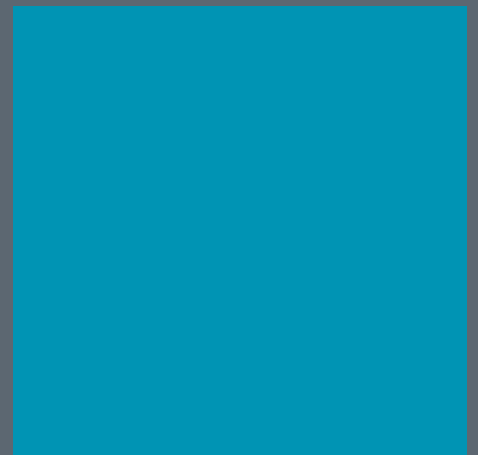


PATHWAYS TO POSTGRADUATE STUDY 2012

Pre-Master's and English language courses



Giving you the best start at university

Whether you would like to take a pre-master's course or you need to improve your English language skills before your postgraduate degree, we have a pathway that will suit your needs.

Do you need to improve your:

- English language skills
- Study skills
- Subject knowledge

Please see our range of Pre-Master's courses on [page 3](#)

- Study skills
- Subject knowledge

Please see our Pre-Master's Certificate: Study Skills on [page 6](#)

- English language skills
- Study skills

Please see our range of University English courses on [page 7](#)

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Accredited by the



for the teaching of English



Why choose a course at Oxford Brookes International

Oxford Brookes International is an integrated part of the university, offering a range of courses to prepare students for university level study.

High quality courses

We are accredited by the British Council, which monitors standards of teaching, management, resources and welfare in organisations teaching English as a foreign language.

Our courses are validated by Oxford Brookes so you can be sure they have the same high academic standards as our degree courses.

Integrated programmes with your degree

You will only need to make one application, and you may be able to apply for one visa to cover your whole study period. You will not need to retake an external test such as IELTS to progress.

An Oxford Brookes student from day one

Familiarise yourself with university life and the learning and support services before starting your degree.

Supportive community

You will join students from all over the world so you can develop your skills in a supportive multi-cultural environment.

Our academic and administrative staff are experts at helping international students achieve their goals.

Specifically designed with your degree in mind

Our courses are structured to give you the skills and subject knowledge you will need to succeed in your postgraduate studies. Our pre-master's programme allows you to specialise in your chosen master's subject.



Excellence in teaching

You will be taught by highly trained and experienced academic staff who are specialists in teaching English for academic purposes.

Pre-Master's

An excellent preparation for your master's degree

Our pre-master's programme has been designed to fully prepare you for your future master's course. You will have the opportunity to specialise in the subject of your choice and develop the essential academic skills you will need for your master's course.


These courses are for you if:

- you need a higher academic qualification to progress to a master's
- you need to develop your knowledge of your master's subject area
- you want to improve the study skills you will need for postgraduate study
- you need to improve your English language skills.



Choice of courses

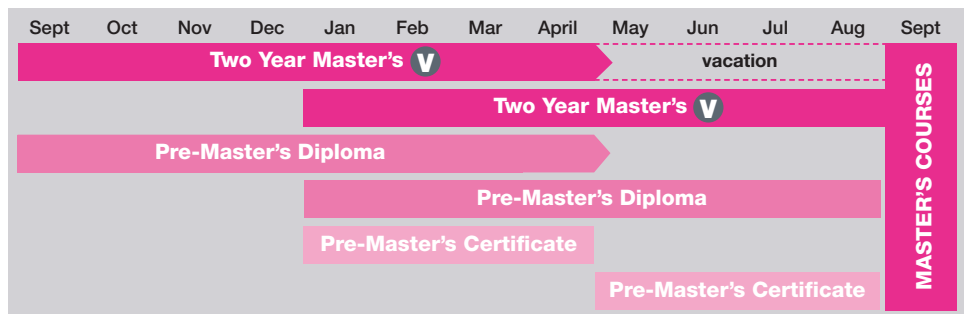
Pre-master's courses to improve your English language skills, subject knowledge, and academic study skills.

