

STUDYING ENGLISH AT SWINBURNE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES (ELICOS) 2021 GUIDE

- Learn with qualified teachers at the university rated 5 stars*
- Grow your confidence – broaden your horizons
- Prepare for direct entry to our bachelor or master degrees





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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to our English language courses (ELICOS) at Swinburne.

I'm Magda, your Director of Studies. Congratulations on making a brave leap toward an exciting future at the university ranked five stars for overall experience.

I'm passionate about empowering you to grow into a confident English speaker so that you can pursue university studies at Swinburne, and go out into the world to chase your career ambitions.

I'm very proud of the supportive and friendly learning environment that we've created here. We've gone to a lot of effort to provide you with a personalised study experience and extensive student assistance. Whether you need support with tuition or in your personal life – we're here to help.

I'm constantly inspired by the strength and determination of our students, who come from over 40 different countries. While you're here make sure you take advantage of our services and facilities. I'd also encourage you to join as many social activities as you can – they are one of the best ways to practise your language skills and develop a sense of belonging.

I look forward to meeting you and helping you have an enjoyable and successful study experience.



MAGDA TEBBUTT
Director of Studies, Swinburne College

WHY STUDY ENGLISH AT SWINBURNE?

As an English language student at Swinburne, you'll enjoy the following benefits:

- Learning at one of the top 70 universities in the Asia Pacific for student satisfaction
- Progress directly into other Swinburne programs
- Personalised study experience and extensive student support
- Access to all of Swinburne's services and facilities
- Free English testing
- A maximum of 18 students per class
- Studying in one of the world's most liveable cities
- Learning on Swinburne's main campus, located 10 minutes from the city
- Free, custom developed course materials
- Five extra hours of learning every week to help you excel.

WHEN CAN I START?

Don't wait to start improving your English. We run classes every five weeks.

2021 Intake dates

- 4 January
- 15 February
- 22 March
- 3 May
- 7 June
- 19 July
- 30 August
- 11 October
- 15 November

HOW MUCH?

A\$440 per week.

ELICOS+ Exclusive: For more information please contact your agent.



STUDYING ONLINE

Due to the events of 2020, Swinburne students are undertaking their studies remotely until it's safe to be back on campus. Students of English at Swinburne have been studying remotely, too, with all classes being delivered online through a mix of self-study materials and teacher led activities.

- One on one or short tutorials with teachers
- 24/7 access to a moderated student community
- Study support
- Drop-in sessions for conversation practice
- Cultural exchange clubs
- Photography and writing challenges
- Book and film clubs

EXPLORE CAMPUS IN VR

So you're getting pretty excited about starting.

Until you arrive, we've got the next best thing: a virtual tour of where you'll be learning. You can explore campus, Open Day and some of our Swinburne student experiences – all in 360°.

Take a walk around campus: swinburne.edu.au/virtual-tour

ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES ONLINE FOR NOW

All orientation activities are currently being held online and run in real-time on campus.

YOU'LL LOVE LIVING IN MELBOURNE

Ask any Melburnian why they love our city, and you'll hear the same responses:

- the people are friendly
- it's safe and harmonious
- the air is clean
- the parks are expansive
- the coffee is delicious
- we're global leaders in education
- we get the best events and exhibitions
- and it's easy to get around – with well-planned infrastructure and public transport connecting all ends of the city.



DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

Here's what Swinburne ELICOS students have to say about studying and living in Melbourne.



"I love exploring the city. It's very fun to visit new places around the area."

SIYU LIU, 23, CHINA



"I love the atmosphere of Melbourne city."

TEPPEI, 19, JAPAN

YOUR GATEWAY TO AUSTRALIA



"Melbourne's beautiful rivers, wonderful sunny days, and nice old buildings make it a great place to live."

GWANG JIN, 20, KOREA



"There are many interesting places in Melbourne. It is friendly and kind. I love living here."

HIKARI, 20, JAPAN



ACCESS ALL AREAS STUDENT PASS

You'll have access to the same range of perks and facilities as a Swinburne student studying a degree.

You'll have lawns to lounge on, wide open spaces, sunshine (most of the time!) and fresh air. You'll also have full library access where you can study, or put your new English skills to the test by watching a movie or reading a book.

