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## Pre-Sessional - Information Sheet

**Course:** Pre-Sessional

**Entry Level:** Intermediate to Advanced

**Hours offered:** 25 hours

**Is this course available online?** Yes

**Which school is this course available at?** MC Academy, Liverpool and MC Academy, Manchester

**Who do I contact to apply:** liv@themcacademy.co.uk (LIV) **OR** info@themcacademy.co.uk (MCR)

**What is the class size?** 16 students maximum

**Who is this course for?** Pre-sessional courses are designed to prepare international students for the academic rigors of university study in English-speaking countries. They focus on enhancing English language proficiency and developing essential academic skills.

### Curriculum Overview

#### Course Aims

- To improve students' English language skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) for academic purposes.
- To develop academic skills such as note-taking, essay writing, critical thinking, and presentation skills.
- To familiarize students with academic culture and expectations and improve ability to manage the language demands of academic research.
- To prepare students for the specific demands of their chosen degree program.

#### Course Structure

Pre-sessional courses typically vary in length (e.g., 4, 6, or 8 weeks) and intensity, depending on the institution. However, they generally include the following components:

- Language Skills: Intensive English language instruction focusing on academic vocabulary, grammar, and discourse features.
- Development of reading comprehension skills for academic texts (articles, textbooks, research papers).
- Enhancement of writing skills, including essay writing, report writing, and referencing.
- Improvement of listening comprehension skills for lectures, seminars, and discussions.
- Practice of spoken English in academic contexts (presentations, group work, discussions).
- Academic Skills: Training in effective note-taking and summarising techniques.
- Development of critical thinking and analysis skills.
- Instruction in referencing styles (APA, MLA, Harvard, etc.).
- Guidance on time management and study skills.
- Practice in giving oral presentations and participating in seminars.
- Academic Culture and Expectations: Introduction to the academic culture of the host country.
- Development of intercultural communication skills.
- Guidance on university systems and procedures.
- Support with academic and personal well-being.

## Teaching Methodology

- Task-based learning: Students engage in authentic academic tasks to develop language and skills.
- Integrated skills approach: Language skills are developed in context and integrated with academic skills.
- Focus on academic language: Vocabulary and grammar are taught in relation to academic discourse.
- Individualised support: Students receive tailored guidance based on their needs and learning styles.

## Assessment

**Assessment methods vary depending on the institution but may include:**

- Written assignments (essays, reports)
- Presentations
- In-class tests and quizzes
- Portfolio assessment
- Teacher observation and feedback

**Note:** The specific content and emphasis of a pre-sessional course may vary depending on the students' level of English, their chosen degree program, and the institution offering the course.

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## OR

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