

If you want to study in London you will need a student visa. You will need to fill in a form (VAF1Nov 2005) and in some countries you will need to have an interview with the Entry Clearance Officer at the British Embassy.

The people at the Embassy want to be sure that you are a serious student who really wants to learn English and will return home after your course. They also want to know if you have enough money to pay for your course and your living costs in London during the course.

So be prepared when you go to see them to answer some difficult questions

Money

Where will you stay in London? How much will it cost per week? How much will your food and living costs be? How are you going to support yourself? Have you got a regular income from your family or a sponsor who will send you money every month?

Advice: Check details on the Malvern House website, on UKstudentlife.com or see below.

Learning English in UK

Why do you want to learn English in London? What benefits will it bring to you that can't be gained in your country? How have you demonstrated your interest in the UK and its culture?

Advice: Living in London is an opportunity to be immersed in the British language and culture. You can find out more on www.studentlife.com.

Your Course at Malvern House

What will it teach you? How many students in a class? Where will the students in your class come from? How is the course organised? How many hours per week is the course? Will you take an exam? What sort of exam? What do you expect to have learnt by the end of your courses? How exactly will it help your career? What will you do when you return?

Advice: Check the details on the Malvern House website or below.

Why did you choose Malvern House?

Advice: London has many cultural advantages. Malvern House is British Council Accredited and offers quality teaching to over 5000 students per year. Get more details on

www.malvernhouse.com

Background Information about Money in London

You will need to be able to demonstrate to the British Embassy that you have enough money to support your stay in London. If you have a student visa you may be able to work part-time in London, but you should not rely on this when working out your costs.

Make sure you can provide documentation for all your accounts, as well as for any sponsors who will be providing regular income.

Cost of Living

Below is information on the average cost of living in London per week. Remember this is just an example, and costs vary from person to person, depending on your lifestyle. The costs below assume that you are living on a relatively small budget.

If you want to check how much these cost in your currency have a look at <http://finance.yahoo.com/currency> or <http://money.cnn.com/data/currencies/>

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| Accommodation | £60 - 120 |
| Food | £25 - £50 |
| Travel | £15 |
| Entertainment | £20 - £50 |
| Other | £15 - £50 |
| Total | £135 - £285 |

Below is more specific information on the costs of certain items in the UK. Prices are based on average supermarket prices and can be either higher or lower depending on quality.

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| Travel card (zone 1 and 2 with 30% discount) | £59.60 per month |
| Bus Pass (all zones with 30% discount) | £36.10 per month |
| 1 cinema ticket | £5-£8 |
| Restaurant meal | £10-£30 |
| 1 pint (568ml) of beer (in a pub) | £2-£3 |
| 1 bottle of wine (from supermarket) | £5.00 |
| 1kg rice | £0.70 |
| 1kg apples | £1.50 |
| 500g beef steak | £4.00 |
| 500g cheese | £2.50 |
| 10 eggs | £1.25 |
| 1 litre orange juice | £0.65 |
| 1 litre of milk | £0.55 |

Background Information about your Course

Malvern House is a British Council accredited school and you can be sure that you're getting great value for money. All of our teachers are fully qualified native-speakers and you will be fully immersed in the language outside the classroom as well. This will be an opportunity to take the first steps in English language learning, or to improve skills you already have.

The British Embassy will want to know why you are studying English, why you chose Malvern House and how your course will benefit you in the future.

Make sure that you know as many details as possible about your course and any exams that you may wish to take.

You can find out more information in our brochure, or www.malvernhouse.com.

Below is basic information about our courses.

General English

This is our most popular course because it covers all of the main language skills: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, and writing, listening and speaking.

General English courses are appropriate for those who wish to use their English as a job qualification, for travel, for living in an English speaking country or for studying at an institution where English is the language of instruction.

The courses are available at seven levels of proficiency, ranging from Beginner (someone with little or no knowledge of the language), through Elementary, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate, Upper-intermediate and Advanced, to Proficiency (someone who is approaching native-like proficiency in the language).

On average students can expect to progress a level every 3-6 months depending on ability and work levels.

English Plus Film

Level: Good Intermediate and above

Length of course: 4 weeks

Time slot: 12-3pm

This course is for students who love films and want to understand how they are made. There is a focus on English vocabulary and phrases related within the industry and students will put together an advertisement for a short film.

During the 4 weeks students will study Genre, Camera Techniques, characterisation, music and sound effects, editing, lighting, narrative, exposition, the film industry, screenwriting, Hollywood and film distribution.

Students complete the course by write a dissertation on a selected film and end the course by creating their own film (which they retain a copy of).