ON-CAMPUS AMENITIES

Life's essentials

- accommodation
- medical centre
- unlimited Wi-Fi
- 24-hour security
- free and confidential legal advice
- free financial, health and personal counselling
- careers and employment service
- disability liaison

Learning

- a dedicated Independent Learning Centre exclusive to ELICOS students – with one-on-one support
- 24-hour full university library access (books, DVDs, laptops and iPads available to loan)
- computer labs and access to private study rooms
- state-of-the-art classrooms and lecture theatres

Wellbeing

- gym – free yoga and a swimming pool
- student lounge
- student kitchens
- BBQs
- ping pong tables
- sunny courtyard
- clubs and societies
- multi-faith prayer room



WHAT TO EXPECT

Change is exciting, but you'll probably have lots of questions like 'Where will I live?' and 'Where do I go if I get sick?'

We understand, and that's why we're always here to help.

Want to know what living on campus is like? Watch it at <https://bit.ly/3jyl7pU>

ACCOMMODATION

While studying at Swinburne in Melbourne, you'll have the option of living on or off campus, either in a group or on your own. Chat with us about your accommodation options.

GETTING AROUND

Swinburne's Hawthorn campus is a ten minute train ride to from the city centre, and we even have our own in-campus train station!

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

Friends are easy to find at Swinburne. Get involved in a few activities that align with your interests. Or be brave and try something completely new. We have a range of clubs and societies, sport and cultural activities for you to take part in – they're a great way to meet new people. You can see more of our student stories on [page 15](#).

SUPPORT ON CAMPUS

Your happiness, health and wellbeing is important to us at Swinburne. Students of English courses have access to the full university support network available to all students, as well as help and support that is dedicated and tailored to you.

DID YOU KNOW?

We were the first Australian university to be recognised by the Victorian Government for outstanding contributions to cultural diversity.*

*Swinburne received a high commendation in the Business Category at the 2017 Victoria's Multicultural Awards for Excellence.

IN THE HEART OF MELBOURNE

- 10 minutes from the CBD
- Train station right on campus
- Swinburne's main campus
- Recent multi-million dollar additions and refurbishments (The Advanced Technologies Centre and Advanced Manufacturing and Design Centre)
- Prestigious, leafy suburb with many parks
- Located right near Glenferrie road – everything you need is within a five-minute walk
- You get all of the same perks as a Swinburne student.
- Check out page 6 for more.

KEY

- 1 Flemington Racecourse
- 2 Melbourne Zoo
- 3 Royal Park
- 4 Melbourne Ferris wheel
- 5 City centre
- 6 Arts precinct
- 7 Melbourne Cricket Ground
- 8 Royal Botanical Gardens
- 9 Shrine of Remembrance
- 10 Port Melbourne Beach
- 11 St Kilda Beach
- 12 Yarra Bend Park
- 13 Yarra Flats Park
- 14 Swinburne campus
- 15 Hawthorn precinct
- 🚉 Glenferrie station (10 mins to city centre)
- 🚇 City-Swinburne metro line
- 🟡 Other metro lines



NEED AN ENGLISH TEST SCORE?

If you have plans to stay on and study a bachelor or master degree in Australia, or if you're considering migrating, there are certain English tests you will need to sit.

FREE ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST (EPT)

If you don't have evidence of English proficiency, you will need to sit an English Placement Test as part of your application to study at Swinburne.

The result of this test tells us which level you should start your English studies. It will also identify if you might benefit from our support services. Make the most of these – they come at no additional cost and are there to help you succeed.

We offer this test for free 5 days a week (Monday to Friday) at 2.30 pm Bookings are essential.

Talk to your agent, they'll organise a test and a tour for you.

ON-CAMPUS PEARSON ENGLISH TEST CENTRE

Study, work, migrate – or do them all with PTE Academic.

We're a registered official test centre – meaning you have the convenience to sit the exam on campus.

You can sit both of these tests on our Hawthorn campus.

YOUR CLASSROOM

At Swinburne, you get to learn in a university environment, with access to libraries, lecture theatres, campus cafes and clubs.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

You'll be one of just 18 students in a class. You'll be able to interact closely with your teachers, get to know your peers, and build your confidence.

