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# International English Language Testing System (IELTS) preparation course A Certificate of Competence short course

# If you plan on attending an English-speaking university or work/ migrate to a country where English is a first language, such as the UK, Australia, USA and/or Canada, then this course is for you!

## What are the course objectives?

This short course is intended to accomplish its goal in 60 contact teaching hours through developing your ability to:

- Recognise the format and content of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam, by discussing, practising and analysing each section of the exam.
- Improve your test-taking skills and strategies, by completing IELTS-style practice tests in reading, listening, speaking and writing.
- Perform optimally within an academic context, so as to gain entry into your chosen academic programmes.
- Recognise the scoring procedures for the exam, so that you may interpret your own test scores.

#### What are the course outcomes?

Upon completion of the course, you will be able to:

- Skim and scan academic and authentic texts for general and specific information.
- Extract information from and make inferences based on texts of varying lengths, such as university lectures, radio documentaries, radio interviews and conversations.
- Interpret and compare data in tables and graphs.
- Develop arguments and express opinions on abstract topics.
- Provide information in a formal interview context.
- Expand academic vocabulary related to common topics such as the Environment, Science and Technology, Health, Energy, Transport, Education, the Arts and Media.

#### Any prerequisites?

- Applicants will be required to have a minimum B2/Upper-Intermediate English language proficiency level.
- Applicants may be required to sit a placement test, prior to the start of the course.
- Should you not have the desired level for entry into the course, you will be provided with recommendations on how to improve your English, so that you may be admitted at a later stage.

#### How is the course presented?

We present this course over eight weeks, with three 2.5 hour face-face sessions a week. All aspects of the course will be assessed, and course material will be provided.

#### Who is the presenter?

Our presenter, Deena Raghavjee, is an expert in her field and over 12 years of local and international experience in teaching English as a second language and exam preparation courses, to students of all ages from multinational backgrounds.

Course dates and registration deadlines for 2019
Monday 4 February – Friday 29 March 2019  Registration deadline: Friday 18 January 2019
Monday 10 June – Friday 02 August 2019  Registration deadline: Friday 17 May 2019
Monday 14 October – Friday 6 December 2019  Registration deadline: Friday 15 November 2019

#### What does the course cost?

The cost of the course is R5 500 per participant. This excludes own stationery and refreshments.

#### Please take note

We present courses only when a minimum of five paid candidates have been confirmed, hence course dates may be changed or a course may be cancelled. In the unlikely event that the Language Centre cancels an IELTS course, you will be refunded in full. We can accommodate a maximum of twelve participants for the course.

### How do I register and pay?

Please register via the short course system: http://shortcourses.sun.ac.za. You must apply online via the short course system: https://shortcourses.sun.ac.za/courses/c-I2.html. A payment notification e-mail will be sent to you containing your unique reference number. Please e-mail your proof of payment along with a copy of your South African ID and/or passport to Jeanene Olivier at olivierj@sun.ac.za. Confirmation and acceptance to the course will take place only after full payment of the fee, completed online registration and a copy of your identity document/passport has been received.

You could also discuss your specific short course and development needs with Karlien Cillié (kcillie@sun.ac.za)

We could even bring our course to your workplace!