

Learn the language, and get prepared for your academic programme while enjoying all the benefits of being a full member of the student community at Glyndŵr University, with access to all learning and support facilities available on a vibrant campus. The newly established and fast expanding Language Centre is your 'home' for the duration of the language course but you will also be introduced to the University as a whole. This will smoothen your start into academic programmes such as Arts, Business, Computing, Engineering etc.

Course Overview: Courses are delivered full time (21-25 hours guided tuition per week throughout the year with short intervals in the main holiday periods) at three entry levels: pre-intermediate (IELTS 4.0 or lower), intermediate (IELTS 4.5/5.0) and upper intermediate (IELTS 5.0/5.5). Any equivalent qualifications or experience will be considered at admission.

Course Content: Vocabulary and grammar are given equal importance, and there is a strong focus on listening and speaking skills in social and academic situations throughout the course. Reading and writing skills are honed progressively, and at higher levels these will be at the centre of learning. Language specific to participants' future studies will be included towards the end of the programme as required and beneficial.

Tuition: Learning and teaching takes place in a seminar style environment, including sessions in a language laboratory and guided self-study in our Learning Resources Centre. The usual group size is 10-20 participants. Most learning resources are provided by the course organisers. Student progress will be monitored closely by the experienced and caring programme team. Written reports will be issued to students on a monthly basis, and they will be advised regarding enrolment opportunities for an internationally recognised English Language certificate. The intimate and personalised learning experience at the Language Centre is what most former students say makes the courses so special and beneficial to them.

Social programme: All extra-curricular activities (e.g. student clubs) offered by Glyndŵr University to undergraduate students are available to course participants. The Language Centre runs additional activities for full time and part time students, giving the international and multicultural student cohorts opportunities to meet and practise their newly acquired English language skills.

Accommodation & Support Facitilies: Students will enjoy the same support and facilities (including accommodation) as all undergraduate students at Glyndŵr University. These range from welfare services, including healthcare provision and disability support, to student clubs and other extra-curricular programmes.

Minimum Age: 18 years

Entry Requirements: Depending on certified English language skills, you can choose between the alternatives below. It is expected that following the successful completion of the English language programme, you will continue onto academic programmes at Glyndŵr University. Prior to your English language course you are, therefore, usually expected to have the relevant academic qualifications necessary for entry into your main programme.

1. International Foundation Diploma:
[for entry onto Undergraduate Programmes at GU; modules include: English Language, British Culture, Study Skills and British Culture, Introduction to Undergraduate Studies]
a) IELTS 4.5 entry, usually September - June*
b) IELTS 5.0/5.5 entry, usually January - June**
c) as above and in addition, missing subject content – add four weeks***

2. Intensive English Language Course:
some previous English language learning required [preparation for IELTS exams, followed by academic study at GU]
a) September - June*
b) January - June**
c) 11 months tuition, start date negotiable (e.g. 28 January - 20 December 2013)

Applications and Fees: Applications are through the International Office at Glyndŵr University (http://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/en/Internationalstudents/) Normal undergraduate fees apply for September – June, and half undergraduate fees apply for January – June durations. 11 months courses are priced at £11,000 and the fee includes mid-range accommodation.

* start: 23 September 2013

** start: 28 January 2013

*** add £900 to the basic fees, subject to validation

All prices are correct at the time of print.

Additional information is available from:
http://www.Glyndŵr.ac.uk/en/Ourcampusesandfacilities/SecondLanguageLearningCentre

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MA Advanced ESOL

(ESOL = English for Speakers of Other Languages)

21st century life is global, and increasing internationalisation means the demand for highly qualified linguists in the lingua franca of English is growing rapidly.

Introduction to the course: Studying for the MA Advanced ESOL will raise a non-native English speaker's language skills to those of a near-native English speaker, and provide the students with an enhanced cultural, socio-political and economic awareness of the English speaking world in general and the UK in particular. The students will also further develop their intercultural communication skills in preparation for an international working environment.

The programme has been created specifically for English language graduates. Developing on programme participants' existing English language skills - typically gained through an undergraduate degree in English or English Literature – the MA Advanced ESOL will improve the students' linguistic analysis and research skills, take their spoken and written English language skills to a new level and expose them to an international world at Glyndŵr University.

Programme Provider: The MA Advanced ESOL is led by our newly established Language Centre with almost 1400 students in the Academic Year 2011/2012, and offering a wide range of English language programmes: short courses, such as summer schools and specialised English language courses for professional groups, intensive English Language Courses leading to IELTS exams, and an International Foundation Diploma for pre-entry English to Undergraduate Academic Programmes. The students will learn from highly experienced, qualified and enthusiastic staff and study in an international environment with easy access to native speakers of many other languages.

Location: The Language Centre is located on the Wrexham campus, a short distance from the town centre of Wrexham, the largest town in North Wales. Liverpool and Manchester (both with large international airports) are a short drive, and direct train services take students to Cardiff and London.

Career Opportunities: The MA Advanced ESOL will open up new avenues for careers such as in translating, interpreting, teaching, research, marketing, politics and journalism, particularly with international companies or organisations. The programme team will be able to advise students on their follow-up professional development, such as CELTA – an internationally recognised English language teaching qualification accredited by Cambridge - or interpreting/translation, journalism and marketing programmes.

The transferable analytical and communication skills the students will gain will make them strong candidates for managerial and administrative positions within industry.

Course Module List: Applied Linguistics 1, Applied Linguistics 2, Advanced EFL, Research and Study Skills for Languages and Area Studies, Contemporary Britain, Intercultural Communication, Dissertation.

Assessment: Written and oral.

Entry Requirements: A relevant degree (2:2 or above) in English language, BA ESOL, BA TESOL, English language and literature (combined), or similar subject areas. Other qualifications and experience will be considered on their merits and under exceptional circumstances.

Successful applicants must, however, provide proof of consistent proficiency in English, usually with a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or equivalent – with 6.5 in writing minimum. Applicants whose first language is English will not be admitted.

Profile Programme Leader: Dr Leila Luukko-Vinchenzo, a linguist with many years of teaching, research, and management together with industrial experience, leads a growing team of highly qualified and enthusiastic linguists who aim to provide every student with a unique learning opportunity in a multicultural academic environment in preparation for the students' future multilingual and international places of work.

Profile Student at the Language Centre: Yubiao Zhang, Associate Professor of English at the Hubei Institute for Nationalities, PR China, spent three months in Wrexham on a staff development exercise at the Second Language Learning Centre, which leads the MA Advanced ESOL.

"Thanks to the interesting and meaningful intensive English language course with its new teaching methods, I know more about the native people, can speak accurately and bravely, write without difficulty and understand spoken English easily."

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