminars and workshops with periods of supervised independent study. Students participate in role-playing and team exercises, and make use of up-to-date case studies. Our digital language laboratory allows students to practise pronunciation and fluency, as well as to improve their listening skills.

## **Social and cultural activities**

Our social co-ordinator can accompany students on a variety of cultural activities (many of them free), ranging from performances of music, drama and dance, to sightseeing visits in and around London. We can also offer modules on British life and culture.



“Our teachers thoroughly enjoyed the programme at Kingston University. Kingston provided an enriching programme that helped our teachers improve their English competency.”

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According to the London Metropolitan Police, Kingston is the safest borough in London (2011 – [www.met.police.uk/crimefigures](http://www.met.police.uk/crimefigures)).

Tudor-style buildings in the Market Place



Relaxing with a coffee in the Market Place

*Out of Order*, designed by internationally renowned sculptor David Mach

# Why Kingston?

## The University

Students at Kingston University benefit from “high-quality teaching” (*The Sunday Times University Guide* 2010). The University also prides itself on its principles of inclusion and widening participation, with our 25,000+ students enjoying the benefits of a truly multicultural community.

Kingston Upon Thames is an attractive and safe location\*. Close to the excitement of central London, the town’s parks and riverside offer a more peaceful atmosphere for your studies, while the lively town centre provides everything from shops to entertainment.

## Close to central London

Central London is less than half an hour away by train, giving you fast access to everything the city has to offer.

## Attractive riverside location

Kingston has a leafy, riverside setting, surrounded by spacious royal parks, and is close to the countryside.

## Lively town centre

The town centre has a wide choice of cafés, lively bars, pubs and delicious, yet reasonably priced restaurants (including chef Jamie Oliver’s restaurant, Jamie’s Italian). Local entertainment includes popular student club nights, as well as a modern 14-screen cinema, a 16-lane bowling alley and sports centres.

## Exciting cultural life

Kingston has a vibrant culture with a lively music scene, comedy nights, a town museum and the highly acclaimed Rose Theatre.

## Historic town

With a rich history dating back to Anglo-Saxon times over 1,000 years ago, you can still see many ancient buildings in the town centre. Nearby you can visit the magnificent Hampton Court Palace where King Henry VIII once lived.

## Excellent shopping

Kingston has lots of fantastic shops, including Apple Store, Cath Kidston, Topshop and department stores selling all the big designer labels. There are also many specialist stores, including supermarkets selling international food, and a daily open-air market with fresh fruit and vegetables on sale.

\*Kingston is the safest borough in Greater London, based on Metropolitan Police crime statistics published January 2011.

## What our students say:

“It is really a wonderful experience to study with you, which will undoubtedly help benefit us in our further careers.”

Chinese Student on Engineering and English course

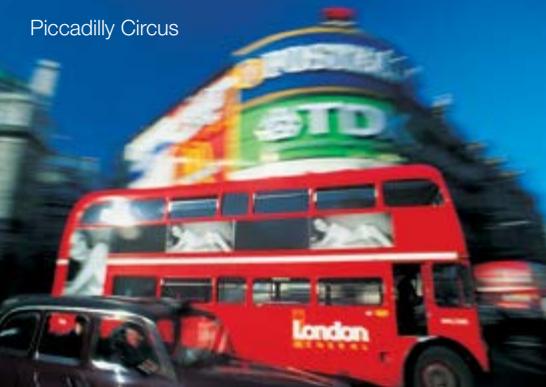
“The Pre-session course is very good, it improves your English skills, and you also make lot of friends from different countries.”

International Postgraduate student

Tower Bridge



Piccadilly Circus



Houses of Parliament



The London Eye



# The City on your doorstep

Due to Kingston's proximity to central London, you'll be able to take advantage of the many cultural and social attractions that London has to offer. The city combines centuries of history with the best of modern culture.

## **Top attractions**

You can have a lot of fun exploring the city, from taking a ride on the famous London Eye, to discovering museums and art galleries such as the Natural History Museum and the Tate Modern.

## **Historical London**

London's rich history is still visible today. St Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben and Tower Bridge are instantly recognisable London landmarks, alongside the palaces and castles of the Royal Family.

## **Multicultural diversity**

With a population of 12 million representing cultures from every corner of the Earth, London is a truly multicultural society. Its range of festivals, restaurants, music and religions reflect this.

## **Shopping**

With more than 37,000 shops and markets, London is a shopper's paradise. You'll find everything from luxury department stores, to cheap markets, and from large shopping centres, to small fashion boutiques.

## **Excellent public transport**

London's excellent transport connections enable you to get around the city quickly.

## **Entertainment and leisure**

London has an unbeatable variety of entertainment. From West End theatres, to live concerts, and from cafés and restaurants, to the city's lively nightlife, there's always plenty to enjoy.

## **Sport and the outdoors**

If you enjoy sport, you'll love London. There are many venues where you can watch and lots of opportunities to take part in sporting activities. London has plenty of parks and open spaces where you can relax too.

## For further information

Our professional English courses are totally bespoke: they are completely flexible and created around your needs, such as the length of stay, number of students, accommodation requirements, catering requirements and number and type of social activities which are required.

To discuss your requirements in detail and obtain information on prices, please contact either:

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