



OISE Oxford - The Personal Competency Programme™ Solo



At OISE Oxford, learning takes place in situations which replicate as closely as possible the real-world contexts in which the student has to perform, honing their cognitive competences in English.

The Personal Competency Programme™:

- eliminates the divide between the classroom and the real world
- delivers intellectually challenging content
- focuses on specific learner contexts

This ensures that learning is meaningful and matched to student's goals. Quatorial lessons are taught to groups of up to 4 students of similar age, profile and needs.

Course Components

8:45 - 9:00 News Review

Students develop comprehension skills and cultural understanding by focusing on current news stories and the language and influence of the press.

9:00 - 10:30 Comprehension & Expression

Learners refine their presentation and writing skills by delivering an oral or written task, followed by individual feedback and language analysis that provides key learning points for further self-study.

10:45 - 11:45 Accuracy

Quatorial class in which participants develop accuracy in communicating universal skills such as complex problem solving, people management, decision making and negotiation in a life-like environment through role-plays, simulations and scenarios.

11:45 – 12:45 Project Seminar

Individually, students select a topic for a project and develop it throughout the week. After presentation on Friday, the recording is watched back with tutor and fellow-learner feedback on oral and presentation skills. Learners develop confidence, fluency and relevant vocabulary.

13:40 - 14:00 Plenary

A series of live and recorded lectures and presentations on topics such as technology, economy and politics enhances learners' extended listening and note-taking skills whilst stimulating perception of pronunciation and intonation.

14:00 – 15:00 Critical Reasoning

Learners' grow their ability to articulate elaborate ideas in English and sustain their argument in discussions in this Quatorial class. Critical thinking tools are used to analyse current affairs within a context replicating the challenges of effective communication in the ever-changing global environment.

15:15 – 16:15 Spoken Assertiveness

Taught in a mixed level Quatorial group, learners develop the ability to think in English and broaden their understanding of the nuances of multicultural environments. They are encouraged to participate actively in social and professional interactions with confidence.

16:15 - 17:30 Self-Study

Allotted time to complete work set by tutors, make progress with the individual project or develop English skills using online resources.

The Personal Competency Programme™ includes a total of 30 hours of tuition per week, divided into: 17.5 hours of Quatorial sessions (4:1), 5 hours of Critical Reasoning (4:1), 5 hours of Spoken Assertiveness (8:1) and 2.5 hours of Plenary sessions