English Plus Literature

Level: Intermediate and above

Length of course: 4 weeks

Time slot: 12-3pm

This course concentrates on four different genres of British Literature including:

- Thrillers e.g. Hamlet
- Comedies e.g. Bridget Jones Diary
- Love Stories e.g. Pride and Prejudice
- Children's Literature.

The course will include trips to the theatre and cinema

English Plus Art

Level: Intermediate and above

Length of course: 4 weeks

Time slot: 12-3pm

The aim of this course is to give students a basic introduction to some techniques of drawing, painting and contemporary art with a look at some of the important art movements and artists of the 20th Century. Each week has two lectures, one visit and two practical sessions. The students are expected to produce drawings, paintings and discuss art.

Cambridge Exams

Level: FCE = Upper-Intermediate, CAE = Advanced, CPE = Proficiency

Length of course: 12-14 weeks

Time slot: 9-12pm, 12-3pm or 3-6pm

Malvern House runs preparation courses for three Cambridge exams which are recognised by universities and employers in the UK and abroad. We offer 3 levels; First Certificate (FCE) Exam, Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) Exam and Certificate of Proficiency (CPE) Exam.

(<http://www.cambridgeesol.org>)

IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

Level: Intermediate and above

Length of course: 12-14 weeks

Time slot: 9-12pm, 12-3pm or 3-6pm

IELTS is important for students who want to go to a British university. It tests listening, reading, writing and speaking (<http://www.ielts.org>).

English for Business

Level: Intermediate and above

Length of course: 12 weeks

Time slot: 12-3pm

English for Business is an exam course which proves a student's ability to use English in the workplace. The exam is run by The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) who have been organising exams for over a hundred years and their qualifications are recognised by companies and institutions all over the world.

Work Experience

Level: Intermediate and above

We can arrange unpaid work experience for students who are intermediate and above. This is often done following an English for Business course. Work Experience placements can be from 4 to 24 weeks in length.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

Level: Upper-Intermediate/Advanced

Length of course: 12 weeks

Time slot: 9-12pm

This course teaches students how to use their English in an academic environment. Students will learn how to write academic essays and prepare and deliver presentations

University Foundation Programme

Level: IELTS 5/Good Intermediate

Length of course: 6 or 9 months

This course is designed to prepare students to study an undergraduate degree at a UK university. It combines English language classes with instruction in IT, study skills and cultural awareness. Students successfully completing this course will have access to a range of UK universities.

Pre Masters Programme

Level: IELTS 5.5/Good Upper-intermediate

Length of course: 3 or 6 months

This programme has been developed with Leeds University and prepares students for a Masters degree at a UK university. Students will already hold a University degree and the course is designed to improve their English skills and study techniques. Successful completion of the course will mean wider admission to UK Masters Programmes.

Malvern House Business Certificate

Level: Upper-Intermediate

Length of course: 3 months

Our 3 month Business Certificate introduces students to business subjects. Students can progress onto a Business Administration or Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Diploma.

ABE (Association of Business Executives) Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas in Business Administration and Travel, Tourism and Hospitality.

Level: Upper-Intermediate

Length of course: Diploma = 12 months, Advanced Diploma = 6 months

We are accredited by ABE to run the above courses. These qualifications are well established and meet the entry requirements for final year BA (Hons) at leading British Universities or can lead onto Postgraduate study in the UK.

TERM DATES 2006

Winter term: January 3rd - March 17th

Spring term: March 20th - June 16th

Summer term: June 19th - September 15th

Autumn term: September 18th - December 23rd

Course Start Dates

It is possible to start the majority of our courses any Monday. This includes General English, IELTS, English for Business and Modules.

Fixed Start Dates 2006

Academic English (EAP): 3 January, 20 March, 19 June, 18 September

English Plus the Arts: Every 4 weeks (12 week course)

English plus Film: 3 January, 20 March, 19 June, 18 September

English plus Art: 31 Jan, 17 April, 17 July, 16 October

English plus Literature: 28 February (3 weeks), 15 May, 14 August, 13 November

FCE, CAE, CPE: 3 January, 20 March, 18 September

Malvern House Academy Start Dates 2006

ABE Diplomas: 9 January, 27 March, 19 June, 4 September

ABE Advanced Diplomas: 9 January, 27 March, 19 June, 4 September

Malvern House Business Certificate: Every 4 weeks

University Foundation: 9 January

Pre-Masters: 9 January, 24 April

Bank Holidays

Malvern House is closed on all bank holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

UK Bank holidays 2006 are: 02 January / 14 April / 17 April / 1 May / 29 May / 28 August / 25 December / 26 December

UK Bank holidays 2007 are: 01 January / 6 April / 9 April / 7 May / 28 May / 27 August / 25 December / 26 December

If you have any questions about your course, accommodation or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us on malvern@malvernhouse.com