Your future in English

BLC (Bristol Language Centre) is a dynamic, independent, British Council accredited school which offers you a wide range of high quality English language courses. We are a member of English UK and Quality English.

We pride ourselves in taking care of individual students’ needs and welfare, and match solid academic teaching to students’ goals and aspirations. You can enjoy a lively social programme and excellent accommodation. We teach practical, real life English and use the latest technology both inside and outside the classroom.
“There are very good teachers, the price of the course is good and Bristol is an amazing city to visit, people are very friendly”

Roberta Holder, Brazilian, aged 36
"Staff...teachers...students... this course is a big family. It’s impossible that you feel like a stranger, so thanks for everything BLC."

Bahadir Yaman, Turkish, aged 25

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“The teachers are friendly and I learned new idioms”

Hiroshi Kanzawa, Japanese, aged 23
Why choose BLC?

BLC is a dynamic, independent, British Council accredited school which offers a wide range of high quality English language courses.

Successful
• You will make swift progress thanks to our good class sizes, dedicated tutors and clever use of technology both in and outside lessons
• Your knowledge of English will set you up for life!

Individual
• We will match your needs at BLC – we will help you reach your goals and fulfil your dreams, supported by your dedicated tutor who will track your individual progress
• BLC’s variety of courses is sure to provide something to suit you, whatever your aspirations
• You can choose a flexible start date for most courses

Quality
• At BLC, we are recognised for our great reputation, innovation and quality
• You will find well-qualified teachers – often with many years’ experience, as well as a Diploma or MA in English language teaching
• BLC is accredited by the British Council, and a member of English UK and Quality English.

Independent
• BLC in Bristol provides you with a unique all-round English language experience
• Your specific needs will be identified and met through innovations such as Friday afternoon electives, BLC’s very own mobile learning programme, our online learning environment, and our internship programme

Supportive
• Your health and happiness matter to us – you will have a named welfare officer and find a friendly, welcoming environment
• You can ask BLC’s Student Support Services for help with any non-academic issues, such as registering with the medical services or setting up a bank account
• You will have a 24-hour telephone number to call in case of emergency

Innovative
• You will benefit from BLC’s up to date facilities, including lessons supported by tablet use, interactive whiteboards and free, unlimited Wi-Fi.
• Our wide range of online and mobile interactive learning options will let you learn in the way that suits you best

Friendly
• You will boost your confidence in English as you take part in BLC’s active social programme
• You can make friends with other BLC students, who come from over 40 countries around the globe
• Based in the centre of Bristol, a lively and welcoming city which is easy to navigate and quickly feel at home in
91% of BLC students thought that Bristol was a great city.
Why Bristol?

From Brunel to Banksy, Bristol has attracted great minds who have left their mark on this beautiful, vibrant city. The cultural and artistic centre of south west England, Bristol has two world-ranking universities and a strong local economy.

Bristol’s international airport and excellent rail links make it a convenient location, with flights direct to over 50 European destinations and many cities worldwide. Bristol has a diverse population and a wealth of opportunities: a top destination for language students and voted best place to live in 2017†.

**Historic sights**
You can see Brunel’s world famous Clifton Suspension Bridge and visit his restored iron ship, the SS Great Britain, moored in the scenic floating harbour. Stunning Georgian houses from the 1700s sweep gracefully across the centre of this historic port.

**Music and nightlife**
Bristol is famous for its independent music scene, with plenty of live events for you to enjoy whatever your taste in music at Colston Hall, Stokes Croft or other venues around the city. There’s also a great choice of bars and clubs.

**Art and festivals**
There is art everywhere you look in Bristol: colourful neighbourhoods, urban street art and even up in the sky - Bristol is famous for hot air ballooning! The International Balloon Fiesta, Upfest and the world renowned Harbour Festival are not to be missed.

**On stage**
Bristol is home to the Old Vic Theatre, the longest-running theatre in the UK, and the Hippodrome, where you can see ballet, pantomime, stage shows and musicals on tour from London’s West End. There are many other live performance venues and cinemas across the city.

**Educational opportunities**
Bristol is home to two world class universities and you will mix with a diverse international student population.

**Out of town**
Bristol is the perfect base to visit the best of the UK, with direct trains to London (1½ hours), Bath (10mins), Cardiff (50mins) and even Edinburgh and Manchester. Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon and the ancient sights of Stonehenge are also in easy reach by car.

“'It is amazing, really beautiful and full of life and young people’

Adrián Sánchez Fernández, Spanish, aged 22

†Sunday Times Best Place to Live Guide 2017
BLC supports you

Living in another country can be as challenging as learning a language. At BLC, we ensure you are safe and happy while you study. We are here to answer all your queries about life in the UK. We’ll help you steer clear of problems, but if you need a friendly face or helping hand, we’re here to help.

