

ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Learn to speak English in South Africa!

Your success in the academic and business worlds, both internationally and in South Africa, is largely dependent on your degree of proficiency in English. The Wits Language School (WLS) course in English as a Foreign Language (EFL) will develop your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills to the level of proficiency required for further academic studies, or entry into the business environment. Learn to speak English fluently and to interact with confidence in all social contexts.

The course is divided into six levels of English proficiency, namely beginner, elementary, pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper intermediate and advanced.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

There is no minimum admission requirement, other than literacy in your own language. Learners ranging in proficiency from absolute beginners to those who are fairly proficient will be admitted to the course. All applicants are required to write a placement test to assess their level of English proficiency before admission.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is aimed at foreign language users of English who want to improve their passive and active knowledge in all areas of English. The course helps learners build the competence and confidence they need to use English on a daily basis in all aspects of their lives.

This is the ideal course for learners who believe that their spoken and/or written English will not meet the requirements of tertiary study or the workplace, as well as for those who simply want to be able to socialise with confidence in English speaking environments. The course aims at improving reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, in addition to providing a thorough grasp of English grammar, developing vocabulary and broadening your understanding of the language used in a range of formal and informal social contexts.

CERTIFICATION

Students who successfully complete the course, having attended a minimum of 90% of the classes, are awarded a WLS Certificate of Competence. Students are not assessed solely on the basis of an end-of-course test. Instead, assessment of the student's progress in all skills is continuous and is based on written work, communicative ability and participation in class.

COURSE OUTCOMES

- Improve the accuracy of your grammar and pronunciation, expand your vocabulary and develop your skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing, across a range of different contexts
- Improve aspects of English grammar, such as the correct use of tenses, pronouns and prepositions
- Improve reading skills - comprehension of written texts; reviews of books, newspaper and magazine articles
- Improve writing skills - emails, formal and informal letters, essays, etc
- Improve listening skills - comprehension exercises based on audio material from CDs and DVDs
- Improve speaking skills - pair and group interaction; presentations
- Improve the use of English across a range of different social contexts, such as classrooms, tutorials, business meetings and informal gatherings.

DURATION AND TIMES

The duration of each level is seven weeks, with class attendance required for four hours per day, from 09h00 - 13h00 (140 hours). In addition, optional afternoon classes on reading, writing and listening skills, as well as pronunciation and conversation practice, are offered free of charge from Monday to Thursday, 13h30 - 14h30 (an additional 20 hours of tuition and language practice).

2018 COURSES

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COURSE 1 10 JANUARY - 27 FEBRUARY

COURSE 2 05 MARCH - 25 APRIL

COURSE 3 02 MAY - 19 JUNE

COURSE 4 02 JULY - 21 AUGUST

COURSE 5 27 AUGUST - 15 OCTOBER

COURSE 6 22 OCTOBER - 07 DECEMBER

At the end of each course, students write the final examinations and then go on an outing.

EFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY:
22 June to 29 June 2018

COURSE FEE

R11 400

The course fee includes:

- A pre-assessment test
- 140 hours of tuition in a small class (maximum of 16 students)
- An additional 20 hours of extra classes in the afternoons
- Course material
- Use of the computer lab
- Course outing within Gauteng
- Access to some Wits University facilities

At Wits Language School, we want our English students to get the best possible deal. We regularly compare costs of EFL courses around the world to make sure that we achieve this. You'll find that the costs of EFL courses in the major cities of the UK, US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other countries are generally more expensive than the English courses offered by Wits Language School.

We pride ourselves on offering the best value for money. Although we offer far more competitive prices, we work hard to ensure that we provide the best of everything - our teachers are all mother tongue speakers of English with formal teaching qualifications and several years of teaching experience behind them, and our course material is internationally recognised.

ACCOMMODATION

Although Wits Language School does not provide host family accommodation, we advise our full-time students on accommodation options. There are a number of English-speaking host families close to the school. Staying with a host family means that the student can become immersed in an English-speaking environment. The host families arrange letters for proof of residence - one of the requirements for visa application. We can also refer you to guest houses, B&Bs and short-term accommodation on campus.

STUDY VISAS

We advise you on visa applications as well as extensions of study visas and refer you to recommended agents for visas and for medical insurance cover.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please apply and register for the EFL course at least three months before the start date of the course you wish to attend, so that you have adequate time to prepare your visa and accommodation in South Africa.

TOURS

We also arrange tours for those who want to see more of South Africa. Trips to popular resorts, such as Sun City and the Pilanesburg Game Reserve, give EFL students a chance to practise their conversational English outside the classroom. As these trips are optional, the cost is not included in the course fee.

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