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English  
Language  
Centre

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## Director's Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the University of New England's English Language Centre.

The ELC offers:

- high academic standards
- a stimulating learning environment
- excellent resources and ongoing learning support for International students.

ELC staff are:

- highly qualified
- dedicated to achieving the best possible outcome for each student
- friendly and experienced in helping language students achieve their goals.

The Centre offers quality accredited English language courses that focus on the individual learning needs of students. Courses offered include:

- General English (GE)
- English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- Introductory Academic Program (IAP)

Courses are conducted all year, and the internationally recognised International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is also offered regularly.

The ELC is based on the campus of UNE, located in the beautiful city of Armidale, in northern New South Wales. The region is renowned for its friendly communities, rich Australian culture, sporting facilities, entertainment venues and educational excellence. Armidale offers a unique balance between a relaxed, regional lifestyle and a low cost of living, while still having all the facilities students would expect in a metropolitan area.

I look forward to welcoming you here to study soon.

Dr Vernon Crew

Director



# Why study at the English Language Centre?

## The ELC

- is a fully accredited, university-based language centre with modern teaching materials, facilities and methods.
- is an integrated part of the University of New England (UNE). This means that students can progress from basic language learning to internationally recognised undergraduate and postgraduate degrees on the same campus.
- has academic language courses which ensure that students are equipped for academic study.
- has excellent quality assurance processes to ensure that courses are delivered to the highest standard.
- has multiple entry dates for courses over 44 weeks of the year.
- has highly qualified teaching staff, specializing in English language instruction for students from Elementary to Advanced English levels. They possess a diverse range of skills and spoken languages and are committed to providing students with an outstanding language learning experience.
- aims to offer students the complete 'Australian experience', with ongoing support, activities and tours, social functions and student interaction.
- offers Pathways to UNE degrees on successful completion of language courses.



**Eujin Kim**  
South Korea - studying GE

Armidale is a good study environment, and the GE program at the ELC has really helped me to improve my writing skills. I'm learning a lot from my friends and instructors at the ELC.

## UNE

- is a centre for excellence, with a strong heritage and links to tens of thousands of alumni across the world.
- is a leader in research innovation and offers internationally renowned degrees.
- offers a lively residential collegiate environment with many different accommodation choices on campus, including a self-catering student village.
- has world-class sporting facilities available on campus.



# Which is the best course for me?

Choosing the best course for your study purposes is easy.



## General English (GE)

- Do you want to improve your English so you can understand and talk to people at work or in daily life?
- Are you wanting to travel in Australia and would like to know something about the culture as well as the language?
- Do you already know some English and would like to learn more?

If you can say Yes to any of these questions, then the General English (GE) course at the English Language Centre is for you. This program is taught at four different levels, from elementary to upper-intermediate and will give you a solid understanding of day-to-day English you can use at work, while travelling throughout Australia, or for any time when English may be needed. You can also use General English as a starting point for entry into the English for Academic Purposes program.

**For more information see page 5.**

## English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

If you intend to study at UNE and need to improve your English to gain entry, then this is the course for you. As well as language, this course gives you a firsthand view of the academic culture you will soon be entering. The program has 4 levels, offering more entry dates and greater flexibility.

**See page 6 for a full rundown of course content and dates.**

## Introductory Academic Program (IAP)

IAP is for those students who have achieved entry into UNE, and wish to learn higher level research writing, presentation, and analytical reading skills, while improving their listening and speaking on the way. It also includes information on student services at UNE and living in a new environment. This program is offered twice a year, just before enrolment, so it is the perfect program to refresh your academic English skills, and introduce you to the Australian and university culture you will soon be entering.

**For more information see page 7.**

## Study Tour Programs

Walk through ancient forests, watch kangaroos laze in the sun, talk with friendly locals, learn how to throw a boomerang and see what Australian students do in class. Live with an Australian family or stay in a university college with other students. A study tour is a great way to learn English and at the same time, experience the Australian way of life up close.

**Start planning your group's study tour on page 7.**





## General English (GE)

CRICOS Course Code: 018622M

The General English course comprises four 10 week modules, though students can take between 5 and 40 weeks of the course, depending on their current English abilities and desired outcomes.

