

General English

All English language courses at Excel College are designed to improve students' ability to communicate in English, that is, to make themselves understood.

We aim to provide our students with a comprehensive learning package that will make them more effective learners and equip them with the skills they will need in the future at university and/or in the workplace. Of course, we want students to enjoy their lessons and we work hard to make sure that they do.

Course Details

Excel College provides a 1-year English language course that runs over three terms, a total of 35 weeks with 15 hours of guided lessons per week.

Students can join a class on any Monday during the academic year except the last week of a term, when tests are being conducted.

Currently, there are six levels of General English. We will decide your level based on the Excel College Placement Test.

	CEF	IELTS	iBT	Cambridge	NQF
Beginner	0-A1	--	9-18	--	Entry 1
Elementary	A1	1.0-2.5	19-29	--	Entry 1
Pre-Intermediate	A2	3.0-3.5	30-56	KET	Entry 2
Intermediate	B1	4.0	57-86	PET; BEC(P)	Entry 3
Upper-Intermediate	B2	5.0-6.0	87-109	FCE; BEC(V)	Level 1
Advanced	C1-C2	6.5-9.0	110-120	CAE; CPE; BEC(H)	Levels 2-3

Methodology

Our methodology is based on the best insights of the Communicative, Lexical and Task-based approaches to language learning.

At Excel College we strongly believe that language learning is not just learning about language but learning how to do things with language. That is why we expect students to work at least as hard as our teachers and take responsibility for their own learning.

In lessons, students are taught coping and repair strategies to help them deal with natural language and build confidence.

We also ask students to hand in homework assignments and projects on time and encourage them to redraft written work when necessary.

Course Description

All our courses are mapped to the Common European Framework (CEF) and this means that students will be able to measure their own progress according to definite objectives and outcomes.

The course is designed so that, at all levels, particular attention is given to the following, which we have identified as major development areas for most international students:

- **Effective Vocabulary Learning**
- **Understanding English Grammar**
- **Asking and Answering Questions**
- **Speaking Practice**
- **Improving Listening Comprehension**
- **Writing Skills**
- **Extensive Reading**
- **Pronunciation**
- **Cultural Awareness**
- **Independent learning**

Class tests and individual tutorials take place every 4 weeks, to consolidate learning, to help students who may have missed classes, and to allow for student requests. End of term tests are conducted in the last week of term. Students can progress to the next level at the end of a trimester if the teacher is satisfied that they have achieved the outcomes for the level.

On completing the course, students are given a report and certificate. These show the levels achieved for the four skills (reading, listening, writing and speaking) as well as the teacher's comments and the attendance percentage.

Length:	4 weeks – 35 weeks
Hours:	15 hours per week
Levels:	Beginner, Elementary, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate, Upper-intermediate, Advanced
Time:	10:00 – 13:00 or 14:00 – 17:00, Monday – Friday
Fees:	For up to date prices, see our website: www.excel-college.com/fees.php

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