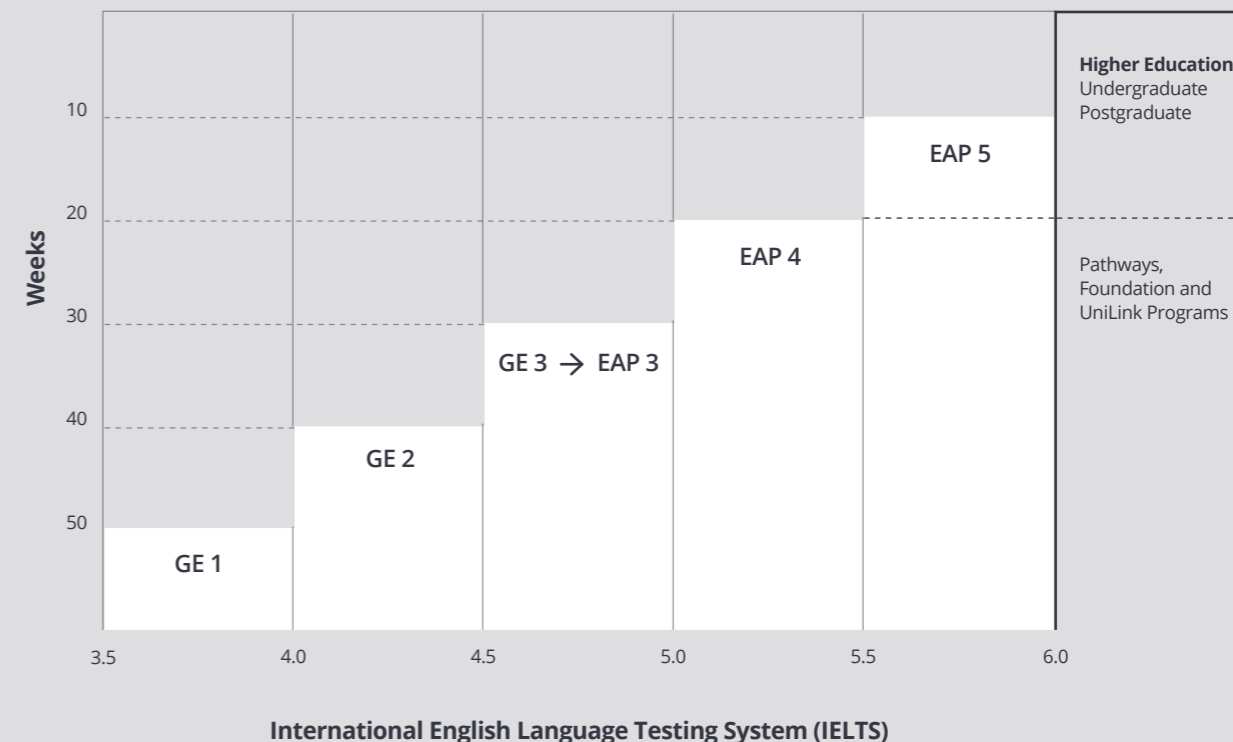
TWO TEACHERS EVERY WEEK

You'll have access to two teachers every week meaning you benefit from complementary teaching styles.

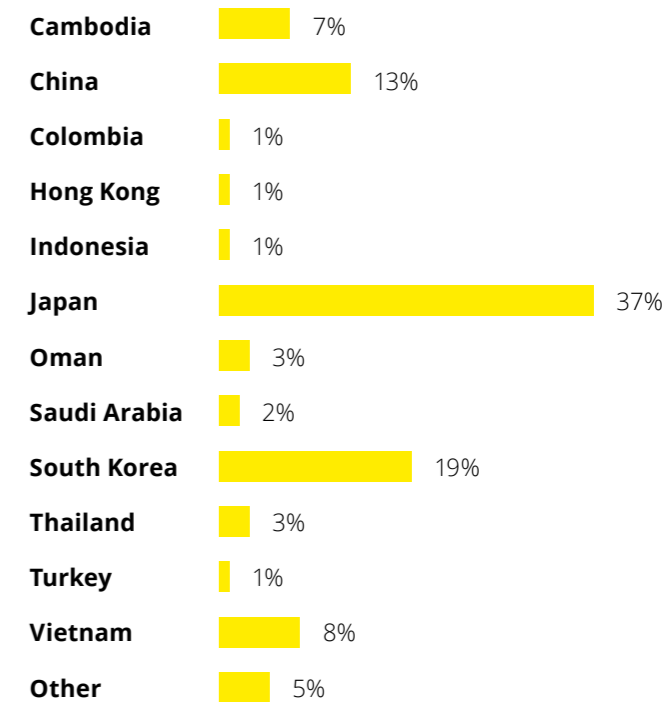


IELTS LEVELS AND COURSE DURATION

You'll enter at the course that matches your current IELTS level.



