

## **IFCELS Pre-sessional Course Update - June 2020**

Due to the current situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, IFCELS will only be running the 8-week B, 4-week A and 4-week B pre-sessional courses during the July-September period. These will be taught **exclusively online** on the dates below:

- **8-week Pre-sessional Course B (Online): Monday, 27 July-Friday, 18 September**  
Tuition fee: £3900 GBP
- **4-week Pre-sessional Course A (Online): Monday, 27 July-Friday, 21 August**
- **4-week Pre-sessional Course B (Online): Monday, 24 August-Friday, 18 September**  
Tuition fee: £2300 GBP

### **Additional Information: Teaching Format and Technical Requirements**

The 8-week course consists of **144 hours of online guided tuition** and the 4-week courses consist of **72 hours**: this will be a combination of directed activities and exercises scheduled Monday to Friday, and virtual classroom teaching and tutorials according to the week's timetable. The timetable will be arranged to suit the participants' time-zones.

You will be provided with all the materials, which will be available through our online learning platform **Bloomsbury Learning Environment (BLE)**. You will be able to access the BLE once you are enrolled, and this will be arranged before the first day of teaching. The minimum technical requirements you will need to follow the course are:

- **a lap-top or PC**
- **audio/mic** to participate in on-line seminars/tutorials and group sessions
- **a web-cam**
- **headphones**
- and **Internet connectivity** with a minimum bandwidth of 600kbps (up/down), with a recommended speed of 1.5 Mbps (up/down)

### **Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral School Pre-sessional Applications**

In line with current UK government guidance, SOAS will accept IELTS Academic (UKVI and non-UKVI), TOEFL IBT/TOEFL at Home, Pearson Academic Test of English and Duolingo as proof of English language proficiency for applicants who require a Tier 4 visa.

Table 1 shows the minimum scores that meet admissions requirements for undergraduate and taught postgraduate offer holders with an integrated Pre-sessional requirement. Table 2 shows admissions requirements for Doctoral School pre-sessional applicants, which are slightly different.

**Table 1. Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Pre-sessional English Language Admissions Requirements**

TEST	4 WEEK PRE-SESSIONAL	8 WEEK PRE-SESSIONAL
IELTS Academic	6.5 overall and the following minimum scores in each skill: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 6.0 Speaking: 6.0	6.0 overall and the following minimum scores in each skill: Listening: 5.5 Reading: 5.5 Writing: 5.5 Speaking: 5.5
TOEFL IBT	95 overall and the following minimum scores in each skill: Listening: 18 Reading: 18 Writing: 21 Speaking: 21	90 overall and the following minimum scores in each skill: Listening: 18 Reading: 18 Writing: 18 Speaking: 20
PTE Academic	65 overall and the following minimum scores in each skill: Listening: 55 Reading: 55 Writing: 60 Speaking: 60	60 overall and the following minimum scores in each skill: Listening: 55 Reading: 55 Writing: 55 Speaking: 55
Duolingo	110	100
ELAS (English Language and Academic Studies, Diploma or Certificate course)	68-69%	63-67%
Foundation programmes (IFCELS)	55-58%	N/A

**Table 2. Doctoral School Pre-sessional English Language Admissions Requirements**

TEST	4 WEEK PRE-SESSIONAL	8 WEEK PRE-SESSIONAL
IELTS Academic	7.0 overall with 6.0 in reading and writing and 5.0 in other sub-scores OR 6.5 overall with 6.5 in writing and 6.0 in other sub-scores.	6.0 overall with 6.0 in writing, 5.5 in reading and 5.0 in other sub-scores.
TOEFL IBT	100 overall with 20+ in all sub-scores OR 95 overall and no less than 22 in reading and writing and 20 in other sub-scores.	90 – 94 overall with 20+ in all sub-scores.
PTE Academic	65 overall with 65 in writing and 60 in other sub-scores	60 overall with 60 in writing and 55 in other sub-scores.
Duolingo	110	100

Note: The scores in the tables above relate to the absolute minimum scores that must be achieved for a particular skill. In order to achieve the minimum overall score for Admissions requirements, most sub-skill scores will need to exceed the minimums listed. For further advice on English language requirements or for any other pre-sessional queries, email [preseasonal@soas.ac.uk](mailto:preseasonal@soas.ac.uk).