

Academic Foundation Year

Course Summary

Excel College's Foundation Year is designed to be taken as a one-year course that will equip you with the skills and knowledge you need to study at undergraduate level in the UK. Our Foundation includes three modules:

1. Academic English (**IELTS**) or Subject Module (**Business** or **IT**)
2. English for Specific Purposes (**Business English** or **Legal English**)
3. **Study Skills**

Our Academic English component provides specific preparation and training for the academic IELTS exam to help you achieve the score you need. The subject modules lead to an internationally recognised level 3 qualifications and are complemented with modules in English for business or law.

Our Study Skills module will help you practise the research skills you need at university such as note-taking, report writing and listening to lectures.

Course Modules

| | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 |
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| Core Module 1 <i>15 hours p/w</i> | General English or IELTS | Business Administration Level 3 | IT Level 3 |
| Core Module 2 <i>6 hours p/w</i> | Business English | Legal English | |
| Core Module 3 <i>3 hours p/w</i> | Study Skills | | |

Students can compose the content of their Foundation Year based on what they want to use the qualification for: they can choose any of the above options for Core Module 1 and either of the above options for Core Module 2.

The Excel College Foundation Year consists of a minimum 24 hours per week class-based tuition. However students can choose to study for up to 30 hours per week – at no extra cost!

Fees

For up-to-date prices, ask our staff in Reception or see our website:

www.excel-college.com/fees.php

Entry Requirements

Academic

Students must have completed 12 years of full-time education and have a high school diploma with good grades.

English

Students need to have a good intermediate level in English:

- ESOL Level 1
- IELTS 4.5
- Internet-based TOEFL 50
- Cambridge FCE minimum Grade C
- Cambridge PET minimum Grade B

Progression

Students may begin their Foundation modules at any point during the year and can study from 4 to 35 weeks, depending on your goal. However, in order for the qualification to be recognised for progression to university, students must study for a full academic year and achieve a minimum 80% attendance.

Excel College's partner organisation – UKEC – represents over 50 leading universities in the UK. All our Foundation students will be entitled to free advice and application management from our education officers about study options.

Previous students who successfully completed the full course have been able to use the Excel College qualification to get offers of degree study from respected UK universities such as Salford, Huddersfield and Manchester Metropolitan, among others.

External Examinations

In addition to the Excel College Foundation Year, our courses can also prepare students to sit the following examinations at the end of their course (depending on which modules the student chooses to study):

- IELTS
- TOEFL IBT
- Cambridge Business English Certificate (BEC)
- Cambridge International Legal English Certificate (ILEC)
- City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma/Enhanced Diploma in IT
- City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Business Administration