- **Two Year Master's** Combined Pre-Master's Diploma and Master's  (see page 5 for more details)
An integrated 2 year programme which combines the Pre-Master's Diploma and Master's programme in one application and one visa. Start in September or January.
- **Pre-Master's Diploma and Pre-Master's Certificate: English Language and Study Skills** (see page 5 for more details)
Offered as a two or one semester course preparing you for progression onto all of our master's. Start in September or January for the Diploma and January or May for the Certificate.

Pre-Master's course to improve your subject knowledge and academic study skills.

- **Pre-Master's Certificate: Study Skills** (see page 6 for more details)
A one semester course for native or near native speakers of English, preparing you for progression onto all of our master's. Start in January or May.

Course length



Choice of subjects

In our pre-master's courses you can specialise in a subject of your choice to prepare you for your future master's course. At Oxford Brookes, we offer master's courses in the following areas:

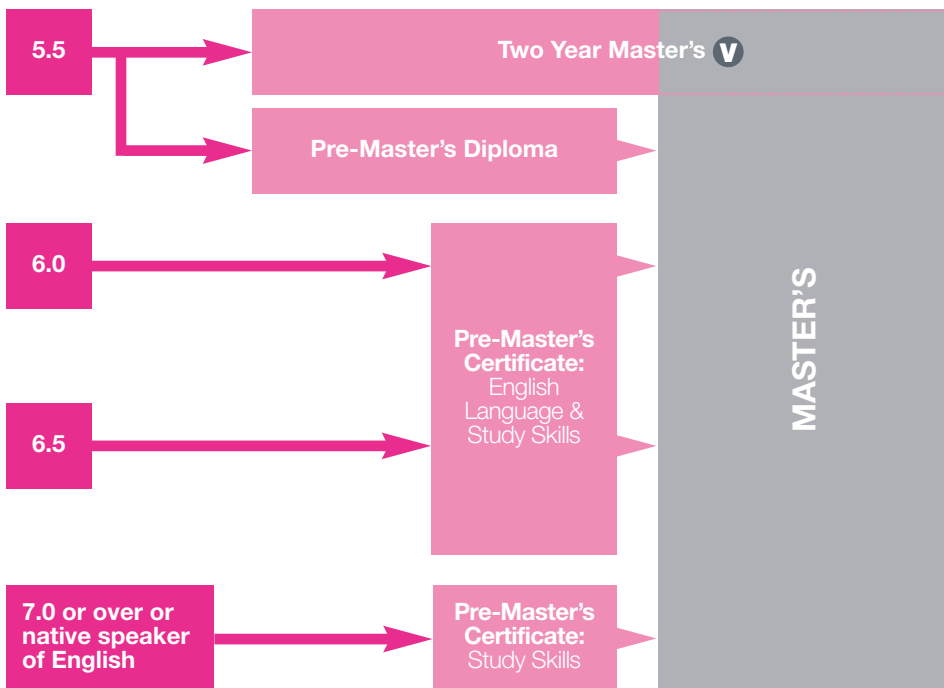
- Arts
- Architecture
- Biological and Medical Sciences
- Business
- Computing and Communication Technologies
- Education
- English and Modern Languages
- History, Philosophy and Religion
- Hospitality
- Law
- Mechanical Engineering and Mathematical Sciences
- Planning
- Psychology
- Publishing
- Real Estate and Construction
- Social Sciences
- Social Work and Public Health
- Sport and Health Sciences

For a full list of courses see www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/courses/postgraduate/

What is your English language level?

There are pathways available if you also need to improve your English language skills before starting your master's or if you are a native speaker of English. If you haven't met the English language requirements for these Pre-Master's courses, see pages 7 and 8 for details.

