

# English for Academic Purposes 2008

## University Preparation Programme

Four, five week University of Sunderland courses, designed to help international students gain the IELTS score they need for entry in September 2008.

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# Introduction

**Do you speak English but you are worried that it is not good enough to start your higher education in Britain? Have you already taken an IELTS test (or equivalent) but the score is too low to allow you start your programme of study in September? Do you have English language skills but they need to be improved in a short time?** If you agree with any of the questions above, you should read this leaflet and apply for our English for Academic Purposes University Preparation Courses.

We specialise in EAP University Preparation Courses. Our EAP Up Programme provides students with the language skills and the intercultural competence required to succeed in higher education in Britain.

The University of Sunderland has approximately 15,000 students and a high national and international profile. We have been educating students from all over the world for forty years and have a team of highly skilled staff who are recognised experts in the area of teaching English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and English for Business Studies (EBS).



## English for Academic Purposes

Our EAP University Preparation Courses will run from April to September 2008. Classes focus on the development of skills for using English for study and research purposes, for example: note taking, study techniques, seminar skills, writing essays and dissertations, planning research projects and making presentation. (PLEASE NOTE: We do not cater for beginners or lower intermediate learners of English.)

## The classes

The academic programme consists of up to fifteen hours intensive teaching each week. Students study in small, closely supervised groups with trained and experienced lecturers and have access to modern facilities including a language laboratory, a computer room, and a well-equipped centre for self-access language work. All EAP University Preparation Course students can use the University's Information Services, which provides an extensive range of services and support learning.

## British studies and cultural awareness activities

Running alongside all EAP University Preparation Courses are our Cultural Awareness Activities of up to ten learning hours a week. Students study issues of international, national, regional, and local importance via lectures, workshops and field trips to places of interest. For example in 2007 we organised day trips to Edinburgh, York, and shorter visits to the BBC in Newcastle, the Stadium of Light in Sunderland and Durham cathedral.

In addition to the taught course, students are encouraged to complete a range of projects based in local homes, business or industry, as part of their independent learning programme, with support from their teachers.

In conjunction with the academic programme of English for Academic Purposes and British Studies, there is also a recreational programme offering access to a wide variety of sporting and leisure facilities. Day-trips to areas of scenic beauty in both England and Scotland are offered during each course. Many are an integral part of our activities and are covered by your tuition fees, others are offered on a pay as-you-go basis.

## Other courses

Special tailor-made courses in English for Academic Purposes and English for Business Studies can be created for groups of fifteen or more students. We have previously arranged short intensive courses for groups from Brazil, China, Japan, Russia and Uzbekistan. Please contact us to discuss possibilities.

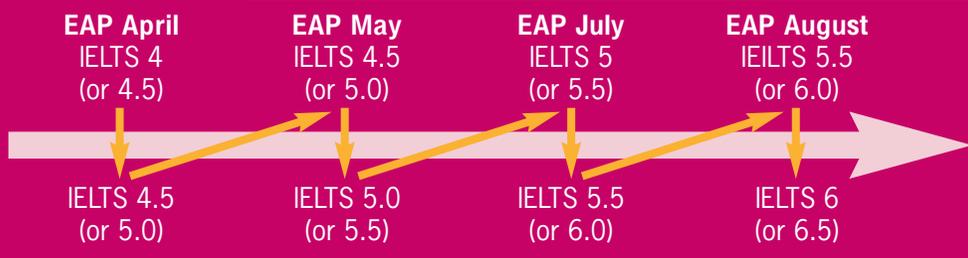




## English for Academic Purposes university preparation course 2008

In 2008, all our EAP University Preparation courses will last for five weeks. You may apply to attend one, two, three or four courses depending upon your level of English when you start and the level you plan to reach by middle of September 2008 (when almost all University of Sunderland programmes begin). Progress from one course to another is based upon your results at the end of each course and requires consistently hard work. **A hard working student can normally expect to raise their IELTS score 0.5 of a band during one five week course.**

Look at the timeline below, find the level of IELTS (or equivalent) you have already reached and the level you want to achieve before you go to university. The timeline will also advise you how many courses you should take before the start of your course in September.



