



Adult General English Course

- Minimum age – 16 years
- Levels – Beginner to Advanced
- Flexible course lengths – from 2 weeks to one year
- Flexible start dates – most Mondays
- Class size – maximum 12, average 9
- 21 hours (of 60 minutes) in classroom + 10 hours teacher-assisted self-study per week
- Exams offered – IELTS, Cambridge, BULATS and others
- General English + Electives
- Regular 1:1 tutorials
- Study trips around Cambridge

Course Structure

Courses at CAE run non-stop throughout the year except for a 2- or 3-week break over the Christmas period (second half of December).

Starting your Course

Entry into courses at CAE is very flexible so that you can start your course most Mondays in the year. However, it is generally better to start your course at the beginning of a 12-week programme or at the start of a 4-week 'module'.

Length of your Studies

- Some students come to CAE for short periods – perhaps only **two or three weeks** – but even during a short stay they find that the friendly environment, dynamic lessons, electives and exciting social programmes help them to make rapid progress in their English learning.
- Other students come to us for longer courses – very often for **two to six months** – to prepare for one of the many exams we offer (see *Exams and Exam Courses page 12*). They soon become part of the CAE community, and form friendships which continue long after they return to their own country.
- There are also students who come to us for long periods – **six months or more**. Such students can follow a course containing special elements designed to be as relevant as possible to their plans for future academic study (see also *'Academic Year Student', page 9*).

Class Size

For most of the year the average number of students in your class will be 9 – the maximum is only 12. Furthermore, we make every effort to ensure that there is a good mixture of different mother tongues and cultures in every class.

English Level

This will be assessed as soon as you arrive at the school. We will give you a short test which will tell us both your spoken and written English levels. We will then place you in one of 7 levels from Beginner to Advanced. If for any reason you are unhappy with your class, we will always be available to help. (*For more details about your level see page 12.*)

Tutorials

If you are studying for a period of more than 2 weeks, one important feature of your course will be the regular 1:1 tutorial with your teacher – an opportunity to review your progress and identify areas for individual study.

CAE has been preparing students for major English language examinations since 1975 – and exam courses remain our core activity. The two most commonly requested exam courses are **IELTS** (required for entry to UK universities) and the **Cambridge exams**.



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