IELTS equivalent

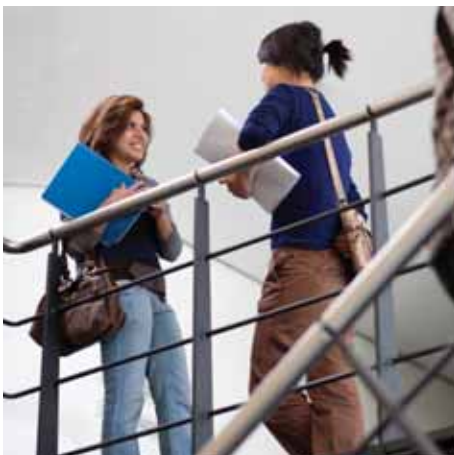


If you only need to improve your English language skills see page 7 for our University English course.



The best thing about the course is the teaching staff, they're very friendly, they teach with their hearts. They make sure that everybody understands, they're brilliant, they're very clear.

Nael A-Mitwasi, Jordan,
pre-sessional English course
before starting MSc Finance



V = one visa

Pre-Master's course options

V = one visa



Well, the best thing about the teaching was the approach to students. Tutors helped us throughout our classes; they were also emotionally supportive and careful with us. So, step-by-step they helped us to do our research.

Tetiana Vashchenko, Ukraine, Pre-Master's Diploma before starting MSc International Management and International Relations



Two Year Master's **V** Combined Pre-Master's Diploma and Master's

This 2 year programme combines our Pre-Master's Diploma with many master's courses at Oxford Brookes. On successful completion of your first year, you will automatically transfer to your chosen master's course for your second year.

You will only need to make one application and you will be able to apply for one visa for the whole 2 year programme.

Visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/pathway/premasters for the master's options available to you.

Entry requirements

- Lower second class honours degree (2.2) or equivalent
- IELTS 5.5 with 5.5 in all skills

Start dates:

September, January

Course length:

Two years – Pre-master's Diploma plus Master's

Tuition fees 2011-2012 (2012-2013):

£8,640 (£9,500). Fees for the second year will be those of your master's course.

How to apply:

Through UKPASS (see page 9)

THIS COURSE WILL IMPROVE:

- English language
- Study skills
- Subject knowledge

Pre-Master's Diploma and Pre-Master's Certificate

English Language and Study Skills

These courses will improve your subject knowledge, study skills and English language skills to help you meet the academic and English language requirements for any master's course at Oxford Brookes.

Entry requirements

- Honours degree, acceptable diploma or equivalent
- **Diploma:** IELTS 5.5 (with 5.5 in all skills)
- **Certificate:** IELTS 6.0 (with 6.0 in Writing and 5.5 in all other skills)

Start dates:

Diploma: September, January

Certificate: January, May

Course length:

Diploma: Two semesters (approximately 8 months)

Certificate: One semester (approximately 4 months)

Tuition fees 2011-2012 (2012-2013):

Diploma: £8,640 (£9,500)

Certificate: £4,320 (£4,750)

How to apply:

Directly to Oxford Brookes International (see page 9)

THIS COURSE WILL IMPROVE:

- English language
- Study skills
- Subject knowledge

Pre-Master's Certificate

Study Skills

This course is designed for students who are native or near native speakers of English. It will improve your subject knowledge and study skills to help you meet the academic requirements for any master's course at Oxford Brookes.