Now you know exactly where you are and what you need to do before the beginning of your course in September. Remember that the more time you spend with us, the more confident in English you will become and that will allow you to make the most of the time spent in the United Kingdom. For each five week course you will be asked to pay £800 either in advance or within the first three days of the course. All applicants who already have an offer into this university when they apply to EAP UP will be eligible for a £100 School of Education and Lifelong Learning reduction in the tuition fees for the EAP UP course which begins in August.



**PLEASE NOTE:** these courses assume that most students are aiming to reach a level of English Language competence to IELTS 6 or 6.5 by middle of September 2008. If you are aiming to reach IELTS 7 or above we can provide classes for you. Please contact us for more information.

The first day of each course begins at 11.15am. Please arrive in Sunderland the day before the course starts.

### To apply for your course:

- ➔ Complete the attached application form. Choose the course(s) you wish to join. **IMPORTANT:** complete all the details very carefully so that we can read your name and your address without difficulty, prior to posting or faxing the form to us.
- ➔ Send us your application with a copy of your IELTS result certificate (or similar) and we will send you a letter of invitation within 7 working days
- ➔ 4 weeks before your course begins you will need to contact us by email, fax, phone or letter to tell us that you will definitely be attending the course to which you have been invited.

**IF YOU DO NOT RECONFIRM YOUR APPLICATION IN THIS WAY, WE WILL ASSUME YOU HAVE WITHDRAWN AND CANCEL YOUR PLACE**



# life begins at Sunderland

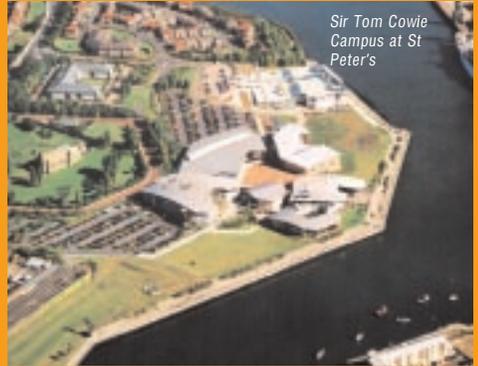
The City of Sunderland offers a fabulous range of entertainment, sports, art and shopping with a great many top name high street stores and smaller boutiques. North Easterners really know how to enjoy themselves!

Being at university is all about experiencing life to the full and knowing how to enjoy yourself! With a host of restaurants, cafés and bars as well as several new clubs offering students discounts and a multi-screen cinema, there is no shortage of places to have a great time.



If you're into sport, then between the City and the University you'll find all the facilities you need. The University's sport centre offers a 25m swimming pool and an all-purpose sports hall for badminton, five-a-side, basketball, netball, aerobics and yoga. There's also a two-storey fitness and cardio suite. The North East region's only 50m pool is due to open in spring 2008 – making Sunderland a must for swimmers.

The local area also offers outdoor sporting activities. At the marina you can try your hand at sailing or kayaking and as Sunderland has long stretches of beautiful sandy beaches, surfing, windsurfing and rowing are also an option.



Our students are at the heart of all we do, so we're always looking at ways to help them get the most out of campus life. Our new Gateway is a 'one stop shop' for student services and information on our City Campus. A multi-million pound investment, it enables students to tap into resources and help – from careers and financial advice to welfare, accommodation and student support. It also provides an attractive open access learning space and catering services.

# Where to live in Sunderland



We understand how important it is for you to have a comfortable, safe, secure and well-provided base, in which you can study and enjoy your time in Sunderland. Residential services can help you find accommodation.