### The GE course

- is for any student from a non-English speaking background; basic communication skills in English would be an advantage.
- provides entry into English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course for students who do not initially meet the EAP criteria.
- includes 250 hours of ESL (English as a Second Language) classes using a variety of teaching methodologies for each 10 week course.

Before beginning the General English program, the English language skills of students are assessed. This determines the level at which students will commence their program of English language tuition.

The General English course aims to:

1. Develop skills and strategies in
  - i speaking and understanding English in informal social and community contexts.
  - ii reading English for leisure purposes and for transactional purposes.
  - iii writing English for social purposes and for transactional purposes.
2. develop pronunciation, grammar and fluency skills using contemporary Australian teaching methods.
3. extend learners' awareness of cross-cultural differences and of how to use language appropriately to negotiate these differences.
4. develop skills for independent learning outside the classroom.

Students receive a Progress Report during the course and a Certificate of Completion upon finishing the course successfully.

### Levels of Study

General English 1	10 weeks	Elementary
General English 2	10 weeks	Pre-Intermediate
General English 3	10 weeks	Intermediate
General English 4	10 weeks	Upper-Intermediate



**Karim Mohammad Bhiah**  
Iraq - studying EAP, then PhD in Rural Science

I chose to study in Armidale because of the high quality of courses and the long history of teaching international students. I like the method of teaching at the ELC, and the teachers are always very kind and helpful. I've learned a lot about Australian culture, and my experience of studying with other international students is truly wonderful.

## English for Academic Purposes (EAP) English for Academic Purposes Modules 1, 2, 3 & 4

Pre-Intermediate to Advanced

CRICOS Course Code: 066996E

### The EAP course

- is for students who wish to develop English language proficiency and study skills for tertiary study in Australia.
- offers direct entry into the University of New England for those students who meet the academic requirements of their chosen UNE program. For students wishing to study UNE programs at postgraduate level, achieving an appropriate IELTS score for their field of study may also be needed.
- at level 4 can be another way to enter a Higher Degree by Research at UNE, or other selected UNE postgraduate programs.
- can also be undertaken by students who wish to improve their English language skills to an advanced level, but do not necessarily wish to undertake further study.
- consists of four 10 week courses. Classes operate for 25 hours each week, from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.
- at selected levels has 20 hours of face-to-face teaching plus 5 hours of Guided Independent Learning (GIL) in which students do on-line work via quizzes, worksheets and other forms of learning outside the classroom.

Students must meet the following entry requirements:

- satisfactory completion of secondary school
- satisfactory completion of some English studies at secondary school
- be at least university entrance age (17 years)
- satisfy English language entry requirements for each level - see inside back page for more details.

Students with low English proficiency levels may be required to undertake preliminary study in General English for up to 20 weeks prior to entering EAP.



The English for Academic Purposes course aims to

1. develop skills and strategies in
  - a. speaking and understanding English in academic contexts.
  - b. speaking and understanding English in informal social/community contexts - Speaking Australian English.
  - c. reading English
    - i For academic purposes
    - ii For general communication purposes.
  - d. Writing English
    - i For academic purposes
    - ii To avoid Plagiarism.
  - e. studying resources
    - i Library research skills
    - ii Computing skills for study purposes.
2. extend learners' awareness of cross-cultural differences and of how to use language appropriately to negotiate these differences.
3. develop strategies appropriate for independent learning in an Australian university.

Upon completion of the EAP Level 3 course. Students receive a Progress Report and a Certificate of Completion. If students do not meet the direct entry criteria for UNE, they have the option of sitting for the next IELTS test conducted at the Centre.



**Shili Wang**  
**China - studying EAP, then Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning**

I chose to study in Australia because of the wonderful environment, friendly people, and the relaxed teaching style. Living in Armidale is not only good for my study, but it is also good for my life. I feel 'at home' here and I am getting more and more confident in my English, especially talking to the lovely people in the community.