Entry requirements

- Honours degree, acceptable diploma or equivalent
- Native or near native speaker of English or IELTS 7.0

Start dates:

January, May

Course length:

One semester (approximately 4 months)

Tuition fees 2011-2012

(2012-2013):

£4,320 (£4,750)

How to apply:

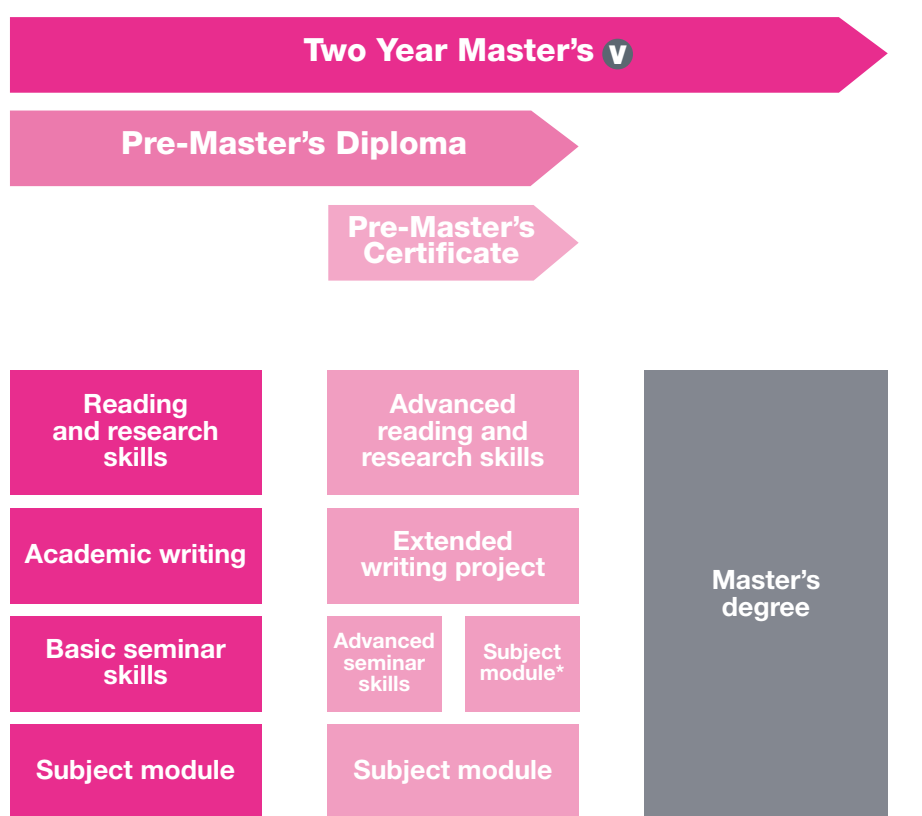
Directly to Oxford Brookes International (see page 9)

THIS COURSE WILL IMPROVE:

- English language
- Study skills
- Academic knowledge

Course structure:

Two year Master's, Pre-Master's Diploma and Certificate



* Pre-Master's Certificate: Study Skills



The Pre-Master's at Brookes is widely recognised in the UK as a very good course, we have a good reputation. And in addition to that we have the benefit of allowing students to have direct access onto postgraduate courses on successful completion of the programme. All the departments at Brookes accept the pre-master's as a qualification and as an entry onto their courses, so our students don't have to re-take IELTS to get onto their postgraduate.

Mary Davis, Pre-Master's Programme Leader

University English (UE)

This course will help you to meet the English language requirements for pre-master's and postgraduate courses. It will give you the relevant language skills for successful university study.



The best thing about the course is the academic writing, now I have a lot of knowledge about how to write an academic style essay and how to do a case study, it's necessary for my future study so it's very helpful.

Nini Xue, China,
pre-sessional English course
before starting MSc Business
Management

Course content

The course runs at four levels. All levels have 4 compulsory modules to improve your language and academic skills, as well as develop your knowledge of British life and culture.

- Academic Writing
- Academic Reading
- Academic Listening and Speaking
- Grammar & Vocabulary Skills (Level 1), Academic Language Development (Level 2), Research (Level 3 and 4)

You will learn through the use of authentic materials which will develop your knowledge and understanding of studying at a postgraduate level. You will be based on the main university campus with access to the full range of the university's learning and support facilities.

Optional content

An IELTS Preparation module is available (subject to demand) for an additional fee. This will give you an additional 3 hours of class teaching for 10 weeks.

