University of Surrey
The University of Surrey is set on a safe and beautiful campus in the heart of the English countryside, just 33 minutes from Central London by train and close to both Heathrow and Gatwick international airports. Students from more than 140 countries have made their home with us here in the pretty town of Guildford.

The Guardian University Guide 2016 ranks us 4th overall in their UK league table. With over 130 undergraduate degrees and 150 postgraduate taught programmes covering a range of subjects, we have an outstanding academic reputation, providing our students with great potential for future success.

The School of English and Languages
The School of English and Languages is part of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. We offer a range of undergraduate and postgraduate taught degrees, as well as a number of high-quality English language programmes.

Pre-sessional Stages 1, 2 and 3: October to June
(10, 20 or 30 weeks)
Pre-sessional Stages 1, 2 and 3 constitute a preparation programme for international students whose first language is not English and who are intending to begin a postgraduate degree at the University of Surrey. Students attend for a total of 210 contact hours per course and are placed in classes according to their level and needs. Students on all three courses receive individual support from administrative and academic staff, including one-to-one tutorials.

If you successfully complete Stage 3, you will be able to proceed (depending on your grade) onto the 12-week, 8-week or 5-week Summer Pre-sessional at Stage 4 or directly onto your degree programme without the need to retake the IELTS test or any other external language tests.
### Overview of Pre-sessional courses

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<td>Summer Pre-sessionals: 12 weeks (PS12) • 8 weeks (PS8) 5 weeks (PS5 and PSEM)</td>
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### Pre-sessional Stages 1, 2 and 3 will help you to:

» Improve your fluency and accuracy in English  
» Participate in discussions and give presentations  
» Develop your academic reading, writing and study skills  
» Engage in independent learning  
» Achieve the English level required for the Summer Pre-sessional courses or your degree course  
» Begin your Summer Pre-sessional or degree course with confidence  
» Learn time-management and other organisational skills  
» Become familiar with the University’s learning facilities  
» Adapt to university life at Surrey

### You will experience:

» A full-time programme with 210 hours of class time per course  
» A safe, welcoming environment  
» Highly experienced and qualified tutors  
» Individual support, including one-to-one tutorials  
» Introduction to current UK study methods  
» Full access to all University facilities, including the Library and IT  
» Use of a well-equipped multi-media Language Study Area

Some University accommodation is available. See page 7 for details

### The Courses

#### Pre-sessional Stage 1: October to December

Pre-sessional Stage 1 focuses mainly on language development in order to lay the foundations for academic English Study. By the end of the course you will have developed your:

» Grammatical accuracy  
» Vocabulary  
» Ability to participate in everyday conversations and discussions  
» Ability to write well-structured paragraphs and short essays  
» Ability to comprehend short reading texts  
» Ability to comprehend short listening texts  
» Ability to work independently and in groups  
» Time-management skills

#### Pre-sessional Stage 2: January to March

Pre-sessional Stage 2 consolidates work covered in Stage 1 and introduces some of the academic English skills which are needed for postgraduate study. By the end of the course you will have developed your:

» Grammatical accuracy  
» Vocabulary  
» Ability to participate in discussions on familiar topics  
» Presentation skills  
» Ability to write well-structured and well-supported essays in a suitable academic style  
» Ability to understand the ideas and arguments presented in a range of reading texts  
» Listening and note-taking skills in an academic context  
» Ability to work independently and in groups  
» Time-management skills
Pre-sessional Stage 3: April to June
Pre-sessional Stage 3 will further consolidate work covered in Stages 1 and 2. It will also include a greater focus on the academic English skills which are needed for postgraduate study.

By the end of the course you will have developed your:
» Grammatical accuracy
» Vocabulary
» Ability to participate in seminar discussions
» Academic presentation skills
» Ability to write a fully referenced academic essay
» Ability to understand the structure, ideas and arguments presented in complex academic texts
» Skills for listening and note-taking in lectures
» Ability to work independently and in groups
» Independent study and time-management skills

Assessment
Students will be assessed at each stage on the following five components of the course:
» Grammar and vocabulary
» Reading skills
» Writing Skills
» Listening skills
» Speaking skills

Successful completion of Stages 1 and 2 will be dependent on passing all five components, as well as participation in all class activities and satisfactory attendance. Successful completion of Stage 3 and progression onto Stage 4 or your degree programme will be dependent on your grades for each component, as well as your participation and attendance (see page 6).

