



BBSI Certificate Course in Academic English & IELTS Examination Preparation

The BBSI courses in Academic English & IELTS Examination Preparation are modular in format so that students can join the courses at any time throughout the year and study for periods that suit their personal circumstances. The courses are suitable for those students who have an Intermediate level in English or above, who require an internationally-recognised English language qualification to verify their academic communication skills to universities, colleges of further education or future employers.

There are 2 study options: the AEI 30 (30 lessons weekly) and the more intensive AEI 40 (40 lessons weekly). The courses are offered at different language levels, can be joined on most Mondays throughout the year, and can be studied for a period of between 4 and 48 weeks. The course syllabi include extensive IELTS Examination Preparation and Academic Study Skills.

IELTS Examination Preparation. IELTS is the International English Language Testing System. It measures ability to communicate in English across all 4 language skills – listening, reading, writing and speaking – for people who intend to study or work where English is the language of communication. IELTS is the preferred English language assessment for universities in English-speaking countries worldwide, therefore BBSI courses focus on preparing students for the Academic module. Examinations take place monthly in Bournemouth and a place can be secured at the time of booking your course with BBSI. Candidates must book for the examination at least 6 weeks before each examination sitting.

Academic Study Skills. Students require sound academic study skills when preparing for further study, whether for professional or vocational training programmes, or for further study at a UK college or university. BBSI therefore includes academic study skills within the IELTS examination preparation elements of this course and the topics and skills covered include the following:

- * *effective writing ability*
- * *listening comprehension & note-taking*
- * *ability to transfer information in note form to essay format*
- * *understanding the conventions of bibliographies, footnotes & quotations*
- * *classroom, self-study & personal organisational skills*
- * *effective reading-comprehension*
- * *effective research techniques*
- * *effective time management*

Students are tested and interviewed on arrival at BBSI and are then placed in international classes at a language level to suit their needs. The training methods are functional and practical, and a wide range of effective teaching methods is utilised to suit different types of learner. Our interactive techniques stimulate interest, inspire motivation, increase the efficiency of the learning process and achieve the highest possible levels of language retention. The course is conducted around a busy social and activity programme.

Course Outline

Minimum English Entry Level: IELTS 4.5 (*Intermediate*)

Course Duration: 4-48 weeks



Course Designations:

AEI 30: 30 lessons weekly

AEI 40: 40 lessons weekly

Entry Dates: The courses are conducted year-round, and can be joined on most Mondays throughout the year.

Minimum Age: 17 years

Course Structure & Content:

10 lessons weekly in grammar & functions

2 lessons weekly in vocabulary development

4 lessons weekly in reading & writing skills

4 lessons weekly in speaking, listening & pronunciation skills

10 lessons weekly in IELTS Examination Preparation & Academic Study Skills (AEI 30 only)

20 lessons weekly in IELTS Examination Preparation & Academic Study Skills (AEI 40 only)

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Optional External Examination[†]: IELTS [Academic] (*examinations monthly*)

Course Objectives. The course objectives are to:

- * develop a sound knowledge of English grammar
- * acquire a broad range of relevant English vocabulary
- * develop effective listening & reading skills
- * build fluency & confidence in speaking & pronunciation
- * integrate our students into living in the UK
- * maximise the learning experience in the UK
- * acquire relevant academic study skills
- * prepare participants for the IELTS (Academic) examination
- * provide IELTS examination practice in all 4 IELTS examination papers

[†] Examination fees for those seeking to undertake external examinations are not included in the BBSI course fees.

The following English language courses are also available at BBSI:

- * General English
- * General English, Computing & IT Skills

BBSI English-language courses are designed and structured at different language levels to enable international students to develop all 4 English language skills simultaneously, as well as their knowledge of English grammar and vocabulary. Our system of learning also enables students at an Intermediate Level of English and above to progress to developing their communication skills in academic, vocational or professional contexts.

Courses can be booked on-Line @ www.bbsi.co.uk

Alternatively, contact BBSI by e-mail at info@bbsi.co.uk



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Typical Weekly Breakdown

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AEI 30	<i>reading & writing skills development</i>	<i>grammar & functions integrated skills practice</i>	<i>vocabulary development practice activities</i>	<i>grammar & functions integrated skills practice</i>	<i>speaking, listening & pronunciation development practice activities</i>
	<i>grammar & functions integrated skills practice</i>	<i>Speaking & listening skills & pronunciation development</i>	<i>grammar & functions integrated skills practice</i>	<i>reading & writing skills development</i>	<i>grammar & functions integrated skills practice</i>
	<i>IELTS Examination Practice reading & writing: global & intensive academic reading skills writing skills (describing graphs & processes)</i>	<i>IELTS Examination Practice academic skills practice: listening & speaking listening for gist & detail speaking (fluency skills development)</i>	<i>IELTS Examination Practice speaking papers 1-3 (practice work): general conversation set topic monologue discussion skills</i>	<i>IELTS Examination Practice reading & writing: global & intensive academic reading skills discursive essay writing skills</i>	<i>IELTS Examination Practice academic skills practice: listening & speaking: listening skills exam task practice & oral skills development</i>
AEI 40	All components of AEI 30 plus Further IELTS Examination Practice <i>speaking for fluency: practice in discussion topics and answering questions</i>	All components of AEI 30 plus Further IELTS Examination Practice <i>intensive grammar: revision of grammar writing skills development</i>	All components of AEI 30 plus Further IELTS Examination Practice <i>reading skills development: skimming for gist & scanning for detail in timed texts</i>	All components of AEI 30 plus Further IELTS Examination Practice <i>academic listening skills development: examination practice papers</i>	All components of AEI 30 plus Further IELTS Examination Practice <i>academic vocabulary development & writing skills practice</i>



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