



Professionals | Oxford

Tutored English: the international leadership programme

Tutorial™

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Key points

Students gain the experience and acquire the skills necessary to use the English language at a high level. Teachers set milestones and goals for each student, with constant evaluation. This sets the pace for each learner to surpass their academic expectations.

Individual tuition provides participants with a learning experience tailored to their precise needs. The student is assigned a range of tutors throughout the day, who adopt the style and pace of their pedagogical approach to ensure that the individual before them can perform as a confident speaker of English.

The course exposes learners to a range of authentic sources from different academic subjects, piquing their intellectual curiosity alongside exposing them to different styles and registers, as well as new vocabulary and structures. Students debate, discuss and analyse these sources, leading to increased confidence and fluency alongside enhanced critical thinking skills.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

For the learner to feel at ease using English in a professional or leadership context

In order to be effective in their profession, the learner needs to feel comfortable when using English so that they can perform on an equal basis with native speakers.

The course is designed for experienced professionals who need to lead strategies, manage teams or advise organisations. Participants are likely to have backgrounds in business or leadership. They will have developed management skills throughout their career, but are now in a position to be able to operate internationally. This requires a critical refresher course to enable the participant to be able to operate with self-assurance and precision in an English-speaking international environment.

The Tutored English international leadership programme: the complete package of international management skills

The experience is an opportunity for participants to refine their skills in English in a practical setting. Sessions include relevant topics and content such as finance, meetings, seminars on current affairs, project planning, public speaking, fact-finding and research. The course gives the participant the opportunity to practise the typical daily tasks of their workplace in an English speaking environment, under the guidance of specialised tutors.

Each day includes tutored sessions and preparation sessions. The participant is required to prepare content for the tutored sessions. The sessions replicate corporate daily life so that all aspects of communication and interaction are included.

The course tutors are specialised either in specific areas of the English language or in specific areas of the professional work place.

Prior to the start of the course, the student connects with the course tutor via Zoom for a level assessment and a Needs Analysis, so that the tutor can understand the student's objectives

- At the beginning of each day, a quick review and discussion of the day's topical news headlines is a warm-up exercise
- Core skills lessons equip the student with the necessary skills in grammar, comprehension and accuracy. And communication skills sessions transform the learner into a bold and fluent user of the language. Attached to each lesson is a preparation session in which the participant prepares material.
- Students interact with new ideas and approaches through the use of authentic materials from a range of subjects. Students are exposed to subjects such as philosophy, history and economics and acquire mastery of the language through broadening their knowledge of these topics. These topics develop their cultural awareness and general knowledge which is useful when leading international teams.
- Tutors provide coaching and instruction on the specific skills which the learner needs for their own professional role
- In text analysis sessions, the discussion of current international affairs and topical issues allows students to develop skills in speaking, expression and debate in tandem with widening their worldview.
- Homework tasks are set daily to allow learners to reflect on and consolidate what they have learned in the day, as well as prepare for the next day.

EXPECTATIONS

Expected outcomes

Mastery of the language in leadership roles

Students become confident users of English in high-stakes communications. This allows them to use their language as a tool for their own ambition and to operate at the optimum of their skills and experience. They are able to work as team-

leaders, business developers or progress to consultancy or advisory roles.

OISE PROFESSORS

Tutors are selected for their qualifications, their experience and their areas of specialist knowledge

ACCOMMODATION

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Half-board 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 practise the language in a relaxed and natural setting. Many homestays have been welcoming our students into their homes for many years, offering their hospitality and expanding our students cultural horizons. Homestay arrivals are on the Sunday before the course begins, and departures are on the Saturday after the course ends.

LOCATION

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.

CULTURE

Sample day

The course sessions take place from 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs from Monday to Friday.

Lessons are one to one lessons with a personal tutor. In addition, the day includes preparation sessions in which the student can prepare content for the upcoming lesson. Each morning and afternoon includes a tea/coffee break in which students and tutors can relax and help themselves to refreshments.

The school offers plenty of quiet spaces in which students can do personal work and reading.

0900 hrs to 0930 hrs

News Review

0930hrs to 1100 hrs

Session 1: Written Expression and Accuracy

Writing with clarity, accuracy and purpose

Business writing is a purposeful piece of writing that conveys relevant information to the reader in a clear, concise and effective manner. In these lessons, participants grow their ability to articulate elaborate ideas in English and sustain their argument in written discussions. They also develop accuracy in written communication skills to enhance their ability to convey convincing arguments to the reader. Participants work on four types of writing: instructional, informational, persuasive and transactional. The tasks focus on clarity of thought, conciseness, correct grammar/sentence structure and simple language which all characterise effective business writing.

Morning break

1130 hrs to 1300 hrs

Session 2: Public Speaking with impact and influence

Intensive practice through debates, discussions, negotiations and other professional life situations.

Contrary to educational logic, it is not having a good grasp of the basics of the language that gives eloquence, confidence and ability to be convincing. It is a work of self-development which helps to overcome one's inhibitions and to hold court in public speaking. It is also in these sessions that participants face subtleties of effective communication: humour, holding the interest of an audience, passive language, body language and planning.

The tutor addresses all aspects of improving oratory skills communication: a relaxed attitude, contact with the audience, pace of speech, intonation, diction etc. specific skills such as pronunciation

Lunch break

1400 hrs to 1500 hrs

Session 3: Targeted training on the level and needs of the participant.

The goal is to overcome all obstacles to be able to become a clear, precise and convincing communicator in English. This format allows to address both the language shortcomings, specialised needs and the (psychological) obstacles that hinder spontaneity of expression.

Afternoon break

1600 hrs to 1700 hrs

Case study assignments

Participants are confronted with a business or political case study to research, plan and present. Throughout the week, participants look to delve deeper into a the chosen topic with the aim to produce an analytical, critical and insightful summary.

On Friday, all participants gather in the lecture theatre to present their final conclusions. specific skills such as pronunciation

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USEFUL INFORMATION

The price includes

The price includes tuition, half-board accommodation in a homestay and a certificate of achievement

Need help choosing the course that best fits your personal needs? Contact us!

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