ELICOS NATIONALITY MIX 2020



MEET YOUR TEACHERS

"I like my classes to be warm and welcome spaces where students feel comfortable communicating with each other. I've always been interested in the international community. Sharing my knowledge of English is a profound way for me to liaise with the global community and share experiences with students about each other's cultures. The combination of great colleagues with culturally diverse classrooms makes Swinburne the ideal place to teach English."

ASHLEY STARFORD
Teacher



"I always share my background with my students and hope they can be inspired by my journey: I am a non-native speaker, but I am completely bi-lingual in English and French. I want to show them that if you put your mind to something, everything is possible.

During my classes, I make sure students are engaged so they can experiment with new knowledge in a safe place. I want them to ask questions, and I love seeing the light in their eyes when they finally get it. I am grateful I can help students with their future education and career goals."

CHARLOTTE PETITPREZ
Teacher



"We have a very supportive group of teachers who really care about the students and the work that they do. I love seeing the difference we make on the lives of our students.

I grew up in Melbourne and studied three languages at school: French, German, and Indonesian. I've been teaching English for 15 years. When I was at school, my favourite teachers gave me clear answers to my questions so that I had absolute confidence that something was correct. This has become the most important thing for me as a teacher too."

JARROD TEBB
Teacher



SAY HELLO TO OUR STUDENTS

No matter which part of the world you come from, you'll find someone at Swinburne who reminds you of home.



My name is Emma.

I'm 26 years old. I'm from Vietnam. I'm studying English at Swinburne so I can pursue a university degree here. When I came here, I was a little bit culture shocked, but luckily the staff and other students were so friendly so I could fit into the new environment easier.

My study tip: Believe in your ability. I couldn't understand anything when I came to Australia, but now I can communicate more confidently.

My name is Hikari

I'm 20 years old. I studied English and Tourism at university in Japan, but I came to Swinburne to study English because I want to up-skill. My classes are friendly and kind and full of activity. I love my teachers and my classmates.

My study tip: Study hard for your class placement test!



My name is Francisco.

I'm 26 years old. I'm from Bogota, the capital of Colombia, where the people love dancing and are always happy. I came to Swinburne because I want to do the Master of Engineering (Civil) and Master of Construction Management. Studying English at Swinburne is my pathway to studying a master degree.

My study tip: Pronunciation is important. Make the most of the opportunities to meet people and network so that you can improve your listening and speaking skills.



LEARNING SUPPORT

HOW WE HELP YOU SUCCEED OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

We want to help you get the most out of your study experience.

Here are just some of the ways we support you:

- weekly tutorials
- weekly social activities and excursions
- conversation club run by native English speakers
- pronunciation club
- Learning and Academic Skills Centre
- tailored study plans
- bachelor/master degree transition help
- hands on workshops to help you find a job
- apps to support your learning: Kahoot! GooseChase and Quizlet

E-LEARNING AND THE INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE

Independent learning and research skills are an important part of university study.

You will spend a minimum of five hours each week developing independent e-learning skills. You will be offered access to free workshops and tutorials at the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) and 24-hour library access to further improve your language skills. You can complete the e-learning component of your course on our online learning management system (Canvas) from home or anywhere with a reliable internet connection.

CANVAS APP

The Canvas student mobile app lets you access all class material on the go. Keep track of your study with the calendar and to-do lists, read course material in your own time, and even book a session with a teacher in our drop-in centre.

"I found Canvas really useful to improve my English skills. Use it as much as you can and make sure you find time to practise."

GOUY
21, Thailand

A DAY IN THE LIFE

ON CAMPUS

8.20am

Coffee with Emma

8.30am

ILC Guided learning and review online study.

