English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELAS) - ELICOS

CRICOS code (International applicants): 070617J

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this area of study should consider the ELES English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students.

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<td><strong>Semester intake:</strong> Semester 1 (March and May) Semester 2 (July and September) Semester 3 (December)</td>
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<td><strong>Campus:</strong> Toowoomba</td>
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<td><strong>Fees:</strong> International full fee paying place Fee exempt places</td>
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<td><strong>Standard duration:</strong> Minimum of 5 weeks to maximum of 72 weeks</td>
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**Contact us**

- **Current students**
  - **Ask a question**
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  - Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 2285
  - Email usq.support@usq.edu.au

**Program objectives**

To provide international students and Non-English Speaking Background (NESB) Australian citizens and residents whose first language is not English with:

- functional English to enable students to live in an English speaking society and take advantage of the services offered;
- conversational English language skills to enable students to communicate with native and non-native speakers of English in the community;
- a foundation in more academic English language skills (at the EAP Level) to assist students wishing to pursue tertiary studies in Australia to be able to proceed to a university preparation program;
- socio-linguistic knowledge to enable students to use the language appropriately;
- knowledge of the culture and customs of Australia through classroom work and activities in the community;
- assistance or information to help students solve problems they may encounter in the foreign environment.

**Admission requirements**

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

There is no minimum educational entrance standard. All applicants should be at least 17 years of age when they start a course.

Students without an IELTS score are given the USQ Placement Test before starting classes to determine which level of English is suitable for them.
Students at Levels 1 and 2 are required to provide evidence of their English Language Proficiency on an internationally recognised test of English prior to arrival. On arrival students will then be tested using the USQ placement test to determine allocation to either Levels 1 or 2. Students with an IELTS score below IELTS 3.0 will not be accepted to the USQ ELICOS program. Students commencing at Level 1 will need a minimum of 70 weeks (50 weeks ELICOS followed by 20 weeks of English Language to proceed to degree studies at USQ.

An international application form must be completed and returned to the International Office before commencing a course.

Program fees

International full fee paying place
International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder.

Fee exempt places
All domestic students are offered a fee-free place provided they meet the citizenship and residency requirements as follows:

- Australian citizens
- holders of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa (and resident in Australia)
- holders of a Permanent Resident Visa (and resident in Australia)
- New Zealand citizens (resident in Australia).

Program structure
ELICOS is offered at 5 levels. Each level consists of ten weeks of instruction.

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Students completing Level 5 who wish to continue their English language studies for entry to degree and postgraduate degree programs may undertake the EAPP English for Academic Purposes.

In general, students would study 10 weeks at one level before attempting to progress to the next level.

Students can study in ELICOS up to 52 weeks depending on their level of proficiency at entry and would enrol through the International Office. Courses of less than 10 weeks duration are to be negotiated directly with the ELICOS Program Office.

Program completion requirements
Students are required to pass each ELICOS level. Individual course specification detail the requirements for a passing grade at each level.
Students studying on a Student Visa must meet visa requirements in terms of attendance and academic progress. The attendance requirement is based on 25 hours of scheduled classes per week.

**Recommended enrolment pattern**

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

See Program Structure.