

What to expect on the Academic IELTS course

The IELTS preparation will focus on the 4 areas of the exam: reading, speaking, writing and listening. The course teaches exam techniques to help you achieve your maximum potential in the IELTS exams and also offers regular practice tests to assess your progress. You will also study general exam strategies and receive advice and help for each part of the exam.

Course syllabus and materials for IELTS

You will receive a course book. For information on the topics which you will study in your class, please refer to the contents page of your course book. You will find an outline of the skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing), grammar and vocabulary which will be covered during the term.

Levels

You will receive a free English test before you start your class to assess your English level.

We don't usually advise students to study IELTS until they have reached B1+ (a high intermediate level). We also advise students to take General English in the mornings to help boost their overall language skills to help achieve better results in the IELTS exam.

Start dates

You can start an IELTS course any week of the year. For public holidays and any non-teaching days, please see here: www.ihaberdeen.com/about/calendar

Progress & Feedback

You will be tested once a week on a different part of the IELTS exam and you will be given at least one IELTS writing task per week. Your teacher will give feedback during and after each activity.

To monitor your progress, you will do mid-term and end-of-term practice IELTS tests for each part of the exam, which also help you (and us) monitor your progress.

You can discuss your progress with your teacher at any stage of your study at IHA. You will also have 2 Progress Tutorials per term where you have the opportunity to discuss your learning goals with your teacher and get constructive feedback and advice on ways of improving your English.

Weekly Plan and Weekly Review

On Tuesdays, your teacher will present their plan for the week. You also have the opportunity to suggest anything in particular you would like to study.

On Thursdays, your teacher will discuss what has been covered in class that week to find out if you feel you need further practice in any area. You may also make suggestions on what skills or language area you wish to develop the following week.



Finding out about the Academic IELTS exam

It would help in IELTS if you know what the exam involves. We recommend that you familiarise yourself with each part of the exam using websites, such as: <https://www.ielts.org/> and YouTube for speaking tests.

See also IH Aberdeen's blog article for useful online resources for IELTS preparation:

<http://www.ihaberdeen.com/blog/item/top-5-best-websites-for-ielts-practice-aberdeen>

Self-study materials

Students are encouraged to try out websites to help them prepare for this exam. See the list of useful online resources in the classrooms.