9.30am

Class excursion to Glenferrie Road. We made a video. It was so much fun! Note: ask Ashley about social activities on this week

11.30am

Library! Meet Teppei and Serena to work on our research project

12pm

Visit Josh at reception to see what's on for the week.

12.30pm

Shopping and lunch on Glenferrie Road with Hikari

1pm

LIDO cinema with Francisco

2.30pm

Class – grammar points

4.30pm

Ping pong battle!

5pm

Meet Serena at the train station – into the city for a taste of Melbourne



ONLINE

6am

Wake up. Check to see if I've missed anything from last night. Had a good sleep.

8.30am

Class! Log in to Canvas and our teacher sets a reading task. I share a document with Ahmed and we check each other's work. We learn we both have lazy cats.

10.30am

Class is over. I check in with Mum, she's cooking and it smells delicious.

12pm

I have lunch and drop into an Eat and Greet video chat.

12.30pm

Speaking class! We record ourselves saying tongue twisters. I can see Ahmed's cat in the background of his video.

2.30pm

Class is over. Time to complete some Guided Learning Activities.

3pm

Time for a nap!

3.30pm

Back to it. Search the Database for some academic journals. Ahmed sends me a picture of his cat eating Kabsa – a rice and meat dish from Saudi Arabia.

5.30pm

Flatmate gets home.

7pm

Time to eat! So happy my parents are still around to support me while I study. Mum's already fed my cat!

8.30pm

Time to read my book – Pride and Prejudice. The language is challenging but luckily there is a book club on ELICOS social reading, where everyone posts the meaning of difficult words.

10.30pm

Time for bed!



OUR COURSES

GENERAL ENGLISH

Levels GE 1 to GE 3 help you communicate confidently.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Think of these as your English essentials.

These fun and interactive classes are designed to maximise your independence and personal development. They'll help you improve your overall English so you can speak with confidence.

GREAT IF YOU WANT TO...

- improve your English for everyday situations
- speak accurately and clearly
- grow your vocabulary

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- reading
- writing
- speaking
- listening skills
- grammar
- punctuation
- fluency
- vocabulary
- pronunciation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Anyone can join.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

That depends on your current level of English.

Your placement test will determine where you start. Each level is five weeks so it can take anywhere from five to 50 weeks.

See the chart on [page 13](#).

ASSESSMENT

You'll have engaging, ongoing weekly project-based work to help you prepare for the final assessment, which happens at the end of each five-week block.

PROJECTS MIGHT INCLUDE

- oral presentations
- written tasks – write your own blog
- research assignments – get out on the streets and make a video
- in-class tests
- online tests
- interactive projects

CONTACT HOURS

You'll have 25 contact hours per week (including five hours e-learning).

WE LEARN TOGETHER

Attendance is essential to help you develop your skills. You need to have an overall attendance rate of 80%.



ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

Prepare for academic success with levels EAP 3 to EAP 5.

ABOUT THE COURSE

These are a step up from general English.

You'll delve into the finer details of effective and persuasive communication to help you prepare for success in your studies and career.

These classes use scientifically-supported learning strategies and real-world case studies. You'll learn how to critically analyse and respond to a range of current media including TED talks. If you want to pursue further studies at Swinburne, you'll need to complete EAP with a minimum IELTS score of 5.5

EAP WILL PREPARE YOU FOR

- foundation year
- vocational education diplomas
- UniLink diploma
- Bachelor degree
- Master degree
- PhD courses

GREAT IF YOU WANT TO...

- improve your academic submissions
- actively participate in group work and classroom discussions
- pursue further study at Swinburne

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

- assignment preparation
- report writing
- essay writing
- research skills
- oral presentation skills
- critical thinking
- effective listening and note taking
- vocabulary
- communication in multicultural environments
- note taking

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have an entry level IELTS score of 4.5 to commence EAP studies.

HOW LONG IS THE COURSE?

That depends on your current level of English. Your IELTS score or English Arrival Test score will determine where you start. Each level is five weeks so it can take anywhere from five to 50 weeks.

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- oral presentations
- written tasks – write your own blog
- research assignments – you'll design and conduct a survey and present your findings
- in-class tests
- online tests

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Chat to our friendly international team today.
You can even meet us in your home country or in Australia.


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