



Student success: *Pierre-Marie Hourdin, France*

Name: *Pierre-Marie Hourdin*

From: *Paris, France*

Occupation:

Tax specialist

Course:

Quatorial + 5 Tutorial programme

13th May–14th July, 2012

Accommodation:

OISE Superior host family

Level of English on entry: *B1*

Level of English on exit:

Goal for the course:

To improve pronunciation, writing, listening and reading skills in order to successfully pass the IELTS exam with a score of 7.5.

Current use of English: *Weekly but only reading and writing.*

Main area of English to improve:

Speaking and writing first followed by some grammar and written skills.

Particular focus on:

- *Improve writing skills.*
- *To be able to express himself in English using the correct grammar both in a business context and*

Pierre-Marie arrived at OISE London with a target to gain a score of 7.5 in his IELTS test. In this document, you will find his experience, his reasons for studying English at OISE London and how OISE supported him to achieve his goals.

Although Pierre-Marie arrived with a good level of English, he needed to work on his exam technique which is crucial to IELTS success. In particular, he needed to improve his speaking and writing skills. His tutorial lessons therefore focused closely on these areas through preparation and practice of academic exams. Areas Pierre-Marie worked on included:

- raising awareness of IELTS marking criteria
- effective planning and use of cohesive devices in writing
- building colloquial vocabulary to enhance performance in the speaking exam
- awareness & use of advanced grammar features in both writing and speaking
- tactics to increase speed & performance in the reading test

Outcomes:

With the support of his teachers, Pierre-Marie's dedication to success has allowed him to reach the grades necessary to meet the entry requirements of one of the top London universities. His level has improved not only for academic purposes but also for his social use of English, and he will continue to improve when he starts his Masters programme in September.

"Pierre-Marie achieved his target IELTS score of 7.5 as a result of his hard work and motivation. He has really made the most of his time here. Congratulations!"

*Mark Quincey,
Assistant Academic Director*

"I studied with OISE 20 years ago and I had a great experience so I decided to come back. OISE has helped me to successfully pass the IELTS exam and achieve high scores. I can now start my Masters in Law at LSE London, in September 2012."

Pierre-Marie Hourdin