You also have the opportunity of taking part in our guided lecture programme to give you more practice of what you will experience in your postgraduate studies. This will be one additional hour of teaching per week.

Course length

The University English course includes 12 weeks of teaching. It runs three times a year to allow you to progress onto pre-master's and master's courses starting in September or January.

There are additional start dates in the summer to help you progress onto courses starting in September.

| Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept |
|------|----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-------|-----|----------|-----|-----|------|
| | 12 weeks | | | | 12 weeks | | | | 12 weeks | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 8 weeks | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 4 weeks | | | |

THIS COURSE WILL IMPROVE:

- English language
- Study skills
- Subject knowledge

Start dates

September, January, May, July and August

Course length

12 weeks: September to December, January to May, May to August

8 weeks: July to August

4 weeks: End of July to August

For specific dates see page 10.

Study hours per week

Class hours: 16 hours

Independent study:
a minimum of 21 hours

Class size

Maximum of 16 students in a class

Tuition fees 2011-12 (2012-13)

12 weeks: £3,150 (£3,250)

8 weeks: £2,100 (£2,200)

4 weeks: £1,050 (£1,150)

Optional IELTS Preparation:
£350 for 10 weeks teaching

University English progression

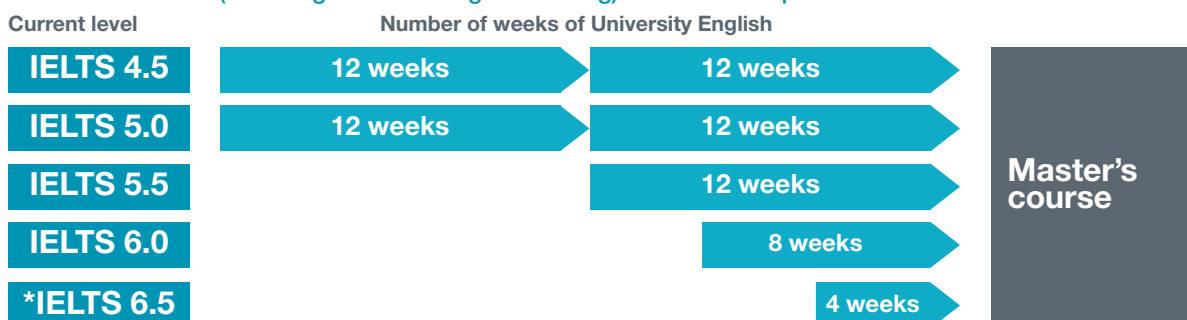
Each 12-week course of University English can raise your English skills up to the equivalent of 1 IELTS point to help you progress to your master's course as quickly as possible.

| | Entry level | Exit level (if you achieve 60%) |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| UE Level 1 | IELTS 4.5 (with 4.0 in all skills) | IELTS 5.5 |
| UE Level 2 | IELTS 5.0 (with 4.5 in Reading and Writing) | IELTS 6.0 |
| UE Level 3 | IELTS 5.5 (with 5.0 in Reading and Writing) | IELTS 6.5 |
| UE Level 4 | IELTS 6.0 (with 5.5 in Reading and Writing) | IELTS 7.0 |

Possible progression routes if you only need to meet English language requirements

