



Preparation course for a higher score in the IELTS exam

Academic experience

Students train to gain experience and acquire the skills necessary to achieve their desired score in the IELTS exam. Teachers set milestones and goals for each student, with constant evaluation. This sets the pace for each learner to surpass their academic expectations and achieve more than they thought possible. Students sit rehearsal tests under exam conditions. These are repeated as required to build confidence and familiarity with the exam.

Small class sizes allow for a large amount of individual coaching, which provides students with the security of the knowledge that they are as prepared as possible for their exam, and with confidence and familiarity in the exam format.

Homework tasks are set daily to allow learners to consolidate what they have learned in the day, as well as prepare for the next day.

Students can sit the exam at the end of the course.

Course objective

To make the student familiar with the content of the exam and to give the student the confidence and skills required to achieve the required score in the test.

Course programme

The tutor coaches the learner in the content of the exam and guides them with strategies for understanding and navigating the test questions. Assignments are set for homework and during lesson time there is repeated work on essay writing, vocabulary, comprehension and speaking practice.

Note taking skills

- Practice in taking notes and using notes to summarise listenings.

Skimming and scanning skills

- Search for a main topic, topic sentences, supporting details and concluding thoughts.
- Scanning for pertinent data such as names, dates, numbers etc.

Summarising and paraphrasing

- Students write 3 or 4 sentence summaries of a short passage.
- Students must paraphrase a set of sentences in their own words.
- Students practise identifying information and data from charts and graphs.

Mind mapping

- The use of the mind map to plan a piece of writing.
- Use of mind maps to plan the introduction to an essay.
- Developing the body of the essay.
- Understanding the importance of the controlling idea.

Polishing skills for the writing task and the speaking tasks

- Essay writing skills - checklist.
- Speaking test - final practice.

Exam rehearsals

- Mock exams under timed conditions
- Practice papers
- Timed speaking exercises
- Pronunciation exercises

Course content

The course includes 20 hours of tuition per week taught in small classes of 4 students per class.

Expected outcomes

By the end of this course, the student is expected to be able to:

- Take notes on a piece of listening.
- Summarise and paraphrase an unfamiliar passage of text.
- Plan, structure and write an essay of 500 words.
- Report verbally and in writing the data/information shown in diagrams and graphs.
- Speak in an interview situation for 5 minutes.

Accommodation

Homestay

Staying in a homestay gives participants the chance to be fully immersed into the local culture of the destination, whilst also being able to practice the language in a relaxed and natural setting.

Arrival into the homestay is the Sunday before the course begins, and departure is the Saturday after the course ends.

The experience of living in Oxford

For almost a millennium Oxford has been a hub of learning and academia.

A small university city, Oxford is easily navigable and students are quickly able to settle in and feel comfortable. The city has a bustling centre, with numerous shops, restaurants and cafes, as well as opportunities to explore the rich history and culture through museums, galleries and theatres. The centre of the city is also close to several parks and open spaces, allowing students to spend time outdoors and enjoying nature.

The course includes

The course includes 20 hours of tuition per week
Homestay accommodation (half-board)
Loan of all course materials
Use of the school study lounge (with tea and coffee)

(Note: course fees do not include examination fees which will vary depending on the chosen exam and examination centre.)

Dates

Courses start every Monday of the year.

How to book

Students should complete the course application form and return it to info@oise.com. The course enrolment team will acknowledge the receipt of the application and will contact the student if there are any queries.

Once the course enrolment is processed, the student receives a course confirmation and an invoice for the course fees (it is a requirement to pay course fees in full before the start of the course).