We’ll support your studies too, with experienced teachers, clever use of technology, and advice to get you onto the next stage of your journey in English. By providing a wide choice of accommodation, you can be sure that you will be comfortable and content, as well as having the opportunity to meet and make friends with other English language students from around the globe.

Your welfare comes first

The happiness and safety of BLC students are our priorities and the BLC Team is well trained and experienced in assisting you before, during and after your studies with us.

Airport pick-up service
An airport taxi service is available for you to book your transport to travel to or from Heathrow, Gatwick and Bristol airports. Pick-up arrangements are available for all other airports on request.

First day orientation
On your first day at BLC you will be shown around the school and Bristol city centre, and take a level test. We will make sure you have all the essential information about living in Bristol and the UK, as well as local transport information and emergency contact numbers.

Student support
BLC has a named welfare officer, who is there to support you. BLC’s Student Support Services will help you with any non-academic issues, ranging from registering with the police and medical services through to setting up a bank account.

24-hour support
At BLC we are committed to ensuring that you feel safe and supported. All our students are issued with a 24-hour emergency telephone number.

Student insurance
BLC recommends that you take out insurance, and can provide details of suitable insurance for students.

Great nationality mix
BLC is delighted to teach students from all over the world: in 2018 we welcomed students from more than 40 countries! You will be able to practise your English while making friends with people from many different countries and cultures, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our full safeguarding policy is available on our website: https://www.blc-english.com/support/blc-cares-about-you/care-of-under-18s
Supporting your studies

We give you the individual attention you need to achieve your goals and fulfil your dreams. Our high quality teaching means we can tailor our knowledge to your needs.

Monitoring your progress

You will have an individual study plan and a dedicated tutor to make sure you make progress and get the most from your studies. We will also help you plan for the future. You will have regular class tests to monitor your progress, and you will receive an end of course report and certificate.

Sample timetable

For courses of 20 lessons (of 45 minutes) per week:

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Afternoon lessons 1 and 2 are for courses in Intensive English, FCE, CAE, IELTS and Business English.

Tablet technology

You will benefit from BLC’s tablet and self-study area, which makes use of hybrid tablets with detachable keyboards. Additional tablets are available for classroom work and BLC Anytime tutorials. BLC has an active BOYD (bring your own device) policy and encourages you to use your own mobile devices for learning in and out of the classroom.

We also have interactive whiteboards, screens and projectors in most of our classrooms, plus free Wi-Fi throughout. Our teachers are trained in internet and computer-based learning methods and language lessons.

Online, mobile and interactive

As soon as you enrol at BLC you will be given free access to our specially developed online learning platform, BLC Anytime. The system includes an individual study plan, access to BLC online guided learning resources, and tutorial support from the BLC teaching team. You will also benefit from our very own WhatsApp-based mobile learning programme, BLConTEXT.

BLC also offers remote online tutoring with a timetable to suit you—see page 31 for more details.
University, exam and work guidance

BLC offers free guidance to students on undergraduate and postgraduate university entrance, work in the UK and advice on suitable examination courses.

Self-study opportunities

At BLC we understand the importance of independent and guided learning. You will have access to graded readers, exam practice materials, and weekly exam practice sessions. Students can join our weekly Conversation Club and will have plenty of opportunities for out of class speaking practice. You can use the student computer room to access your individual study plan and other interactive self-study materials through your personal BLC Anytime account. With interactive, computer- and internet-based learning materials, and Wi-Fi throughout, BLC gives you a great opportunity to maximise your extra study time.

Classroom facilities

You will have use of BLC’s modern, light and well equipped classrooms, many of which have interactive whiteboards or screens and projectors. There are several break-out areas with access to hot and cold drinks and snacks as well as kitchen facilities for students who wish to bring their own food.

What’s included?

Your course fees include: English language lessons, personal study plan, dedicated tutor, access to guided interactive learning resources, computer room and Wi-Fi internet.

BLC shop

The BLC shop is the hub of the reception area. You can purchase practical items such as adaptors and mobile phone credit, as well a range of BLC merchandise, from pens and mugs to T-shirts and hoodies.

When you leave

BLC will continue to support you after you leave, with continued access to our online learning environment BLC Anytime* and our remote learning options, as well as the opportunity to keep in touch through our social networks.

*3 months’ free access after completing your course at BLC.

My BLC

Olya Rusecka, Accommodation Officer

“Placing students with the right host family is such an important part of study abroad and I love working with both perspectives. It’s a learning experience not just for the students but for the families too, as they share their cultures with each other and form strong bonds during their stay”.

Connect to us:

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Be sociable
Getting out and about

Don’t just learn English, learn about
England – and the rest of the UK. Develop
your independence as you speak to locals
and enjoy new activities and new places.
BLC’s active social programme means
you can take part in events on most days
throughout the year. With such a wide
choice, there’s sure to be something to suit
you.