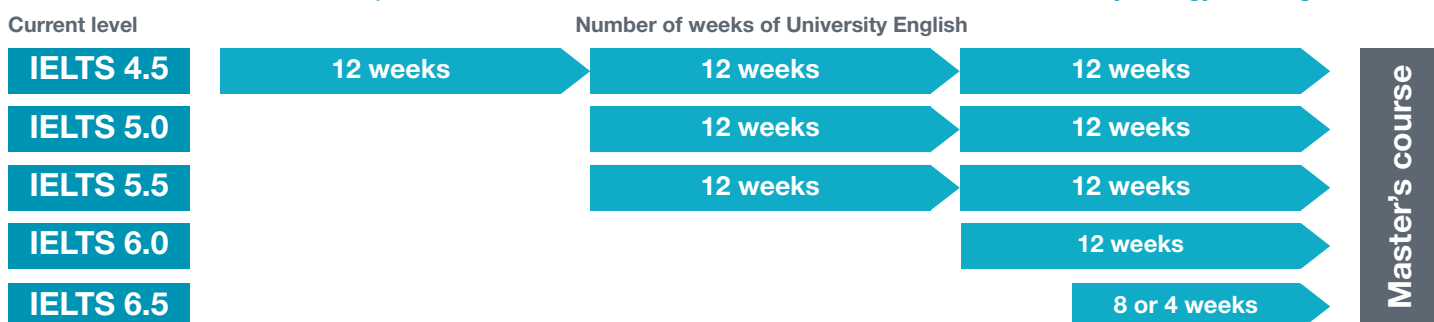
The length of the University English course needed to progress onto your chosen master's course will depend on your results at the end of each semester.

To reach IELTS 6.5 (including 6.0 in reading and writing). This is the requirement for most master's courses at Oxford Brookes.



*IELTS 6.5 overall but with only 5.5 in reading and/or writing

To reach IELTS 7.0. This is the requirement for some master's courses at Oxford Brookes such as Psychology and English.



When you apply for the University English course you may be offered a programme that is longer than shown here depending on your current academic and English language qualifications. Please contact our international admissions team on pathways@brookes.ac.uk if you would like advice about the length of course you will need.

Can I apply for one visa?

If English language is the only condition of your postgraduate offer, a single level of University English (12, 8 or 4 weeks) immediately before your degree can be classed as a *pre-sessional course*.

You may be able to apply for one visa for:

- University English starting in May or July **and** a master's starting in September
- University English starting in September **and** a master's starting in January (if available)
- University English **and** a Pre-Master's Diploma

If you need to take more than one level of University English to meet our postgraduate entry requirements, you can apply for one student visa to cover the whole length of study on University English.

If you are not planning to continue studying at Oxford Brookes you can apply for a **STUDENT VISITOR VISA** for up to 2 levels of University English.

Summer English language courses

During the summer a range of short English language courses are available including IELTS Preparation. Visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/summer for more information.

How to apply: a step by step guide

Applying to Oxford Brookes International

You should apply directly to Oxford Brookes International for:

- University English
- Pre-Master's Diploma
- Pre-Master's Certificate

How to apply

Visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/apply/pathway for the application form. Submit the application with:

- Proof of English language competence*
- Degree certificate and transcripts (officially translated)
- One passport photograph
- A photocopy of your passport

** If you need a student visa to enter the UK, we will only accept one of the English language qualifications approved by the UK Border Agency such as IELTS and TOEFL IBT. For more information visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/apply/english*

We will consider your application and contact you within 5-10 working days.

When to apply

There is no fixed application deadline, but you should apply as soon as possible to allow time for the application process and for you to obtain a visa, if necessary.

Contact us

We have a dedicated admissions team who can advise you on the postgraduate pathways most suitable for you. Please contact us on +44 (0) 1865 483874 or email pathways@brookes.ac.uk

Applying through UKPASS

You will need to apply through UKPASS for:

- Two Year Master's degree

How to apply

UKPASS is an online postgraduate admissions system. You apply online through www.ukpass.ac.uk or by following the link from the course entry on our website.

For more information on the UKPASS application process please visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/apply/postgraduate

When to apply

There is no fixed application deadline, but you should apply as soon as possible to allow time for the application process and for you to obtain a visa, if necessary.