Students applying for EAP course(s) are encouraged to live in university accommodation. Our self-catering accommodation for use during EAP UP courses costs approximately £10 per night. (PLEASE NOTE a welcome bedding and kitchen pack will be provided for you.) Please indicate on this application form if you require a room to be reserved. Once your EAP University Preparation Course application has been accepted an information leaflet will be sent to you. If you request it, Residential Services will send out an offer of accommodation and you will need to sign and return this with a £50 pre-booking fee (non-returnable) within 10 days (or before arrival).

**Please note that the room will not be reserved without a booking fee.**

A written confirmation of the booking will be provided to you.

For further information contact

Residential Services by:

Tel: +44 (0)191 515 2943

email:

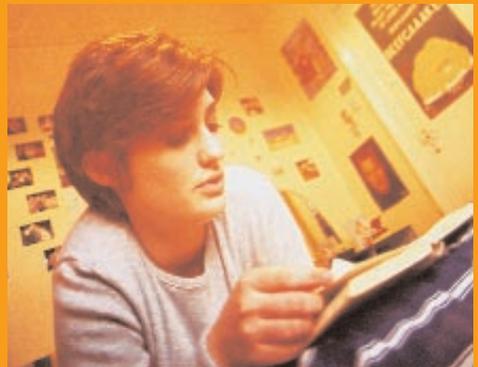
[residentialservices@sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:residentialservices@sunderland.ac.uk)

Browse our website at:

[www.sunderland.ac.uk/  
residentialservices](http://www.sunderland.ac.uk/residentialservices)

and click on looking for accommodation

(look for EAP)



**UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION IS LIMITED. ONLY STUDENTS WHO BOOK A ROOM IN ADVANCE WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION.**

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# APPLICATION FORM

Personal/given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname/family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write very clearly so we can use the correct spelling of your name and email address if we need to contact you.

(please tick)

**EAP University Preparation Courses 2008. Choose one or more of these courses:**

EAP UP starting Monday 21st April 2008 ending Friday 23rd May 2008

EAP UP starting Wednesday 28th May 2008 ending Wednesday 2nd July 2008

EAP UP starting Monday 7th July 2008 ending Friday 8th August 2008

EAP UP starting Wednesday 13th August 2008 ending Wednesday 17th September

Please tell us the date you would like to begin your course and the date you expect to complete your English for Academic Purposes University Preparation Course.

The start date of my first EAP UP Course: \_\_\_\_\_

The end date of my last EAP UP Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you continue studying at the University of Sunderland after your EAP Short Course(s)?

(please tick)

Yes  No

If yes, what is the name of your degree programme? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your student registration or application number? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us the English Language Level you aim to reach by mid September 2008 \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us your most recent IELTS/TOEFL score \_\_\_\_\_

(attach a copy of your certificate to this application form)

## ACCOMMODATION

(please tick)

Do you wish to reserve a self-catering room in a Hall of Residence (if available)? Yes  No

Would you like help in finding accommodation in Sunderland? Yes  No

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tear off this completed form and return to:**

**EAP Administrator, School of Education and Lifelong Learning, Forster Building,  
City Campus, Chester Road, Sunderland, SR1 3SD.**



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# Distances to Sunderland



FROM	RAIL	COACH	CAR	AIR
Berwick	1 hr 20 mins	3 hrs 50 mins	1 hr 50 mins	•
Birmingham	3 hrs	4 hrs	3 hrs 25 mins	1 hr
Darlington	1 hr 10 mins	1 hr 10 mins	40 mins	•
Edinburgh	1 hr 30 mins	3 hrs 20 mins	2 hrs 15 mins	•
London	3 hr 30 mins	5 hrs 20 mins	4 hrs 50 mins	1 hr
Manchester	3 hrs	4 hrs	2 hrs 40 mins	•
Middlesbrough	55 mins	50 mins	45 mins	•
Newcastle	20 mins	1 hr 15 mins	23 mins	•
York	1 hr 30 mins	2 hrs	1 hr 50 mins	•

## Get in touch

**For further information contact:**

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