Boost your confidence in English and
make new friends as you speak with BLC
students of many other nationalities. At the
same time, enjoy everything that Bristol
and its surroundings have to offer.

You can choose from an enormous range
of regular activities.

“It is a convenient city. Everywhere I’d get by
walking. There are wonderful views and parks!”

Dariusz Siciński, Polish aged 36

With BLC’s activity programme, you can:

• See more of Bristol with our regular city tours during which you
can take in Bristol’s urban art scene, including Banksy’s famous
murals, as well as Brunel’s engineering masterpieces

• Enjoy day trips to other towns and cities, such as London, Bath,
Glastonbury, Oxford and Cardiff

• See what’s on at the cinema, or take a trip to the theatre,
perhaps to see a musical

• Relax on the beach, or enjoy a sizzling summer barbecue

• Visit the historic sights of Stonehenge, Salisbury or Wells

• Experience some traditional English pubs, go out for a delicious
meal, or enjoy a chat over coffee or afternoon tea

• Take part in fun activities like Laser Quest and mini-golf

• Learn about cheese making in the caves at Cheddar

• Try something different, from boat trips to bowling

• Put together some fancy dress for Halloween, visit the
Christmas market or enjoy a fireworks display

• Experience famous Bristol events like the Harbour Festival, St
Paul’s Carnival, Upfest or Bristol International Balloon Fiesta

• Take a stroll around one of Bristol’s many museums, make some
furry friends at Bristol Zoo or spot wild deer in Ashton Gate
Be connected
Interactive learning with BLC

BLC’s exciting mobile and online learning environment is truly flexible, to suit you!

Our interactive learning resources support your communication in English inside and outside the classroom and ensure you get the most from your course.

As a BLC student, you will receive free access to our unique mobile learning programme, BLConTEXT, as well as our online learning platform, BLC Anytime. At the end of your course you will continue to have free access to BLC Anytime for an additional 3 months.

BLC Anytime

BLC understands the benefits of learning both inside and outside the classroom. As part of our blended learning programmes, BLC is proud to offer you access to its interactive online and mobile learning platform from the time you enrol, for the duration of your course and beyond. BLC offers you free online and mobile access to a vast range of authentic and guided learning material, so you can study anytime!

As a BLC student, you will benefit from:
• Mobile and online access to thousands of extra activities and exercises, including pronunciation, listening and reading practice
• Access to a range of handy apps, such as the BLC Social Activity Calendar and useful grammar and vocabulary exercises
• Learning in your own way, using authentic material
• A structured individual learning plan at your own level
• Reaching your personal learning goals
• Adapting your learning plan according to your needs
• Preparing online for tests and exams using a wide range of exam preparation material
• Sharing your learning and social experiences with friends via Facebook and Twitter
• Keeping a record of your tutorial with your teacher and personal advice about how to improve your English
• 24/7 access: log on and learn anytime!
**BLC Mobile Learning – UNIQUE to BLC**

As a BLC student, you will benefit from this BLC innovation – *BLConTEXT* – our very own WhatsApp-based mobile learning programme.

**Benefits to you include:**
- Daily WhatsApp message to help your English language learning
- Daily WhatsApp links to videos, websites and photos
- Interactive teaching methods, giving you language guidance while studying independently
- Increased knowledge of new vocabulary and idioms
- A fun, interactive and exciting way to learn English
- Integration with social networks

“It was a great idea to receive a text on my mobile phone every day before my class. It prompted me to think in English and to learn useful idiomatic expressions and new words quickly”

**Sara Guerrini,**
**Italian, aged 23**

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**Katie Denton,**
**Sales & Marketing Executive**

“Meeting students at the start of their course and then seeing their English skills progress during their time here is definitely the most rewarding part of my job – the growth in their confidence is obvious and it’s so nice to have been a part of that.”
“I was really lucky with this family. They are good cooks and really friendly and caring. They helped me to find a salsa course. They are probably the best family that BLC can offer”

Laryssa Nkoumondo, Swiss, aged 23
Choose where you want to live

At BLC you can choose to stay with a family in one of our carefully selected friendly homestays or more independently in our modern residences. We can also provide you with serviced apartment or hotel accommodation on request.

Homestay

Homestay provides you with a home from home in Bristol, with easy access to BLC. Staying with one of our families will give you a perfect opportunity to practise English and have a base from which to explore Bristol.

Our Accommodation Officer visits our homestays at least once every two years, in line with British Council regulations, to ensure that our high standards are maintained.

**Half board**

Homestay half board is our most popular option. You will live as part of a family or household, in a single bedroom, sharing all the living areas, and with all the facilities at home that you need. Meals are provided (breakfast and evening meal on weekdays, three meals a day at weekends).

