

# General English

## Key Facts

**Course Dates:** Start any Monday

There are no lessons on public holidays and no discount in fees.

**Course Duration:** Minimum 1 week. Maximum 1 year.

**Levels:** Beginner – Advanced Plus (CEFR A1 – C2)

Beginners should start within the first 3 weeks of a new term.

### Lessons/Hours per week:

GE 15 15 lessons / 13 hours 45 minutes

GE 21 21 lessons / 19 hours and 15 minutes

GE 25 25 lessons / 22 hours and 55 minutes

GE 30 30 lessons / 27 hours and 30 minutes

**Lesson Length:** 55 minutes

**Maximum Class Size:** 15 students

**Minimum Age:** 16 years

Written parental consent is required for students aged under 18 years

### Visa Requirements:

GE15 – Short Term Study Visa

GE21/GE25/GE30 Short Term Study Visa or Tier 4 Visa

### Included in your fees:

- Outside the classroom you can use the LSe-Learning online platform for extra English practice. This is available from the start of your course and until 6 months after your course finishes.
- You can attend up to 3 free support classes per week.
- Regular progress tests and 1:1 tutorials

**General English is our most popular course. Its aim is to improve all areas of your English language competence: speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.**

Our Academic Team carefully select course materials to ensure lessons are relevant and interesting to our students. You will be given a course book on the first day of your course and a new course book each time you move up a level.

Our teachers use the communicative approach to deliver learner-centred lessons which are dynamic and engaging. Lessons focus on both accuracy and fluency. You will develop your ability to communicate confidently in real-life situations.

Our teachers ensure that each lesson has clear learning outcomes. You will have a short review test each week. Longer progress tests are monthly. After each monthly progress test you will have a 1:1 tutorial with your teacher. In this tutorial you will develop your Individual Action Plan, this helps to ensure your English improves as much as possible and you succeed in achieving your goals. After each tutorial, you will receive a progress report from your teacher.

At the end of your course you can take an exit test. You will then be able to compare your placement test results with your exit test results to see how much you have improved.



## Sample Timetable

General English					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 12:00	Vocabulary: Food and cooking.	Listening and Speaking: Restaurants.	Vocabulary and Speaking: Family.	Pronunciation: Sentence stress.	Vocabulary: Expressing likes and dislikes.
	Listening and Speaking: Food and eating	Grammar: Present simple and continuous.	Grammar: Future forms.	Vocabulary: Adjectives of personality.	Practical English: Meeting new people.
13:00 - 15:00	Reading: 'Changing jobs'. Vocabulary: Phrasal verbs with 'live'.	Elective Option  Choose from: Communication Skills Live Liverpool Academic Skills English for Business	Elective Option  Choose from: Communication Skills Live Liverpool Academic Skills English for Business	Elective Option  Choose from: Communication Skills Live Liverpool Academic Skills English for Business	Communication Skills Lesson: Liverpool's Maritime history.
15:00 - 16:00	Grammar Consolidation	Vocabulary Review	Speaking Practice	Listening Practice	Weekly Review

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\* The Communication Skills elective may be scheduled with 2 afternoons of 3 lessons (Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday 13.00 - 16.00).

We also offer part-time General English courses with 6 or 10 lessons per week.

I really enjoyed everything. The lessons are very good and focused on the main aspects for learning a new language. Furthermore the social programme is very good and well organised. It's the perfect combination of having fun and learning a new language.

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### **Afternoon Electives for students on GE21, GE25 and GE30.**

Your General English course includes an afternoon elective if you study more than 15 lessons per week and your level is pre - intermediate + (CEFR A2+).

Our afternoon electives allow you to personalise your learning. We currently offer the following afternoon electives:

**Communication Skills** develops your practical English language skills. There is an emphasis on speaking, listening and vocabulary development. Topics are carefully chosen by teachers based on the needs of the students in the class. Lessons include activities focusing on real-life situations to increase your confidence when communicating in English.

Minimum level – Beginner/Elementary A1

**Live Liverpool\*** combines classroom learning with learning outside in 'real-life'. This gives you the opportunity to explore the city as you practise and improve your English. Our teachers accompany you around the city as you complete carefully designed fact-finding activities which encourage you to communicate with the people of Liverpool.

Minimum level Pre-intermediate A2

**English For Business** provides practical business language skills for a wide range of industries. You will develop confidence as you practise communication in business scenarios such as meetings, presentations and negotiations. We address key issues for companies and workers such as how to stay competitive or offer good customer service.

Minimum level Pre-intermediate A2

**Academic Skills** helps prepare you for a university course taught in English. You will increase your academic vocabulary and practise the skills necessary to evaluate, disseminate and produce academic work. You will become more confident in your understanding and use of academic English and therefore better able to succeed in your chosen university course.

Minimum level Intermediate B1

You can change your elective at any time and start a different afternoon elective the following Monday.

All of these electives run all year-round. \*Live Liverpool is for 6 weeks maximum. There is no maximum number of weeks for the other electives.

Students at Beginner /Elementary levels (CEFR A1 – A2) do not select an afternoon elective. On GE21, GE 25 or GE 30 courses these students take a level-appropriate Communication Skills class for 6 lessons per week.

Part-time students on GE6 or GE 10 courses, at pre-intermediate level +, can also take an afternoon elective.

