



University  
of Exeter



# Evening language programme 2024/25

## Course title: English for speakers of other languages B1.1 Intermediate (ESOL entry level 3)

### Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to become an independent user of the target language and to develop their communication skills for social and professional purposes. Therefore, by the end of the courses, B1.1 and B1.2 (continuation from January) participants will be able to:

- understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.
- deal with most situations likely to arise in day-to-day life
- produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest
- describe experiences and events, wishes and aspirations, and explain opinions and plans

Participants will further develop reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the *B1.1* level of the [Common European Framework](#).

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of your native-speaker instructor is to facilitate this process, to provide

useful tools and to encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages, too.

Even though this is not an exam-preparation course, it will help to prepare for the B1 English test, required for Indefinite Leave to Remain (to settle) or British Citizenship.

### Language-specific information:

English is the most spoken language in the world, with over 1.4 billion speakers worldwide. However, it is the third most popular native language after Standard Chinese and Spanish, meaning it is mostly learnt as a second language.

With so many speakers, it is an official language in 59 countries and, as such, has become a lingua franca in many professional fields. Knowledge of English, therefore, can open communication all over the world, giving speakers access to hundreds of different cultures. It's even useful for learning other languages due to its Germanic roots and romantic influences!

### Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for language learners, who can already understand sentences and common expressions about familiar topics, including very basic personal and family information, shopping, places of interest and work.

You can communicate in simple, everyday tasks that require only simple and direct exchanges of information on familiar topics.

You can describe aspects of your past and matters related to your immediate needs, using simple language.

**Coursebook and/or learning resources:**

To be confirmed by the teacher after the first session.