

The fast facts

Our Academic English program has:

Five levels: Academic English 1 (AEL1) to Academic English 5 (AEL5), with 200 hours of learning per level. Our programs increase your language skills including in listening, speaking, reading and writing, while catering to your English level and individual needs so you're ready for university.

Clear learning outcomes: you know what you'll be learning in every lesson. By meeting the learning outcomes, you'll be able to demonstrate what you learn in each lesson and throughout the program.

Lessons in one place: all our Academic English program levels are on Canvas, our digital learning platform for students. The program is conveniently available for students on any suitable device, including laptops and tablets.

A focus on guidance and development: with the advice and instruction of our highly qualified teachers, you'll receive targeted, purposeful, regular feedback throughout the program to help you improve.

A wide range of support: our dedicated teachers, Student Success Advisers, HELPS Centre and access to programs including Studiosity and TalkCampus, provide all the support you need, both with your English classes, and in adjusting to life in Sydney.

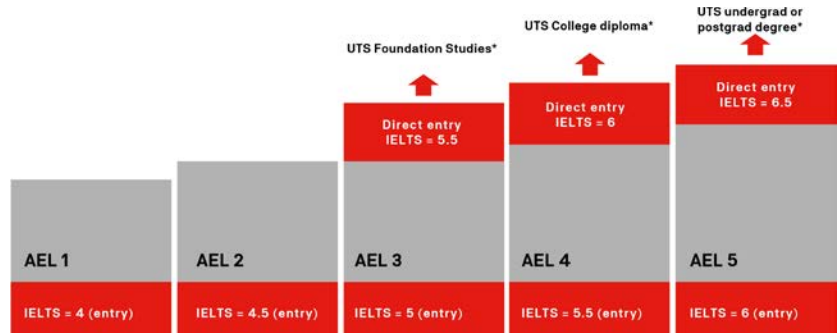
Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
What is learning English at UTS College like?	In a usual day, you will attend four hours of face-to-face classes with a teacher and a small class of no more than 18 students. Each lesson has a set of focused learning outcomes that guides your learning in an interactive way. You'll be taught all skills together (listening, speaking, reading and writing) as this is an effective way to learn English quickly. You'll work in small groups and share your ideas together. You'll receive support and feedback about your progress as you learn. Videos, listening and reading materials all make the course interesting and interactive.
When are the intakes (new terms) for the Academic English program?	We have five terms per year, and each term is 10 weeks. You can find the dates for each term's intake on our website .
How do you decide what level I need to do? What are the criteria?	There are five levels of English. The level you start with is based on your current skill level. Your IELTS (or equivalent) level will be used to place you into the level of study that's right for you. If you don't have an IELTS or another accepted test result , then you will need to take a VEPT placement test for us to place you into the correct level.
Apart from IELTS, TOEFL/TOEFL IBT and PTE, what other examinations does UTS College accept?	You will need an English test result from one of the accepted tests listed on our website . You can also use VEPT (a Pearson test) for placement purposes into the Academic English program, but not for direct entry into UTS Foundation Studies, a diploma or UTS directly.
Do you accept the Duolingo test?	No. We don't accept Linguaskill or Duolingo, as these are new tests that don't have the same exam supervision, testing methods or standards as the other main tests that we accept.
Do I need to sit the IELTS/PTE/TOEFL after finishing my Academic English level at UTS College to enter a UTS College diploma or UTS degree?	No. A big advantage of our Academic English pathway program is that you can enter your UTS College academic program or UTS degree directly after passing the correct Academic English level for your pathway.
While I am studying a level, if I provide a satisfactory IELTS/PTE/TOEFL result, can I skip the level or directly enter the UTS College program or UTS degree?	No. Once you commence in your current level of English study you can't skip to a higher level by taking an IELTS/PTE/TOEFL test. You need to complete your course of study, so that you can show that you meet the learning outcomes and are ready for study at university in English. If you have any questions regarding your study plan, you can speak with your Student Success Adviser and/or our Student Centre team.

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Which Academic English level (AEL) do I need to complete, to enter UTS Foundation Studies or a UTS College diploma?



To enter UTS Foundation Studies, you need to complete the AEL3 course. To enter a UTS College diploma, you need to complete the AEL4 course. To enter UTS directly, you need to complete the AEL5 course as well as meeting the other entry requirements for your course.

Do I need to repeat all 10 weeks of a level if I fail?

