

Language Support for International Students

Guidance for Personal Tutors

English Language Centre, part of Student Services at University of Lincoln, provides support to international students – anyone for whom English is their second or additional language. Two main areas:

- **Pre-sessional courses (PEASS – Pre-sessional English and Academic Study Skills)** – usually in the summer, but also in winter; intense academic English courses, 10 weeks or 5 weeks; for students who need to improve their English before they join their degree courses, often as part of their conditional offer. → Some of the students you work with will have taken such a course, so they will have learnt academic English and study skills. Note that they need to continue working on their English, but will have already learnt about essay writing, presentation skills, and academic integrity
- **In-sessional provision** – a range of workshops, short courses, and one-to-one appointments available for free to students at Lincoln. → these are voluntary and not assessed

In-sessional workshops – standalone workshops on various topics, for example spoken or written communication

In-sessional courses – short courses, usually 4-8 weeks (length varies from term to term, and from course to course), with 1 or 2 sessions per week; on various aspects of academic English and study skills – for example: academic writing, academic grammar, critical reading or presentation skills.

One-to-one appointments (drop-ins) – available all year round except for holidays, support on any aspect of language needed for study; students can get feedback on their writing, but this is not a proofreading service.

- In-sessional support allows students to practise their English and boost their confidence in using English in an academic context. This is a voluntary service, but you can encourage students to engage with this service. Tailored sessions available when possible – speak to the In-sessional Programme Manager, Chokri Ghezal.
- To join the courses, students are asked to take the LELA (Lincoln English Language Assessment) – this is a diagnostic, not pass/fail, to allow the team to advise students the most suitable courses at a right level. Currently LELA is done online.
- Refer students to in-sessional provision if you think they could do with help with writing or practising speaking (or other skill). Engaging with this service also allows students to work in a safe environment with experienced tutors, and meet other international students from across the university, so there's also a social aspect to that.
- Other services available: Grammar Clinic, English for PhD workshops, ELC Book Club, ELC Afternoon Tea.

The in-sessional team will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding working with international students, making materials and assessment briefs accessible to them, and understanding their needs.

Website: [English Language Centre – Supporting EU and international students at the University of Lincoln](#)

Student Handbook: [ELC Student Handbook - 2020-21 - V1.0 \(cpb-eu-w2.wpmucdn.com\)](#)

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Please note international students can access both the English Language Centre services and Writing Development in the Library which is open to all students.