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Course Specification

**Pre-sessional:
5-week (EFLFW),
10-week (EFLPR),
20-week (EFLTW)**

2021/22

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Applicant Facing Course Specification for 2021/22 Undergraduate Entrants

Confirmed at March 2021

General Information

Award Pre-sessional (non-award bearing)

Contained Awards N/A

Awarding Body Leeds Beckett University

Level of Qualification & Credits Non-award bearing

Course Lengths & Standard Timescales 20/10/5 weeks

Start dates will be notified to students via their offer letter. The length of the course is confirmed below and modes of delivery will be confirmed prior to the start date in line with Government guidance:

- 20 weeks (full time)
- 10 weeks (full time)
- 5 weeks (full time)

Location(s) of Delivery Headingley Campus, Leeds

** the 10- and 5-week courses running in Autumn 2021 (starting 4th October and 8th November) will be online delivery only. These are the 10-week course starting on 4th October and the 5-week course starting on 8th November 2021. A decision regarding the delivery for the 5, 10- and 20-week courses (starting 19th April, 27th June and 1st August) in 2022 will be made in due course** These are the 20-week course starting in April 2022, the 10-week course starting in June 2022 and the 5-week course starting in August 2022.

Entry Requirements Admissions criteria are confirmed in your offer letter. Details of how the University recognises prior learning and supports credit transfer are located here: www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/studenthub/recognition-of-prior-learning.

Admissions enquiries may be directed to:
AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Course Fees

Course fees and any additional course costs are confirmed in your offer letter. Fees enquiries may be directed to
Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Timetable Information

Timetables will be made available to students during induction week via:

- i) The Student Outlook Calendar
- ii) The Student Portal (MyBeckett)
- iii) The Leeds Beckett app

Any difficulties relating to timetabled sessions may be discussed with your Course Administrator.

Policies, Standards and Regulations (www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/academicregulations)

There are no additional or non-standard regulations which relate to your course.

Key Contacts

Your Course Director	Suzanne Corazzi
Your Academic Advisor	Suzanne Corazzi
Your Course Administrator	elt@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Professional Accreditation or Recognition Associated with the Course

Not applicable.

Course Overview

Aims

The aim of the Pre-sessional is to prepare students in English language to the equivalent of IELTS 6.0 or 6.5 in academic contexts for undergraduate or postgraduate studies at UK universities.

Course Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

For courses requiring IELTS 6.0 (no skill below 5.5)

- LO1 Have a level of receptive and productive skills equivalent to IELTS 6.0
- LO2 Use academic and research skills that are appropriate to the level of entry required for undergraduate or postgraduate study
- LO3 Operate successfully within the UK's higher education study culture

For courses requiring IELTS 6.5 (no skill below 6.0)

- LO1 Have a level of receptive and productive skills equivalent to IELTS 6.5
- LO2 Use academic and research skills that are appropriate to the level of entry required for undergraduate or postgraduate study
- LO3 Operate successfully within the UK's higher education study culture

Teaching and Learning Activities

Summary

The course uses a range of online learning and teaching activities, which put the students at the centre of the classroom. All language teaching and tuition takes place through the virtual learning environment (MyBeckett) and usually uses Microsoft Teams, with normal maximum class sizes of 20 students. The teaching methods are learner-centred and develop students' linguistic skills, academic English and research skills, and learning strategies. Students on this course will also be encouraged to take responsibility for their own language learning through the development of independent learning skills. The classes concentrate on the use of language for communication using real-life tasks and authentic materials relevant to academic settings wherever possible. In this course, emphasis will be on academic, accurate and fluent English as required to meet the criteria for IELTS 6.0 equivalent (or 6.5 equivalent). In addition, guided independent learning tasks and regular feedback are given to support work done in class and to prepare for later classes.

Assessment Balance and Scheduled Learning and Teaching Activities by Level

There will be 20 hours of learning activities per week, which will be delivered as a mixture of synchronous and asynchronous activities. These 20 hours include breaks, which means an actual teaching time of 16.7 hours per week. All assessment will be delivered online and reflect our existing benchmarking and standards in relation to IELTS scores.

There will be 20 hours of online classroom and learning activities per week. Some of these hours will be taught by a tutor at a specific time and other learning activities you will complete in your own time. These 20 hours include breaks, which means an actual time of 16.7 hours per week.

All assessment will be delivered online and reflect our existing benchmarking and standards in relation to IELTS scores.

Assessment

The Pre-sessional is assessed predominantly by coursework.

Workload

The following information provides an indication of the time required for different activities on the course:

Overall Workload	
Teaching, Learning and Assessment	30%
Independent Study	70%

Learning Support

If you have a question or a problem relating to your course, your Course Administrator is there to help you. Course Administrators work closely with academic staff and can make referrals to teaching staff or to specialist professional services as appropriate. They can give you a confirmation of attendance letter, and a transcript. You may also like to contact your Course Rep or the Students' Union Advice team for additional support with course-related questions.

If you have any questions about life at our University in general, call into or contact the Student Advice Hub on either campus. This team, consisting of recent graduates and permanent staff, are available to support you throughout your time here. They will make sure you have access to and are aware of the support, specialist services, and opportunities our University provides. There is a Student Advice Hub on the ground floor of the Rose Bowl at City Campus and one in Campus Central at Headingley. You can also find the team in the Gateway in the Leslie Silver Building at City Campus. Email enquiries may be directed to studentadvicehub@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Within MyBeckett you will see two tabs (Support and Opportunities) where you can find online information and resources for yourselves. The Support tab gives you access to details of services available to give you academic and personal support. These include Library Services, the Students' Union, Money advice, Disability advice and support, Wellbeing, International Student Services and Accommodation. There is also an A-Z of Support Services, and access to online appointments/registration.

The Opportunities tab is the place to explore the options you have for jobs, work placements, volunteering, and a wide range of other opportunities. For example, you can find out here how to get help with your CV, prepare for an interview, get a part-time job or voluntary role, take part in an international project, or join societies closer to home.