

IELTS PREPARATION COURSE OUTLINE

NZQA APPROVED AND ACCREDITED

The course focuses on the skills needed for students to reach their IELTS grade requirements and succeed in an academic environment.

THE COURSE AIMS TO:

- Introduce students to and familiarise them with the format and content of IELTS.
- Equip students with effective skills and strategies needed to undertake the IELTS test with confidence.
- Provide material for practice in all areas of the test.
- Administer regular mock tests with individual feedback and advice from certified examiners.

The full-time course also includes General English classes that complement the IELTS Preparation classes.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Reading: skimming and scanning for general or specific information (e.g. data/statistics, facts); processing information from academic and authentic sources (magazines, journals and the internet), logical organisation of information.

Writing: (*task one*) interpreting and comparing data; describing tables, objects, graphs and processes; (*task two*) stating and developing arguments/opinions; problem-solving; presenting information logically, coherently and cohesively; paragraph mapping—introduction, body of ideas and conclusion; sequencers and signaling devices; proof-reading/editing work as part of drafts.

Listening: extracting information from texts of varying lengths e.g. university lectures, radio interviews, radio documentaries, conversations; learning what information to look for and what to exclude.

Speaking: providing information in a formal interview context; giving an extended talk on a given topic; taking part in a formal discussion; giving a formal presentation/report.

Grammar: language required for describing graphs and diagrams including comparatives and superlatives, the passive voice.

Vocabulary Topics: develop vocabulary connected with the most common IELTS topics, such as the Environment, Science and Technology, Health, Energy, Education, Transport, The Arts, Media, and Urbanisation.

PLACEMENT AND ASSESSMENT:

Students sit a comprehensive written and oral placement test on their first day to place them in the class most suitable for them. Assessment is continuous throughout the course; students are formally tested every 6 weeks and receive regular feedback from their teachers.

EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the course students will be able to take the IELTS examination.



START DATES

Every Monday (except public & school holidays)

COURSE LENGTH

2—50 weeks

CLASS SIZE

Average 6 - 8 students, max 15

MINIMUM AGE

14 years

LEVELS AVAILABLE

Intermediate to Advanced (3 levels)

PROGRAMME

Full-time 25 hours (9am - 3pm)

Part-time 10 hours* (1pm - 3pm)

** Not available for Student Visa holders.*



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