

English as a Foreign Language Programme

Module Code TE4012 Intermediate Level

Module Code TE4022 Upper-Intermediate Level

Module Code TE4032 Advanced Level.

An English Language class is offered to International students at Advanced, Upper Intermediate and Intermediate levels.

EFL Orientation Session:

Students who wish to take the module can attend an Introductory Session, which takes place during Orientation week. Angela Farrell hosts the Information Session and IED organising the location.

The module is **NOT MANDATORY** for Erasmus, Study Abroad and Non EU Exchange Students.

It is **MANDATORY** for students on a 3+1+1 Programme.

During this session, students will either, take an initial placement test to determine level or, present a grade from a recently taken English Language certificate. Students do not need to print this result; they can show it on a mobile device.

The relevant International Office Administrator will email students' when class the class placement list becomes available. Students are required to sign-up for classes on Friday of Week 1. Classes start in Week 2.

The course is for twelve weeks and covers structures, vocabulary, functions and skills practice (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) on topics of general/academic and Irish/international cultural and current affairs. The course is recognized academically and worth 6 ECTS credits.

The English Language requirements for each International programme are as follows:

Erasmus	B2
Non EU Exchange	C1/B2
Study Abroad	C1/B2
3+1+1	C1/B2
Full Degree	C1/B2

Classes:

Intermediate level:

4 hours per week: 2 hours with class teacher and 2 hours with post-graduate teachers.

Upper-intermediate level:

4 hours per week: 2 hours with class teacher and 2 hours with post-graduate teachers.

Advanced level:

3 hours per week: 1 hour with class teacher and 2 hours with post-graduate teachers.

Note**

Classes may be recorded on DVD for training purposes. Any student objecting to this is asked to register his/her objection with the EFL coordinator, Angela Farrell (angela.farrell@ul.ie) by the end of week 2. If we have not heard from students by this time, it is assumed they have given their full consent to being recorded.

Materials:

Coursebooks plus supplementary materials. (Advised in class)

Course Assessment:

Class test (grammar and vocabulary)	25%	(in class)
Presentation (in pairs)	35%	(to be advised)
Essay Writing	35%	(to be advised)
Participation and attendance	5%	

It is important that deadlines are met for assignments. Assignments that are late will lose 15% of the grade for each week overdue.

Presentation:

Students are asked to work in pairs (not of the same nationality/L1) to prepare and deliver a presentation (length to be decided by class teacher according to class level, approx. 15-20 mins.) in class on an Irish/international cultural or news topic of their choice followed by a 5-10 minute question/answer session. The topic must be approved by the class teacher beforehand. Assessment is on an individual basis and is based on content, engagement with audience, fluency, appropriate and accurate use of grammatical structures and vocabulary, and pronunciation (see handout in class which provides further details and breakdown of marking criteria).

Reading:

Students are requested to read a literary text from week 3 (to be advised in class). An essay assignment will be set in week 8 based on this reading and should be submitted in week 10 to the class teacher in hard copy, in class.

Attendance and Homework:

Students are expected to attend class regularly, to participate in pair work and group work in class, and to undertake any assignments given by their class teachers according to the criteria established. Students are asked to treat their fellow students and their teachers with respect and to be aware of and sensitive to cultural differences. The learning environment we seek to foster is one of collaboration, cooperation and mutual respect.

Plagiarism:

We are obliged to advise you that in line with University policy, incidents of plagiarism in individual assessments will be awarded zero marks and can lead to the award of an F for the whole module. See also the University Code of Conduct.

Exam:

There is no end of term examination. Assessment is continuous as outlined above.

All enquiries to be directed to EFL coordinator: angela.farrell@ul.ie

Independent Study/Language Exchange:

Students are strongly advised to make full use of the resources in the Languages in the Languages Building (first floor). There are dedicated programmes available to practise skills, structures and pronunciation. A wide variety of English language films and listening materials is also available.

A student exchange programme is organised every semester where foreign students are paired with Irish students to exchange conversation classes in both languages.

Apart from attending classes and doing homework and assignments, students should also allocate a number of hours per week to studying English on their own.

Students are encouraged to read widely (newspapers, magazines, literature) and not to restrict their reading to text books only. Listening to the radio and watching different kinds of TV programmes are important elements in learning a language (news, current affairs, documentaries, dramas, talk shows).