**Benefits:**
- Single room, with desk available for study
- Shared family bathroom
- Breakfast and evening meal on Monday to Friday and three meals a day at weekends
- Laundry once a week
- Convenient location
- Opportunity to improve conversational English
- Experience full immersion in the British language for maximum progress during your stay

**Self-catering**

Staying in a self-catering home provides you with all the same benefits as homestay half board, but you will prepare your own meals.

**Benefits:**
- As for Half Board, except:
  - You can use kitchen facilities to prepare your own meals
  - You therefore have greater independence
Residential

Staying in a residence is ideal if you wish to live more independently. You can live with fellow students of different nationalities and improve your English together, or you can live completely independently in a studio apartment. BLC offers you a variety of high quality year-round residential accommodation.

Elephant House

Just 15 minutes’ walk from BLC, this residence owes its name to the elephant sculptures on the side of the building, created by local sculptor Steve Joyce. The strict English language-only policy in this BLC community means that you will benefit from making friends and speaking English with students of other nationalities. This residence is ideal for students who want independence at the same time as being part of a BLC community, with the opportunity to meet people and practise English at home. The residence is the venue of many social events and has enough space to make communal living a great experience.

Elephant House provides single or twin rooms with shared bathrooms.

- Access to local shops in a friendly neighbourhood
- A BLC shared house, with high quality, bright and spacious rooms
- Self-catering
- Students must be at least 18 years of age to stay in this house
- Minimum stay is 2 weeks
- Strictly no smoking in this residence

Facilities include:

- Brand new shared kitchen facilities, including all kitchen utilities
- A bed, wardrobe, drawer space and desk in each room
- Two bright and airy shared lounges
- Widescreen TV in lounge
- Laundry facilities
- Bedding pack (duvet, pillows and bed linen), but students must provide their own towels
- Free Wi-Fi
- All utility bills included
- Secured entrance
- Bike storage

"Everything was perfect, the location was good, the room was spacious and the kitchen was big."

Victor Delétraz, Swiss, aged 19
BLC City Centre
Studio Apartments
In the heart of Bristol’s city centre, our studio apartments are just 10 minutes’ walk from BLC.

- These apartments have stylish interiors and quality fittings
- Located in the buzzing city centre, you will find a great choice of restaurants, pubs and shops on your doorstep
- Self-catering, with optional continental breakfast also provided on-site
- Students must be at least 18 years of age to stay in this residence
- Minimum stay is 2 weeks
- Strictly no smoking

Facilities include:
- An individual self-contained studio apartment
- Double bed
- En-suite shower room
- Study area with desk, chair and shelving units
- Kitchenette with integrated appliances
- Dining table and chairs
- Widescreen TV
- Laundry facilities
- Bedding pack (duvet, pillows and bed linen), but students must provide their own towels
- Large communal spaces including pool tables and internet stations
- State-of-the-art gym
- Free Wi-Fi
- All utility bills included
- 24/7 reception and security, with key fob entry
- Bike storage
- Wheelchair access
- Free bike rental
- Communal study space

Getting around the city

On foot
Bristol city centre is quite compact and very easy to navigate, so many attractions and neighbourhoods are in easy walking distance of BLC. We are a 5 minute walk from Bristol Temple Meads train station and a 5 minute walk in the other direction to the bustling Harbourside area and Park Street.

By bus
For longer journeys, the local bus system is convenient and economical, and with several bus stops just outside of BLC (and many more at Temple Meads train station nearby) you can explore every corner of the city. Weekly bus passes are available from BLC reception, on the bus or directly on the bus company’s app. Student discount is available.

By bike
To explore the city from a different perspective, local bicycle hire and guided bicycle tours are available nearby – ask at reception and we can point you in the right direction. There is also a city bike sharing app in operation throughout Bristol which is perfect for single journeys around Bristol.
“I practiced speaking and so I improved my fluency and pronunciation. I have also learned useful expressions and vocabulary.”

João António Abreu Costa de Sousa, Portuguese, aged 20
BLC has the course for you!

We listen to your goals and aspirations.

For example, do you want to be able to:

• Learn real life English for real world situations?
• Communicate effectively in international business?
• Secure a better job in your home country?
• Progress to a quality UK university?
• Improve your English for leisure or tourism?

Our variety of quality courses is sure to offer something to suit you. By teaching you practical, real life English and working closely with you, we make sure we meet your needs.