Yes. If you fail a level, you'll need to repeat the full program. However, our program is designed for you to meet each learning outcome more than once so you can demonstrate what you have learned. Plus, you'll have support from your teacher, the HELPS Centre and Student Success Advisers to help you successfully complete your course.

Am I allowed to do extra English? If yes, do I need to start from a lower level or finish at a higher level?

Your placement into the correct Academic English level ensures that your learning experience and those of other students in your course is positive and effective. We use the IELTS/PTE/TOEFL tests to place you correctly. We usually wouldn't allow extra English as the level would be too easy for you. If you have any questions regarding your study plan, you can speak with your Student Success Adviser and/or our Student Centre team. Of course, you're welcome to use our extensive English language resources available at our HELPS Centre, for extra study help.

Where is the Academic English program held? Do I need to come to campus?

Yes, from 30 June 2023 (from Term 3), all classes will be face-to-face on campus in Sydney. You can find out more about [campus life](#) on our website. The course is delivered in class, with the course materials available on our digital learning system called Canvas. You'll access your course materials on your laptop in class.

When are the intakes of AE6?

At the moment we have suspended all AEL6 courses. Students going direct to a UTS course should complete our AEL5 course with an IELTS equivalent outcome of 6.5.

My final week of English overlaps with the academic orientation. Will I be able to attend Welcome Week?

It is important that you attend all final assessments and tests in the last week of the Academic English course, so that you complete your course on time. You are encouraged to attend Welcome Week activities at other times during the week, and any classes you may need to attend. Speak with your teacher to find out the times you need to attend class and finalise assessments. Student Success Advisers may also provide information to help you with your transfer to UTS Foundation Studies, a UTS College diploma or UTS.

Do you have general English classes or shorter online English language courses that are not part of the Academic English program?

No. UTS College Academic English is a comprehensive program to develop not only your integrated language skills, but also prepare you to study successfully in English at university. You must therefore attend your classes and complete all assignments to complete the course. All English classes and academic programs at UTS College are held on campus. This is a better experience for our students. General English isn't provided at the College, as we focus on preparing you for university with the readiness and English skills to succeed there.

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If I am taking VEPT, can I enter UTS Foundation Studies or a UTS College diploma directly?	No. VEPT is only used as a placement test for Academic English.
Is 50 weeks of English study possible? (Some government funded scholarships require a year of English)	Yes, it is possible, but it will depend on your circumstances. When placing you into a course, we'll consider your current level of English and the appropriate course and study plan that is right for you. In principle, if you tested at AEL1, then you could complete 50 weeks of English.
Can I choose what time of day I take my class?	Not usually. Courses tend to be held either in the morning or afternoon, and usually all classes for a particular level are run together at the same time. Sometimes we have classes in both the morning and afternoon, so this may be an option, but it also depends on the number of students in each class.
How is Academic English at UTS College different from taking the IELTS and getting the required scores?	An IELTS preparation course focuses on the structure and content of the IELTS exam, rather than on preparing you for university studies in English. Our Academic English program helps you to develop your academic English skills, such as writing an essay, working in groups, conducting research and delivering presentations, so that you're fully prepared for university study. On completion of our courses, our students are confident and have a broad range of study skills to help them succeed at university.
Who will I be learning English with?	Students in our program come from countries in Asia and around the world – including China, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Cambodia and Brazil. When you study with us, you'll have a truly global study experience, make new friends and learn about the cultures of other students, in a warm and welcoming class environment. Our students often comment that being able to communicate with students from other countries and cultures is one of the highlights of studying at UTS College.
I am worried that I won't be able to keep up with my level. What help will I get?	We have a lot of great support and resources to help you succeed in your studies, including your Student Success Adviser, HELPS (English language help and resources), Studiosity, TalkCampus and our Student Centre team. Your teacher will also help to guide you, answer questions, provide timely feedback, and keep you on track. You will never be left behind.
What do the acronyms IELTS, PTE, TOEFL and VEPT mean?	<p>These are acronyms for various English language assessment tests. They are internationally accepted standardised tests which measure your English proficiency in reading, writing, listening, speaking and grammar. They are used by universities and governments in English-speaking countries to set English levels for university study, work, or residency.</p> <p>IELTS: International English Language Testing System PTE: Pearson Test of English TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language VEPT: Versant English Placement Test (used at UTS College to determine which Academic English level you will be placed into).</p>

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