



Intensive English Programme (IEP)

What is the Intensive English Programme (IEP)?

The Intensive English Programme (IEP) offers English language courses to international (undergraduate and postgraduate) students through the Language Centre of the University of Stellenbosch. The IEP develops student reading, writing, listening and speaking skills as well as relevant grammar and vocabulary in blocks of eight weeks. Outings and workshops are organised throughout the block to give students the opportunity to explore the local area and culture, to use English outside of the classroom, and to experience intimate cooperative learning environments with practical outcomes.

What English language levels are offered?

Beginner, elementary, pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper intermediate and advanced. At the beginning of the course, you will complete an online placement test and be placed at a suitable level based on the results of your placement test.

How do I apply?

Complete the **online sign-up form**. You will then receive an email with more instructions, which includes sending a copy of the photo page of your passport to **Fatima Halday** at fhalday@sun.ac.za. You will then be asked to complete an online English placement test to determine your level. Once the initial application has been processed, the participant will be sent an invoice with a non-refundable pre-payment which includes the registration fee and the fee for one to three English blocks, depending on the level and study period. Each subsequent block thereafter will need to be paid one week in advance of the start of each English block.

What is the course schedule?

Classes run from Mondays to Fridays from 09:00 to 13:00 over 8-week blocks with a total of 160 hours of English instruction. Students are expected to complete an additional hour per day of self-paced activities in preparation for the next day's class and to review class content.

What are the 2025 course dates?

The following are the IEP course dates for 2025. Any changes in dates will be communicated with applicants before the start of their course.

Blocks	Dates
Block 1	13 January - 7 March
Block 2	10 March - 2 May
Block 3	5 May - 27 June
Block 4	30 June - 22 August
Block 5	25 August - 17 October
Block 6	20 October - 12 December

What are the course fees?

The 2025 course fee for each 8-week block is R13 416. Students are expected to pay the full academic fees (as stipulated in the letter of admission) prior to final registration. The additional levies, administered by Stellenbosch University International (SUI), are payable upon course registration and are non-refundable.

Intensive English Program (IEP) Deposit Payment Rules

Number of blocks	Payment Due
If a student applies for 6 or more blocks	4 blocks must be paid in full as the deposit
If a student applies for 5 blocks	3 blocks must be paid for in full as the deposit
If a student applies for 4 blocks	3 blocks must be paid for in full as the deposit
If a student applies for 3 blocks	2 blocks must be paid for in full as the deposit
If a student applies for 2 blocks	2 blocks must be paid for in full
If a student applies for 1 block	1 block must be paid for in full

Payment for the outstanding block/s must be made 14 days prior to the start of the new block.

Additional levy: International Registration Fee

The registration is run through the International Office who charges an additional levy. The 2025 International Registration Fee (IRF) is R5 335 plus R80 (for the student card) = R 5 415.

The IRF includes:

- Welcome pack
- Orientation and campus tour
- Once-off one-way airport pick-up on arrival
- Assistance with accommodation options
- Immigration assistance (includes visa and medical insurance inquiries)

How do I apply for health insurance?

Students can choose from any of the South African provider companies' student health insurance options below. Note that most companies will require the student to forward their admission letter as proof that they have student status for the full period of time they are to apply for their medical insurance.

- [Momentum Health](#)
- [CompCare Wellness](#)

How do I apply for housing?

Students should make sure to apply for housing well ahead of time, as housing availability in Stellenbosch can be limited - especially during the first semester of the academic year. SUI housing coordinator, **Ms Arlynn Fielies**, can be contacted for any housing inquiries at interhouse@sun.ac.za.

How do I arrange for an airport transfer?

Once a flight has been booked, an airport pickup can be arranged by filling in the [online arrival sheet](#). This is a **one-way airport transfer only for arrival**. To book a transfer for your departure journey, visit the [webpage](#) for more information.

Transport related questions can be addressed to the transport coordinator, Lushane Alexander at: suiarrivals@sun.ac.za

Please note: If you would like to book an airport transfer for your arrival, you have to complete the [online arrival sheet](#) at least **3 days (72 hours) before arrival**.

If you need additional information, please contact:

Contact office	Person	E-mail
Language Centre (Head: Communication)	Fatima Halday	fhalday@sun.ac.za
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