Be successful
English for everyday life
• General and Intensive English courses run year-round to improve your English language proficiency for use in everyday situations, including further studies, business or leisure. See page 24

Be active
English for making friends
• Junior Summer Programme for students aged 13–17 years at a range of levels. See page 26

Be qualified
English for examination purposes
• Cambridge First (FCE) and Cambridge Advanced (CAE) are internationally recognised exams for students at a variety of levels, to improve your English for daily life or work. See page 28
• IELTS examination, to improve your English language skills for university entrance. See page 29

Be motivated
English to suit you
• Group programmes and Remote Online Tutoring courses can be tailored to your needs. Our English course content is custom built to suit you and push your language further. See pages 30-31

Be professional
English for the workplace
• Business English helps you improve your English so that you can conduct business internationally. See page 32
• English for Specific Purposes also available on request

Be experienced
BLC Internship Programme
• The BLC Internship Programme is available to EU students, to give you vital experience after your studies by using your English language skills in a local business. See page 33

Demi Au Pair programme
• The Demi Au Pair programme is designed for young adults who want to have the biggest variety of English speaking experience, both in the classroom and working as an au pair with a British family. See Page 34
General and Intensive English
Courses to improve your English language skills for everyday situations

Course description
We offer General and Intensive English courses to improve your English language skills for use in everyday situations, including for further studies, business or leisure. The course uses a course book and supplementary materials and will provide you with essential structures and vocabulary. You will work with authentic material taken from online sources, the media, TV and radio, relevant to topic areas.

Course outcomes
• You will develop English skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening
• Your confidence in the language will improve
• Your career prospects will be enhanced by achieving a level of English required for international business
• You could progress to an exam focused programme for example FCE, CAE or IELTS, to receive an internationally recognised qualification

Key course facts
• Elementary to advanced levels*
• Minimum length: 1 week
• Number of lessons per week (lesson are 45 minutes): General: 20 (15 hours), Intensive: 30 (22.5 hours)
• Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
• Start any Monday during term time**
• Course length as required
• General English: Students aged 18 and above
• Intensive English: Students aged 16 and above, subject to meeting welfare requirements***

*Many of our courses have flexible start dates, but we advise that very low level students arrive and start courses at the beginning of each term.
**See term dates on page 35.
*** Students aged 16 or 17, who are studying Intensive English, must stay in a homestay and provide parental consent to study at BLC.
Friday afternoon electives

For students of Intensive English, these 90-minute Friday afternoon classes give you a choice of sessions to make your course as specific and useful to you as possible. BLC teachers decide which topics to run each week based on the interests and needs of the students in the school. You are encouraged to make suggestions for classes.

The electives give you the chance to try different exam classes (for example FCE, CAE, IELTS) without being registered for a specific exam course. They also allow you to study practical English that will really help you with your future plans and goals within an English-speaking world.

Typical, popular Friday afternoon elective classes include:
- Pronunciation
- English for work (CV writing, interview tips, job-related vocabulary and role playing)
- Presentation skills
- Phrasal verbs for everyday life
- Real English for life in the UK
- Discussions and debating in English
- Academic English

“Thanks for everything you taught me. I hope to return soon to continue learning”
Montserrat Arceu Ojeda, Chilean, aged 27

My BLC

Naomi Mullens, BLC Teacher

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Junior Summer Programme

English with activity programme for students aged 13-17

Course description
This offers English language tuition for students aged 13–17 years in small groups, combined with a social activity programme. You can improve your English while learning about British life and culture in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. The most recent teaching methods and materials are used to ensure that all classes are imaginative and stimulating.

Course outcomes
• You will develop English skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening
• You will experience English life and culture through making friends, living with an English family and attending excursions and activities

Key course facts
• Elementary to advanced levels
• Minimum length: 1 week (Sunday to Saturday)
• Maximum class size: 15
• Number of lessons per week (lessons are 45 minutes): 20 (15 hours)
• Course dates: 30th June – 10th August 2019 in two 3-week cycles
• Course length: 1–3 weeks*
• Students aged 13–17 years
• Full and half-day teacher-accompanied excursions (mid-week and Saturday)
• Fees include: full board accommodation, excursions and afternoon activities, and local bus pass

*If you study on the programme for more than 3 weeks (within course dates), elements of the programme will be repeated.

Activities
Activities include things like a visit to Blaise Castle (Bristol mansion and parkland), a tour of Bristol’s famous street art, sports, a trip to the city of Bath or London and shopping in a local market.**

**These are sample activities and not guaranteed for any particular week. Please see our Juniors’ flyer for complete details of the Junior Summer Programme.

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“Courses are good quality, lots of speaking which is very interesting!”

Anaïs Castagné, French, aged 18
Cambridge Examinations
Preparation for internationally recognised exams

Course description
These courses will prepare you for the Cambridge First (FCE) and Cambridge Advanced (CAE) examinations, which are internationally recognised as exams of excellence, focused on improving accuracy in all areas of the language.