### Introductory Academic Program

CRICOS Course Code: 0003G

The Introductory Academic Program (IAP)

- is designed for students who are intending to study in an Australian university for the first time.
- is also for students who wish to update their study skills and English language skills prior to commencing undergraduate or postgraduate study.
- is ideal for students who meet university entry requirements or who have accepted a place at university in Australia, and require study assistance in understanding and meeting academic requirements and individual study goals.
- includes comprehensive information on legal requirements, support and welfare services, and cultural and financial issues while living in Australia.

The IAP course is conducted over (4) weeks and aims to develop skills and strategies in

1. academic reading and writing skills - extended research skills.
2. academic presentation skills.
3. lecture and tutorial participation skills.
4. computer and library skills for study purposes.
5. orientation to Australian University teaching and learning practices.

Additional units are available in

- note-taking skills
- Australian culture and society and
- speaking Australian English.

Assessment is both ongoing and summative, with students receiving support in understanding issues such as:

- plagiarism and how to avoid it
- finding your own voice in writing
- critical analysis of text
- communicating with your lecturers/supervisors.

On finishing the five week program, students will have completed an appropriately referenced paper on their area of study, and will have given a professional presentation.

A certificate of completion is presented on the last day of the program.

### Study & Special Tours

The ELC offers Language Study & Special Tours which are great opportunities for students to gain genuine Australian experience. These tours can be organised for groups of people:

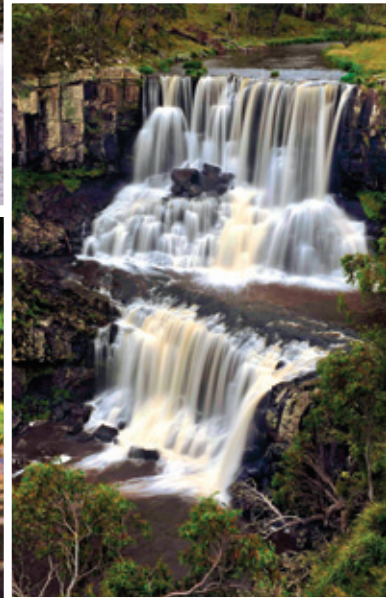
- travelling in Australia
- wanting to combine a tour with English language study.
- who are international students, studying at UNE.
- who require an English Language Immersion program combined with learning about an area of interest.

Please contact the International Services staff for VISA information; it is possible to study up to 16 weeks of English if you have a visitor or working holiday visa.

Study Tours available include:

- English and Australian Cultural Experience .
- English and Environmental Sustainability
- English and Sport and Leisure .
- English and Aboriginal Cultural Experience .
- English for Teachers
- English and Early childhood Education
- English and Cross-Cultural Communication

*ELC Language Study Tours are a great opportunity to gain a genuine Australian experience.*



### **Each Study Tour is a unique experience**

As Armidale is a rural town, the Australian bush, flora and fauna are close at hand.

We can organise:

- a meeting with friendly locals
- a close up look and feel of Australian animals like the kangaroo and koala
- a walk through World Heritage forests from ancient times
- lessons in throwing a boomerang
- an excursion to local schools to meet Australian school students
- a talk on gold panning before fossicking for gold
- a visit to the beach and coastal towns with great food, sightseeing and shopping
- a visit to a working farm with sheep shearing
- a lesson in pottery before making your own clay tablet using collected leaves.

Your accommodation can be:

- in an Australian home with a host family
- in a UNE college with other university students.

Both provide you with a room, three meals a day and weekend activities (when you're not on some new adventure as part of your Study Tour program!!)

To organise your Study Tour program or for any questions contact our Study Tours Officer at [elcstudytours@une.edu.au](mailto:elcstudytours@une.edu.au)

### **For more information go to:**

#### **UNE Services & Facilities**

<http://www.une.edu.au/elis/>

#### **Study tour brochure**

<http://www.une.edu.au/elc/studytours/brochure.php>

#### **Armidale Lifestyle**

<http://www.une.edu.au/imp/about/lifestyle.php>

#### **Admission Information + On-line admission form**

<http://www.une.edu.au/imp/>

#### **ELC Course, Dates & Fees**

<http://www.une.edu.au/elc/courses/>

#### **Arrival in Australia**

<http://www.une.edu.au/elis/australia/>