



# Learning English 2009-10

Your passport to a University Degree!  
Study English and enjoy life at a UK University

## Learn English at TVU Reading and make your family proud!

Thames Valley University is a state-funded university with four campuses to the west of London - in Ealing, Brentford, Slough and Reading.

Reading is an attractive town 60 kilometres west of London. The train journey to London takes 25 minutes.

The TVU Reading campus is a ten-minute walk from the town centre.

Reading has excellent shops, cafes and restaurants, cinemas, libraries, parks – and lots of students! So Reading is a lively place to study.

### The campus experience means:

- A rewarding and challenging study environment in which you will develop research skills and study skills
- Participating in classroom discussions and having 'a voice'
- Choosing study projects which interest you
- Directing your own private study
- Using the latest resources
- Making a network of friends and peers who will support your efforts
- Having the opportunity to progress to a degree course at the same campus.



Students of all ages are welcome, from 16 to 64 years old.

We welcome students from Albania to Zimbabwe!

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Thames Valley University  
London Reading Slough

# Your English Course

Our biggest language classes have 20 students. Most classes have 12 – 15 students. Your teachers will have time for you and will be happy to explain anything you don't understand. Every student gets the chance to speak in class. If you are a motivated student who wants to make progress quickly, then our English Language courses are for you.

## Your English classes include

### General English

You will study 15 hours per week of general English, developing all four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as grammar and vocabulary. Your course also includes Academic English and study skills classes. You will be given the opportunity to develop your ability in using English in real life situations through classroom exercises and project work outside the classroom. You'll like the friendly teachers, creative activities relevant to your needs, and the chance to meet people from different countries.

### Learn about English literature

In your English class you're going to study some of the finest English literature, such as *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare, and *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

You'll have the opportunity to act the part of one of the characters, see the film of the book, go to a theatre production of the story, interview other people to get their views of the book, and give a review of the book to the class.

### Learn about UK culture

You'll go on visits with your class to art galleries like Tate Modern in London, or to stately homes like the Queen's home – Windsor Castle, as well as to historical cities, museums and theatres. Cultural visits build on what you learn in class.



## English PLUS

In addition you will study three hours per week of one of these PLUS subjects:

### Art and Design

Students who choose Art and Design practise a range of techniques, which may include print-making, painting, ceramic work and wood work. All students are asked to keep a sketchbook to help record and develop their ideas. The atmosphere in class is informal and relaxed, and students are encouraged to talk to each other in English as they do their work. The teachers help with technical vocabulary where necessary.

### Business English

These courses give students the opportunity to improve their level of English and at the same time develop their understanding of the world of business. The intensive programme of study provides the students with the opportunity to develop their communication skills. Students who choose this subject study a variety of business-related topics such as the European Union, marketing, the cost of products, and famous brands such as Coca-Cola, Virgin and the Body Shop. Students also learn new vocabulary and expressions associated with the area of business.

### Drama

Through role-play exercises the students on this course develop confidence in using the English language. Scenes are enacted from everyday life and the emphasis is on humour and enjoyment. It is a lot of fun! Each session you will work on a variety of drama activities with your teacher, including improvisation, melodrama, reading, writing and performing dialogues and monologues, and working on rhythm, intonation and tempo.



### IELTS Workshop

This PLUS subject is the ideal choice for students who need to prepare for the IELTS test. The teacher will help you to become familiar with the format of the IELTS test, and will also help you to enhance your academic writing, reading, listening and speaking skills. The helpful tuition and plentiful practice in appropriate tasks will ensure that you are well prepared and confident in your own ability when the time for your IELTS test arrives.

### Speaking and Listening Workshop

This course gives students the chance to develop confidence and accuracy in speaking and listening. Students participate in pronunciation and intonation activities, dialogues and other speaking and listening tasks, which are ideal for lower-level learners.

### Travel and Tourism

Students who choose this option will make a study of some famous tourist attractions in London and the south east of England to see how they are marketed and what makes them attractive to visitors. There will be opportunities to carry out market research and students will learn about various aspects of the travel and tourism industry in the UK.

(The choice of PLUS subjects available depends on student numbers and may vary).

*“...good teaching by lively, enthusiastic teachers who create a friendly, supportive learning environment.”*

–OFSTED Report

## Course dates and fees

Your course fee includes tuition, cultural visits, and course materials – including a course book and workbook.