Course outcomes
• Successful completion of a Cambridge examination at the required level
• You will improve your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking
• Your career prospects will be improved
• FCE gives you practical English needed for everyday life (course level: intermediate to upper intermediate)
• CAE enhances your career prospects as it is good training for English at work (course level: upper intermediate to advanced)

Key course facts
• Entry level: intermediate (Cambridge First), upper intermediate (CAE)
• Course length: up to 12 weeks
• Minimum length advised: 6 weeks
• Number of lessons per week (lessons are 45 minutes): 30 (22.5 hours; General English plus afternoon exam preparation)
• Maximum class size: 14
  (average class size: 12)
• Students aged 18 and above
• Certificates are valid indefinitely

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“I feel much more confident in speaking and I’ve learned many new tenses and other important grammar”
Maurice Lehner, Czech, aged 21
IELTS Preparation
Improve your English for university entrance

Course description
This course will help you improve your English language skills to prepare for the internationally recognised IELTS (International English Language Testing System) examination and to progress to a UK university.

Course outcomes
• Successful completion of the IELTS examination
• You will improve your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking
• Possible entrance to a UK university

Key course facts
• Intermediate to advanced levels (IELTS Foundation may be available for those at pre-intermediate level during busy periods)
• Minimum length: 1 week
• Number of lessons per week (lessons are 45 minutes): 30 (22.5 hours)
• Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
• Start any Monday during term time*
• Course length as required
• Students aged 18 and above

*See term dates on page 35.

“For me it has been a really good experience, I have improved my speaking and I’m more confident with the language. I’ve really enjoyed it”

Carmen López Salas, Spanish, aged 33
Be motivated
English to suit you

Group Programmes
Tailored English programmes for groups of all sizes and ages, whatever your needs.

Course description
BLC is experienced in delivering group programmes and courses to suit your school, company or organisation. We offer any of our English courses built into a tailor-made programme including a full social programme and accommodation if required. We can cater for:
- School Groups
- PON programmes (Italy only)
- Business English courses tailored to your group’s industry
- Ministays
- Work and study programmes (General English combined with work experience)

Course Outcomes
- Fully inclusive programmes available
- Competitive prices depending on group size and requirements
- Build a course to suit your group—our team will assist in creating the programme you need
- Great memories of the BLC experience

Key course facts
- Minimum course length: 5 days
- Elementary to advanced levels
- Maximum class size: 15
- Number of lessons per week: 20-30
- Students aged 13-17 for Junior programmes or 16 and above for adult programmes
- Start day can be flexible to suit your group’s needs
- Online group courses also available (see opposite)

For group prices please contact groups@blc-english.co.uk
Online Lessons
Individual or group lessons.

Course description
At BLC we know that not everyone is able to travel to the UK to learn English. With our online teaching portal you can schedule a course programme to suit you, whether you need a long term course or just want to improve the skills you have. You will have your own fully qualified personal tutor to help you reach your language goals.

Course Outcomes
• English lessons to suit you, in the comfort of your home or favourite café!
• You will develop English skills at your own pace with a fully qualified BLC teacher
• Timetable to suit your needs

Key course facts
• Elementary to advanced levels
• Group or individual lessons
• Minimum age: 16/17 (with parental consent)
• Minimum hours per week: 1
• 1 hour lessons
• Course length as required, minimum 4 weeks
• Access to BLC Anytime also available on request for continued independent study
Course description
BLC offers flexible Business English courses for individuals or groups focusing on practical English language for you to use in the workplace and international business communication.

We assess your language levels and areas of interest, as we can be flexible to your needs. We offer you a variety of topics such as international marketing, e-commerce, report writing, negotiation or presentation giving. You will work with authentic material taken from online material, the media, TV and radio, relevant to topic areas.

Course outcomes
• Your English will improve for use in business and professional contexts
• You will be better able to conduct business in an international environment

“Thank you for welcoming me, I’ve really enjoyed all classes. I also had a chance for living student life again”

Marina Kelava, Croatian, aged 33

Key course facts
• Intermediate to advanced levels
• Minimum length advised: 2 weeks
• Number of lessons per week (lessons are 45 minutes): 30 (22.5 hours)
• Maximum class size: 14 (average class size: 12)
• Start day can be any Monday within the blocks.
• Students aged 18 and above

For specific group enquiries, please contact groups@blc-english.co.uk

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For Business English outside of our published course dates, one-to-one lessons are also available individually or as a supplement to your full-time English course. See pricing on page 38.
“It was in a small class and I could improve all my skills. I understand more when I speak with native speakers and I’m able to have longer conversations”

Elena Monsch, Swiss aged 18

BLC Internship Programme
Learn English in the workplace

Description
BLC offers EU students the opportunity of a course at BLC followed by an internship in a local business. BLC can arrange internships for you in a variety of office environments, and you will be able to choose from a range of opportunities, subject to fulfilling the following requirements.

Programme requirements
To take part in the programme, you need to:
• Be an EU student
• Complete an English language course of at least 4 weeks
• Have an English language level of intermediate and above
• Have suitable experience or qualifications

*Subject to you submitting relevant information such as up-to-date CV and subject to availability.