Example timetable

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Please note that this is an example and skills covered each day will vary according to the stage of the course and the level of the students.
Summer Pre-sessional English Language Programmes (Stage 4) – Overview

Our Summer Pre-sessional English language programmes are designed as intensive English preparation for international students. You should consider these programmes if:

» You are planning to study on a degree programme at the University of Surrey
» Your degree offer specifies successful completion of a pre-sessional course
» You have satisfied the conditions of your offer and wish to improve your language skills

Our programmes last 12, 8 or 5 weeks, depending on your level of English language. If you attend and successfully complete any of the Summer Pre-sessional English language programmes, you will be able to progress directly onto your chosen University of Surrey degree without the need to re-take IELTS or any other external language tests.

Our Summer Pre-sessional programmes help you to:

» Begin your degree course with confidence
» Research and complete academic assignments

» Develop academic writing and study skills
» Engage in critical thinking and independent learning
» Improve language and fluency
» Learn time-management and other organisational skills
» Participate in seminars and give presentations
» Learn about university life at Surrey
» Become familiar with all our learning facilities

Our Summer Pre-sessional courses include a varied social programme designed to help you settle into life at the University, make new friends and explore British culture.

Examples of activities include:

» Day trips to places of interest (such as Brighton, Oxford and Windsor)
» Sporting activities
» Cinema and theatre visits
» Welcome and farewell parties
Summer Pre-sessional English Language Programme – Entrance Requirements

The Summer Pre-sessional course you will need to follow depends on your existing language proficiency and the level you need to achieve for your chosen degree. The tables below indicate the length of Summer Pre-sessional study you need, based on the difference between your current IELTS level and the English language requirement for your degree course at the University of Surrey. Prospective students need to have fulfilled these requirements before the start of their degree course.

**Entry level guide for Summer Pre-sessional courses**

*Your degree offer: 6.5 with no lower than 6.0 in each component*

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**Entry level guide for Summer Pre-sessional courses**

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**The courses**

The programmes are all intensive with 21 hours of class time per week.

- Preparing and delivering presentations
- Structuring paragraphs
- Avoiding plagiarism and poor academic practice
- Critical research skills
- Study skills
- Writing extended essays
- Using the library and IT facilities

All courses cover the following skills:
- Academic writing
- Academic reading
- Academic listening and note taking
Pre-sessional 12 (PS12) and Pre-sessional 8 (PS8)
These are rigorous programmes designed to improve your overall competence in English language and to develop general academic skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking and study skills. They are designed to take students up to the level of English ability required for degree study at the University of Surrey. There is a combination of continuous assessment and final exam.

Pre-sessional 5 (PS5)
This is an intensive programme in which students complete academic assignments and give presentations, have access to all University facilities and are able to learn how to make the most of their time at the University of Surrey. It is a great opportunity to ensure that you are fully aware of the requirements for success during your studies at Surrey even if you already have a high level of English.

Pre-sessional English for Management (PSEM) (5 weeks)
PSEM is specifically designed for students going on to study any of the Masters-level Management degrees at the University of Surrey. The major components of this programme are drawn from topic areas with specific relevance to Management studies, such as Marketing and Human Resource Management. In addition, you will develop the necessary academic skills required to complete written assignments and reports as well as discussion activities and oral skills. This course provides a firm basis for success in Management studies in English.

General Information
Accommodation
University accommodation in self-catering, single study-bedrooms, en suite (private bathroom) or standard (shared bathroom) is available for our Summer Pre-sessional students. However, you are strongly advised to apply early. Accommodation may be available for students applying for Stages 1, 2, and 3 but you should apply as early as possible because it is in high demand and is limited. Please see the Accommodation website for further information and to apply. There are also a number of accommodation options off campus and further information can be found on the Accommodation website: surrey.ac.uk/accommodation

Application and payment
Full information about course fees and payment is available at: surrey.ac.uk/presessionals
All applicants are asked to complete the online application form. You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt via the University portal. Full fees are due a minimum of 4 weeks before the start of your course.

Sponsored students
If a professional organisation, ministry or embassy is sponsoring you, you should complete the online application form and upload a financial guarantee letter for the English language programme. An invoice will be sent to your sponsor once you have registered.

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