

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Foundation Programme

COURSE CODE	LN902
COURSE TITLE	EAP Foundation Course (Lent Term)
COURSE COORDINATOR	Mr Michael McGarvey
PREREQUISITES	Participants should not be mother-tongue speakers of English and should have satisfied the minimum level requirement in English. POST INTERMEDIATE is a <i>minimum</i> requirement. (IELTS 5.5/TOEFL 500/TOEFL (computer based 173))
COURSE AIMS	<p>The course aims are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Development of overall language skills from the Michaelmas Term▪ Development of the students' ability to write effectively for academic purposes through collaborative and individual projects.▪ Introduction to the use of source materials.▪ Development of spoken language for an academic environment (e.g. presenting and defending a point of view, debating skills)▪ Preparation of students for key academic listening tasks (e.g. note taking and lectures).▪ Revision and development of grammar structures and topic vocabulary.▪ Further practice in pronunciation from term 1.▪ Provision of information on topics from the social sciences.▪ Further training in study skills and autonomous learning.▪ Gain an insight into LSE lectures and testing procedures.

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>By the end of the course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Write more effectively and accurately within a general and academic contexts. ▪ Produce more advanced essay structures. ▪ Develop and be able to express opinions. ▪ Read confidently across various information sources. ▪ Approach academic listening tasks (lectures and discussions) with confidence. ▪ Follow and participate in class discussions. ▪ Give clear presentations. ▪ Express themselves effectively in specified formal and informal contexts. ▪ Cope more effectively with everyday situations in Britain. ▪ Be a more independent learner of English and be more aware of their strengths and weaknesses as a language learner.
STRUCTURAL CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Classes focus on the 4 language skills, reading, writing, listening and speaking, explored in both general and academic contexts, as well as classes on grammar and pronunciation. ▪ Functional and situational language is introduced and practised. ▪ Practice in the delivery of an oral presentation is provided. ▪ Practice in producing acceptable academic writing is provided in terms of set coursework and a fortnightly timed essay. ▪ Practice in becoming a competent reader of general and academic texts is provided through set reading and a fortnightly timed reading. ▪ A one-to-one tutorial every second week to provide feedback on the students' writing and reading, and to guide students as to how to become a more effective and independent learner.

TEACHING ARRANGEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A maximum of 12 students per class with a total of 200 contact hours over the ten weeks of the course. ▪ Students will be divided according to language level and (if applicable) progress over term 1. ▪ The course will comprise intensive language study in the mornings and afternoons (classes take place between 10.00-16.15) plus the opportunity to join in a social programme that offers extra-curricular activities each week. ▪ Students can attend talks from guest speakers for practice in listening and note-taking. ▪ Students are encouraged to attend LSE lectures to gain an appreciation of authentic lectures.
METHODS OF ASSESSMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The final report for the term is based on the group assignments and presentation, and the student's class contribution.
MATERIALS	<p>LSE Language Centre Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Resources. On our web site we have links to various online language resources. This includes links to live TV and Radio streams, links to free online courses, suggestions to improve your study skills and general information on each language • Tandem Learning. Would you like to practise the language you're learning by meeting regularly with a native speaker? The Tandem Learning Programme is a great way to supplement your language learning. It is free of charge and you can benefit whatever your language level. lse.ac.uk/languages/tandem



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