Key facts
• BLC will identify a suitable work placement in your chosen field, to suit your studies or experience*
• Placements last from 3 weeks to 6 months
• All work placements are unpaid
• A BLC representative will accompany you to the introductory meeting with the company
• BLC will provide you with full details of the company, working conditions and times, public transport maps etc.
• BLC will provide you with a final report and certificate, detailing your successfully completed internship

*Firstly, the team I work with are all so nice and there is a very supportive atmosphere. Secondly, I like the opportunity to meet different multi-national students, teach them and to watch them progress. It’s rewarding when they say ‘thank you, I’ve learnt a lot’.

Kasia Tyka, BLC Teacher

My BLC
Course description
The Demi Au Pair programme combines 20 hours’ au pair work per week with a General English course at BLC. You will live with a British family who will provide board and lodging as well as weekly pocket money. You will also gain valuable English speaking work experience and achieve your language goals in this immersive language environment. At the same time you will participate in a morning-only BLC course and will be able to join in with the BLC social programme whenever your au pair schedule allows.

Course outcomes
• Create a close relationship with a British family
• Enhance your career prospects by the high level of English you will achieve through an immersive language environment
• Au pair families will often need childcare, which is a great experience and a great way to practise English
• The course is ideal for those on a lower budget who want to work to pay their accommodation and food costs

Key course facts
• A more affordable course- full board and lodging is included in your placement fee
• Pocket money given by host family
• Age range: 18-25
• Minimum length: 2 months
• Maximum length: 6 months can be extended on request
• Maximum class size in BLC: 14 (average class size 12)
• Start any Monday, must allow 2 months notice to find a host family
• Course is modelled around an au pair schedule, with 3 hours’ morning classes at BLC every weekday
• Minimum level: intermediate

“Looking forward seeing you next year!”

Sigrid Ernst,
German, aged 55
Practical information

All the details you need to know about coming to BLC.

Public Holidays
BLC is closed for 2 weeks for Christmas and New Year and also on public holidays, which in 2019 are as follows:

- New Years Day: 1 January
- Good Friday: 19 April
- Easter Monday: 22 April
- Early May Bank Holiday: 6 May
- Spring Bank Holiday: 27 May
- Summer Bank Holiday: 26 August
- Christmas Day: 25 December
- Boxing Day: 26 December

BLC term dates 2019
The school is open from 7 January to 20 December 2019. The minimum period of enrolment is 1 week.

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*Many of our courses have flexible start dates, but we advise that very low level students arrive and start courses at the beginning of each term.

My BLC

Fay Hester,
Centre Administrator

“Bristol has so much to offer international students and it’s a real pleasure to see everyone at BLC discover it for the first time – and even better when we get to say “welcome back” the following year.”
Accommodation fees

Homestay

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* includes summer supplement of £15 per week

Additional information regarding homestay accommodation

- Late arrival: please try to arrive in your accommodation by 22.30 (but not before 07.00). Arrivals after this time will incur a late arrival fee of £20
- For adult courses, students are placed one student per room, unless otherwise requested. Where junior students share a room, this will be clearly stated
- The minimum length of stay is 1 week
- A notice period of 1 week applies
- Once your host family has been allocated, any changes will incur a £40 administration charge

Christmas Accommodation

BLC will be closed for the Christmas break from 21 December 2019 until 5 January 2020. During this time you may either remain with your host family, or if you would like to make other plans and return to the same host family upon your return you can opt to pay a retainer fee.

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*Christmas accommodation is subject to availability
**Residential**

**BLC City Centre Residence**

**Studio Apartments**
*(Double bed, en-suite and individual kitchen facilities)*

£295 per week*

*Any room stay in our Studio Apartments will incur an additional cleaning fee of £40.*

**Shared twin room**
*(Two single or small double beds and shared bathroom and kitchen)*

£142 per person per week*

**Large single room**
*(Double bed and shared bathroom and kitchen)*

£173 per person per week*

*Any room stay in Elephant House will incur an additional cleaning supplement of £30.*

**Elephant House**

**Additional information regarding residential accommodation:**

- A refundable deposit of £200 is required for residences, in case of damage. You must pay this on arrival (you can pay by debit/credit card). Rooms are checked on arrival and departure.
- Late arrival: please try to arrive in your accommodation by 22.30 (but not before 07.00). Arrivals after this time will incur a late arrival fee of £20.
- Double occupancy supplement of £50 per week (studio apartments only).
- In Elephant House all rooms are single occupancy with exception of the twin rooms.
- The minimum length of stay is 2 weeks.
- A notice period of 2 weeks applies.
- Once your residential accommodation has been confirmed, any changes will incur a £40 administration charge.

**Airport pick-up service**

One-way taxi transport to or from the airport is available. We can obtain prices for transfers from other airports for you on request.

