



MLS Courses in General English

The MLS General English courses can be joined weekly throughout the year, and are available at different language levels. Students will be able to improve all four language skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening). By taking part in the MLS social programme, students will be able to further practise their English in everyday situations with new friends at the school (*some social programme activities are free, some may incur an additional fee*). All students are tested when they arrive at MLS, and are then placed in classes at their language level. The minimum age is 18, but MLS can accept 16 and 17-year-olds at its discretion, and the study options are as follows:

General English	GE 20: 20 lessons (15 hours) weekly
Intensive English	GE 30: 30 lessons (22.5 hours) weekly
Intensive English 30 Plus	GE 30+: 32 lessons (24 hours) weekly
Super Intensive English	GE 40: 40 lessons (30 hours) weekly

Course Levels.

- GE 20 - Elementary to Advanced (equivalent to CEFR A1-C1)
- GE 30 - Elementary to Advanced (equivalent to CEFR A1-C1)
- GE 30+ - Elementary to Advanced (equivalent to CEFR A1-C1)
- GE 40 - Elementary to Advanced (equivalent to CEFR A1-C1)

Course Length. 1-50 weeks

Course Objectives.

- * to equip students with the English language they need in order to perform confidently in any real life environment*
- * to equip students with the general language skills they need in order to communicate effectively in both the spoken and written language*
- * to build on & develop existing grammar, vocabulary & orthography*
- * to improve students' language skills so that the right balance of accuracy & fluency can be achieved*

Course Certification. Academic achievement is assessed by means of continuous assessment. On successful completion, students will achieve the following certification:

MLS Certificate of Study and report on language level

English Language Elements. The MLS syllabus provides a systematic and coherent structure through which all learners can develop their English language knowledge and skills across the language proficiency continuum from Beginner to Advanced. The syllabus draws upon and is closely aligned to the descriptions of language proficiency development contained in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

The delivery of the MLS syllabus is organised in timetabled classes in three distinct **Elements**.

Element 1 – integrated language systems and skills development with a focus on level specific grammar and vocabulary. Level-specific, syllabus-based lessons follow published course-book material with supplementary grammar and vocabulary development. Element 1 includes course-book and supplementary materials based homework/private study activities as appropriate.

Element 2 – a reading and writing skills development session with focus on written English. Level-specific, syllabus-based lessons focus on the development of the skills of reading and writing. Drawing from a wide range of sources, including a level-appropriate workbook, the Element 2 lessons additionally make reference to and use of the level-specific reading and writing components and tasks of internationally recognised EFL examinations, while also allowing for grammar and vocabulary revision, consolidation and extension as appropriate. A range of learning strategies is also explored in Element 2 with the aim of developing skills of independent learning. The delivery of Element 2 includes associated task-based homework/private study activities as appropriate.

Element 3 – listening, speaking and pronunciation skills development through study of Communication and Culture. Lessons include practising function language for real life situations, listening to and discussing current events, world news and general interest topics, discussing cultural topics, both British and other cultures, and accessing online resources for listening and pronunciation. Element 3 lessons additionally make reference to and use of the level-specific listening and speaking components and tasks of internationally recognised EFL examinations, while allowing for language systems development as appropriate. The delivery of Element 3 includes associated task-based homework/private study activities as appropriate.

Students who choose the **GE 20** course will study two Elements, while those who choose the **GE 30** course will study three Elements. Students who choose the **GE30 Plus** course will study three Elements plus 2 small group (group size 1-6) lessons per week tailored to their individual needs. Those who choose the **GE40** course will study three Elements plus 10 one-to-one lessons per week tailored to their individual needs. Students can therefore individualise their course through their choice of study Elements:

Exam Focused Training

Students wishing to prepare for one of the Cambridge English examinations, will study either two Elements (**FCE20/CAE20/IELTS20**) or three Elements (**FCE30/CAE30/IELTS30**). One of these Elements will be Element 4 and MLS will select from Elements 1, 2 or 3 to make the 20 or 30 lesson programme:

Element 4 – optional examination focused training, delivering specific language preparation for examinations including the Cambridge English* FCE, CAE and IELTS.

Course Syllabus. For a typical weekly syllabus for General English courses, see Page 3 below.

Course Entry Dates. The course can be joined on most Mondays throughout the year (excluding UK public holidays).

*** Cambridge English Language Assessment**

Cambridge English Language Assessment examinations are the world's leading range of certificates for learners of English. MLSI is an Authorised Examination Centre for Cambridge English examinations. Each year Cambridge English examinations are taken by over two million people, in 130 different countries. The examinations are well known for their high-quality assessment of real English, as used in everyday work, study and leisure situations. Cambridge English qualifications are widely recognised by employers and educational institutions worldwide.

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Sample Weekly Syllabus

				Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GE 20	GE 30	GE 30+	GE 40	Element 1 * <i>integrated language (grammar & vocabulary)</i>				
				Element 2 * <i>written language (reading writing and learning skills)</i>				
				Element 3 * <i>communication and culture (listening, speaking and pronunciation)</i>				
					'Plus' Lessons <i>two small group lessons (group size 1-6)</i>		'Plus' Lessons <i>two small group lessons (group size 1-6)</i>	
				One-to-One <i>two one-to-one lessons tailored to your individual needs</i>				

* For FCE, CAE or IELTS preparation courses, one of the above Elements may be replaced with Element 4:

Element 4

optional examination focused training, delivering specific language preparation for examinations including the Cambridge English FCE, CAE and IELTS.*