### One-year courses:

Dates	Course code	No. of weeks	Hours per week	International tuition fees
15 April 2009 – 18 December 2009	2LF EFB D00R	30	18	£4330
7 September 2009 – 2 July 2010	2LF EFB A00R	35	18	£4990
11 January 2010 – 27 August 2010	2LF EFB B00R	30	18	£4330

### Short Courses:

Dates	Course code	No. of Weeks	Hours per week	International tuition fees
15 April 2009 – 26 June 2009	2LS EFB D00R	11	18	£1490
15 April 2009 – 21 August 2009	2LS EFB E00R	18	18	£2640
7 September 2009 – 18 December 2009	2LS EFB A00R	14	18	£2030
11 January 2010 – 26 March 2010	2LS EFB B00R	10	18	£1500
11 January 2010 – 2 July 2010	2LS EFB C00R	23	18	£3335
22 February 2010 – 27 August 2010	2LS EFB F00R	25	18	£3625

## Make use of our modern Library

*In the first week you'll be introduced to all the resources of the Library -*

The latest textbooks that you can borrow, plus photocopiers, computers, CDs and DVD players that you can use. Our English textbooks and readers are arranged by level so you can easily find books that you'll enjoy reading.

- There are plenty of exam practice materials for you to borrow if you are preparing for IELTS
- The Library has a quiet study area and a group work area and you'll be able to make use of both of these. When you are going on a cultural visit to Oxford for example, you'll be able to do some research on the Internet in

the Library so that you make the most of your visit

- Your course includes FREE Careers Advice!  
A Careers Workshop - including a self-assessment of your personality and aptitude. This will help you to choose a career that is right for you
- Individual appointment with one of our Careers Advisers  
Help in choosing the best university course to match your abilities and interests
- FREE access to the Internet!  
Log on in our large IT Suite, send and receive email free of charge, keep in touch with your family and friends.



## Your Personal Tutor

One of your teachers will be your Personal Tutor and at the start of your course he or she will help you to understand your needs and prepare an Individual Learning Plan with targets for your learning. Your Personal Tutor will discuss with you some additional activities that will help you to progress at a fast rate and to maximise your learning. In tutorials each week you will be encouraged to review these goals.



## Need to work part-time to pay the bills?

Our JOBS workshop will help you get started. During our welcome programme our International Student Adviser will tell you about the UK Government regulations concerning student employment.

## Want to socialise?

- At the end of each term there's an end-of-term party
- Join our Language Club. Teach someone your language and they'll teach you English
- Join "International Friends" – a social club for international students from around the world
- You are invited to join in all of the TVU Student Union activities together with our UK students
- Want to visit London? It's 25 minutes by train from Reading
- As a TVU student you'll have free membership of International Students House in London – a meeting place for international students in the UK

## Your welfare

### Student Accommodation

An en-suite room in hall on campus costs around £95 per week including bills. This is self-catering accommodation.

Under 18 or want to be looked after? Stay with a British family and have your own bedroom, nice food and a warm welcome. Staying with a family gives you the best opportunity to practise your English and to learn about UK culture. Half board (bed, breakfast and evening meal) costs around £140 per week.

### FREE Meet and Greet!

- A taxi to meet you at London Heathrow airport and take you to your accommodation. Please book in advance by emailing: [homes.reading@tvu.ac.uk](mailto:homes.reading@tvu.ac.uk)

### Health Care

- A nurse on campus
- We help you to register with a doctor
- Students enrolled on courses of six months or more receive free health care in the UK.

## Your English Course is your passport to a UK University Degree

Erika studied English at the TVU Reading campus and now she is on the Access to Higher Education course. It's a one –year foundation programme.

*"I want to study for a degree in Computing and the Access course is ideal preparation. I'm studying Academic English, Information Technology and Higher Maths. It's a very interesting course."*

When Lili completed her English course at the TVU Reading campus she started her Bachelor's degree course in Business at the TVU campus in Crescent Road, Reading.

*"I really like the friendly campus and my tutors are always ready to help me. I'm very happy here."*

### Be one step ahead ....

- Step one** → join an English Language course at TVU Reading campus
- Step two** → complete your course and pass your IELTS\* test
- Step three** → join our Access to Higher Education Course (IELTS 5.0 and completion of Secondary Education is required for entry)
- Step Four** → join one of our Bachelor's Degree Courses \* (IELTS 5.5 and appropriate academic qualifications required for entry)

\* IELTS = International English language Testing System – a test of your abilities in academic reading, writing, speaking and listening.

\*\* On completion of the Access to Higher Education Course students may transfer to one of the TVU London campuses or to another UK university for their degree course.

### At the TVU Reading campus we offer a number of degree-level courses, including:

- Accounting and Finance
- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Computing and Information Technology
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Engineering
- Fashion and Textiles
- Forensic Sciences
- Media
- Music and Performance

Please see the TVU Undergraduate Prospectus for full details.

### To apply:

Please contact our representative in your country, or apply direct to:

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