



MLS Courses in General English and IELTS

The MLS General English and IELTS exam preparation courses are designed for students who are specifically seeking preparation for the IELTS exam, or who feel they will benefit from an exam focused syllabus.

Courses can be joined weekly throughout the year, and the minimum age is 16. The MLS Library has a good range of exam preparation and practice material that will help you prepare for your exam. There is always an experienced teacher available to advise and help you, and you can use our self-study rooms for guided exam practice. Study options are as follows:

General English and IELTS (IELTS): 20 lessons (15 hours) weekly

General English Intensive and IELTS (IELTSI): 30 lessons (22.5 hours) weekly

Course Level. Preparation for IELTS is available at Intermediate level (CEFR B1) and above.

Course Length. 2 weeks +

Course Objectives.

- *to equip students with the English language they need in order to perform confidently within the IELTS exam and achieve the score they need*
- *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 and develop existing grammar, vocabulary and orthography*
- *to improve students' language skills so that the right balance of accuracy and 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

MLS is a long-established and officially recognised examination preparation centre and we can also help you enrol for the IELTS examination at a convenient IELTS examination centre.

Course Structure. All students are tested when they arrive at MLS, and are then placed in classes at their language level. Students on the **IELTS** course will study two Elements, while those who choose the **IELTSI** course will study three Elements. One of these Elements will be Element 4 and MLS will select from Elements 1 and 2 to make the 20 or 30 lesson programme:

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 4 – examination focused training, delivering specific language preparation for the IELTS exam, including focus on exam strategies, all parts of the exam (ie reading, writing, listening and speaking) as well as grammar and vocabulary appropriate to the exam. By the end of the course, you should be familiar with the format of the exam and prepared to achieve the highest possible score according to your General English level. You will use an Exam course book as well as other supplementary materials. Practice tests or past exam papers are also used regularly. The delivery of Element 4 includes homework/self-study activities, review and sample tests.

Course Timetable. For a typical weekly timetable for the General English and IELTS courses, see Page 3 below. You can also individualise your course through selection of additional Electives (see page 4).

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

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Sample Weekly Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00 – 10:30	Element 1 * <i>integrated language (grammar & vocabulary)</i>				
11:00 – 12:30	Element 2 * <i>written language (reading writing and learning skills)</i>				
13:30 – 15:00	Element 4 * <i>examination focused training (preparation for the IELTS exam)</i>	Element 4 * <i>examination focused training (preparation for the IELTS exam)</i>	Element 4 * <i>examination focused training (preparation for the IELTS exam)</i>	Element 4 * <i>examination focused training (preparation for the IELTS exam)</i>	Element 4 * <i>examination focused training (preparation for the IELTS exam)</i>
15:15 – 16:45	<i>* Optional library/self- study</i>				

IELTS will include two Elements, **IELTSAI** will include three Elements.

**Optional extra 10 lessons library/self-study with teacher guidance at 15.15-16.45 – free of charge.*

The above schedule is only a sample and may be subject to amendment.

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MLS Electives – Individualise Your Course

At MLS we understand that each student is different, and we can offer you the flexibility to adapt our courses to suit your individual needs. During your time at MLS we offer the possibility of upgrading your course to better fit your specific needs. You can do this by adding Electives (additional fees will apply). Electives allow you to add an extra 2 lessons per week (1.5 hours) of small group training (group size 1-4) to your course, enabling you to tailor your training to a specific area of interest or learning need. You can choose from the Electives below (these are some of the most popular Electives chosen at MLS) or tell us what you would like to study and we will agree a plan with you:

Elective	Sample Elective Content (for illustration purposes only)
General English	Additional focus on reading, writing, speaking or listening; additional grammar; English for a specific purpose ...
Exam Preparation	Focused preparation towards Cambridge English exams (KET, PET, CAE, FCE, CPE, IELTS), Business English exams (BULATS, BEC), or Legal English exams (TOLES)...
Business English	Focus on a specific area of business relevant to you; business skills such as negotiating, presenting, business writing, team working, problem solving, business culture and etiquette, networking, etc...
Marketing	Focus on specific areas of marketing relevant to you, such as digital marketing, customer relationships, competitive advantage, marketing research, the global marketing environment, branding, relationship marketing, etc...
Management	Focus on specific areas of management relevant to you, such as leadership and improving performance, human resource management, corporate social responsibility, sustainable development, business ethics, operations management, etc...
Legal English	Focus on specific areas of law relevant to you, such as company law, contract law, human rights and the law, intellectual property, the environment and the law, etc...
Financial English	Focus on specific areas of finance relevant to you, such as budgeting, cash flow and sales forecasting, sourcing of finance, crowdfunding, etc...
Medical English	Focus on specific areas of medical English relevant to you, such as communicating and dealing with patients, discussing and explaining diagnosis, communicating with health professionals and medical practitioners, reading and using medical documents, etc...
Hospitality and Tourism	Focus on specific areas of hospitality or tourism relevant to you, such as customer service, event management, quality management in business, marketing in hospitality and tourism, sustainable tourism, etc...
Other (please specify):	Please let us know what you would like to study and we will agree a training plan with you.