Next steps

- If possible we will make you an offer. This can be unconditional if you meet all the course requirements. If you still need to meet some requirements, such as completing your current course or taking an English language test, the offer will be conditional.
- You will need to accept the offer by the date shown in your offer. If you applied through UKPASS you will need to accept the offer online through UKPASS.
- If you are still studying, you should send copies of your academic and English language qualifications when they are available.
- If you need to apply for a student visa you should request a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement from the university. These can only be issued once you have accepted an unconditional offer. For University English you will need to pay a £400 deposit before we can issue a CAS statement

You can then use your CAS statement in your application for a student visa.

- If you are an international student you are guaranteed a place in our halls of residence for the first year of your studies. When you have accepted your offer you will be sent information on how to apply for accommodation.
- Our International Pre-arrival Guide will be sent to you with information on everything from accommodation to visas and immigration, as well as tips about British culture and what to pack.
- Our international welcome programme includes a variety of social activities where you will meet other students and find out about the facilities and support available here at Brookes.

For more information please visit www.brookes.ac.uk/international/applicant



The cultural environment is very good. You can meet people from all over the world, you can speak and interact with them and get to know them and their culture, so that part is really good.

Juan Nader, Columbia, pre-session English course before starting MSc Digital Media Production

Courses at a glance

| Course | Course dates | English language requirements* | Tuition fees 2011-12 (Courses starting until August 2012) | Tuition fees 2012-13 (Courses starting from September 2012) | How to apply |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| University English | 23 January – 4 May 2012 31 May – 24 August 2012 17 September – 21 December 2012 21 January – 17 May 2013 | <i>12-week course</i> Level 1: IELTS 4.5 (with 4.0 in all skills) Level 2: IELTS 5.0 (with 4.5 in Reading and Writing) Level 3: IELTS 5.5 (with 5.0 in Reading and Writing) Level 4: IELTS 6.0 (with 5.5 in Reading and Writing) | 12 weeks: £3,150 | 12 weeks: £3,250 | Directly to Oxford Brookes International |
| | 2 July – 24 August 2012 | <i>8-week course</i> Level 1: IELTS 5.0 (with 4.5 in Reading and Writing) Level 2: IELTS 5.5 (with 5.0 in Reading and Writing) Level 3: IELTS 6.0 (with 5.5 in Reading and Writing) Level 4: IELTS 6.5 (with 6.0 in Reading and Writing) | 8 weeks: £2,100 | 8 weeks: £2,200 | |
| | 30 July – 24 August 2012 | <i>4-week course</i> Level 1: IELTS 5.5 (with 5.0 in Reading and Writing) Level 2: IELTS 6.0 (with 5.5 in Reading and Writing) Level 3: IELTS 6.5 (with 6.0 in Reading and Writing) Level 4: IELTS 7.0 (with 6.5 in Reading and Writing) | 4 weeks: £1,050 | 4 weeks: £1,150 Deposit: £400 | |
| Two Year Master's** | 21 January – 17 May 31 May – 24 August 2012 | IELTS 5.5 overall with 5.5 in all skills | £8,640 | £9,500 | Through UKPASS |
| Pre-Master's Diploma | 17 September – 21 December 2012 21 January – 17 May 2013 21 January 2013 – 17 May 2013 31 May – 24 August | | £8,640 | £9,500 | Directly to Oxford Brookes International |
| Pre-Master's Certificate: English Language and Study Skills | 21 January – 17 May 2012 31 May – 24 August 2012 21 January – 17 May 2013 | IELTS 6.0 (with 6.0 in Writing and 5.5 in all other skills) | £4,320 | £4,750 | Directly to Oxford Brookes International |
| | Pre-Master's Certificate: Study Skills | | | | |

* For information about other English language qualifications that are accepted including TOEFL internet based test and Pearson Test of English please check the website at www.brookes.ac.uk/international/apply/english

** Dates and tuition fees are for the first year of the Two Year Master's. The second year will be those of your master's.

Fees quoted are applicable to all students, whether you are classed as a UK/EU or international student.

Find out more

For more information about studying here visit
www.brookes.ac.uk/international/pathway



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