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Course fees 2019

Deposit and registration fee

You must pay a non-refundable deposit of £300. This includes a registration fee of £50. The registration fee includes materials and access to our interactive learning resources*, but does not include course books.

Course books

Course books are not included in the course fees, however your teacher will be able to advise you which one to purchase. Approximate price £30.

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General and Intensive English, Examination Courses, and Business English

There is a summer course supplement of £15 per week from 30 June to 17 August inclusive.

Junior Summer Programme

For group prices and agent enquiries, please contact marketing@blc-english.co.uk directly.

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Price includes full board accommodation, tuition, activity programme and public transport card.

Internship Programme

Registration and £350 placement fee (subject to completion of a course of at least 4 weeks).

Demi Au Pair Programme

Registration and £300 placement fee + cost of General English classes.

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* Group packages do not include access to BLC Anytime and BLConTEXT.
** Additional supplement of £160 per person per week payable for residential accommodation on the Junior Summer Programme, based on twin room with two sharing. See Juniors' flyer and BLC website for full details.
*** £15 exam fee supplement for exams taken in August.
Terms and conditions

**Arrival and departure**
- Students should arrive on Sunday and depart on Saturday wherever possible, particularly during the busy summer months.
- Please arrive at your accommodation by 22.30 (but not before 07.00), or you will incur a late arrival fee of £20.

**Fees**
- Fees must be paid at least 4 weeks before your course begins. If you book less than 4 weeks before you start, you must send the full payment immediately to secure your place.
- All Tier 4 students are required to transfer all course and accommodation fees as soon as their visa is approved.
- Fees include tuition, assessment test, and use of school facilities including free internet access, as well as access to our BLC Anytime and BLConTEXT online and mobile learning programmes, with the exception of summer and group packages which do not include BLC Anytime and BLConTEXT. The Junior Summer Programme fees also include the social and cultural activity programme and a local bus pass.
- Fees do not include examination fees, course books, insurance or the activities programme (except on the Junior Summer Programme). The adult activity programme does not usually cost more than £30 per week.
- A registration fee of £50 is additional to course fees.

**Deposits and additional costs**
- All students must pay a course deposit of £300 to reserve their space, deductible from the total course fees.
- If you cancel your course for any reason, your deposit is non-refundable.
- If you require a visa to study in the UK and your application is refused, if you then decide not to pursue your course then BLC will refund 50% of your deposit, subject to receiving a copy of your visa refusal letter.
- If you send us written cancellation at least 4 weeks before the start of your course, we will refund the course fees, minus the course deposit. If you cancel less than 4 weeks before the start of your course, we will refund 50% of your course fees, minus the course deposit. Refunds cannot be made for late arrival, early departure or absence during a course.
- If, for any reason you stop your course early, your tuition fees are non-refundable.
- International bank transfers are subject to a £12 charge. BLC will not be liable for any additional costs of international bank transfers. International debit and credit cards are subject to a 3% charge. UK Debit cards are exempt from charges.
- The course change fee is £15.

**School closures**
- The school will close for 2 weeks for Christmas and New Year holidays.
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**Accommodation**
- Where availability of residences is limited, students may be asked to pay full course fees in advance to secure the booking.
- You must give at least 2 weeks’ notice if changing or cancelling accommodation in a residence. Changes should always take place at weekends.
- You must give at least 1 week’s notice if changing or cancelling homestay accommodation.
- Dietary requirements can be catered to at no extra charge, however BLC must be informed of this along with any allergies or medical conditions at the point of booking.
- All accommodation changes for reasons other than those stated on the application form will incur a charge of £40.

**General**
- Courses are subject to availability.
- All students are required to give contact details of a close relative including a phone number.
- Students must comply with school rules regarding accommodation, attendance at social activities and conduct within the school. Where students persistently break the rules or commit an act of gross misconduct, the school reserves the right to ask the student to leave.
- We strongly advise you to take out full travel and medical insurance before you travel. Insurance should cover personal belongings such as laptops, cameras and mobile phones, as well as the loss of tuition fees if you have to cancel a course or return home.
- Many of our courses have flexible start dates but we strongly advise that very low level students on Intensive and General programmes arrive and start courses at the beginning of term.

**Absences during course time**
- Visa students must comply with UK visa regulations. There will be no refunds for students who fail to comply with visa regulations.
- Any unauthorised absences from lessons will count towards your attendance record. Students with less than 80% attendance will not receive an end of course certificate.
“At BLC we are committed to providing the best all-round experience for the students. We do this by offering excellent teaching, online learning opportunities and a varied social programme dedicated to full immersion and peer learning. We enjoy seeing students reach their goals, whether they come to us with aspirations for university, their career or to learn English for pleasure. We see BLC as part of that journey, equipping them for a brighter future.”

Seonaid Birkett, Director and Owner