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Pathways: UPC English courses can be packaged for entry to Australian universities and colleges.

Term Dates (Commencement).

2017: 30 Jan, 24 April, 17 July & 9 Oct.
2018: 5 Feb, 30 April, 23 July & 15 Oct.

Intake Dates: Students are admitted every Monday of the first 6 weeks of each term.

Timetables: At least 20 contact hours per week is mandatory. There are 10 weeks per term and 4 terms per year.

Assessment is ongoing. This provides a continual snapshots of where students are throughout the course. Through this regular formal and informal assessment, teachers target students' specific problem areas, adapt instruction, and intervene earlier rather than later.

Study Materials: \$25 per term (10 weeks)

Preparation for IELTS

This course focuses on the IELTS test. At this level the English focus is on reading and listening comprehension, writing and speaking at a tertiary level of study. You will learn to:

- ◆ contribute with ease to classroom interaction and discussions of an academic nature
- ◆ write notes, assignments, essays and rephrase and rework research findings
- ◆ read and understand academic texts and interpret examination questions
- ◆ make effective classroom presentations and involve colleagues in discussions.

Social Media (Facebook)

English - www.facebook.com/UniversityPreparationCollege/
Vietnamese - www.facebook.com/UPCVietnam/

"Students who are settled quickly and happily are more likely to get better results in their studies. So finding the right place to live and making friends are very important. We pay attention to this by providing ongoing academic and social support for all students..."
Dr Thuy Mai-Viet, President

English for Higher Education

There are 5 levels:

Level 1: Elementary

- ◆ read short texts and develop vocabulary
- ◆ write simple paragraphs
- ◆ interact with others: listen, ask questions and communicate personal information and everyday needs

Level 2: Pre-Intermediate

- ◆ give & receive instructions, ask for clarification
- ◆ read moderately difficult texts
- ◆ read for relaxation and entertainment
- ◆ write paragraphs which cohere
- ◆ deal with different genres
- ◆ read, understand and extract information from short texts
- ◆ understand Australian systems & culture

Level 3: Intermediate

- ◆ deal with more complex communication for problem solving in everyday life
- ◆ listen to and comprehend a range of complex situations
- ◆ write paragraphs dealing with factual material and expressing opinions
- ◆ read, understand and interpret longer texts

Level 4: Upper Intermediate
(See English for Academic Purposes Level 1- Next Column)

Level 5: Advanced
(See English for Academic Purposes Level 2 - Next Column)

English for Academic Purposes

This course (EAP) deals with English language skills necessary for pursuing college or university studies in Australia. This course focuses on skills required in academic study such as:

- ◆ communicating information on the everyday and dealing with some abstract academic topics
- ◆ reading and understanding texts of a more academic nature & dealing with some abstraction
- ◆ making brief classroom presentations
- ◆ writing short essays and discussion texts

There are two levels: EAP 1 (Upper Intermediate) and EAP 2 (Advanced)

English for Business EB

This course focuses on the English required at an advanced level of academic study and includes the English used in more specific areas of future study in Business.

In addition, students practise English usage in subjects that underpin and equip them for studying at university level. The four core subjects are: Economics, Business Studies, Mathematics and Information Technology.

How did NEAS report on UPC?

"NEAS identified the following areas of strength in its assessment of UPC:

- ◆ Strong commitment to offering quality education.
- ◆ Well packaged curriculum support materials for each course.
- ◆ Thorough and well managed performance appraisal of teachers."

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ENGLISH PROGRAM

UPC is an Australian Government recognised college for teaching English and vocational courses to both Australian and international students.

The English and vocational courses can be packaged for entry to a number of Australian universities, higher education institutions and colleges*.



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*Please refer to our website www.upc.edu.au (Courses/Articulation)



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"Whether English, business or finance, technology or community services is your interest, UPC College is the right vehicle to take you there."

Dr Brian Low,
Former UTS's Emeritus Professor
College Patron

1 English for Higher Education CRICOS 07689B (Max 50 weeks, 15 months)

This is a basic starting point that teaches everyday English and then English for Academic purpose preparing students for higher education studies

Progress is made as each level is successfully completed. However, levels may be repeated if sufficient progress is not made.

Each student works at their own speed and moves forward when the assessments are satisfactory.

Some students will move very quickly through the course which emphasis on all four skills:

- ♦ reading
- ♦ writing
- ♦ speaking and
- ♦ listening.

There are 5 levels:

- ♦ Elementary
- ♦ Pre-intermediate
- ♦ Intermediate
- ♦ Upper Intermediate and
- ♦ Advanced



2 Preparation for IELTS CRICOS 076372K (Max 20 weeks, 6 months)

This course focuses on preparation for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

As a guide, you need an IELTS score of 5.5 to study for a VET program and from 6.0 to 6.5 (Academic) for entry to a university degree program. For post-study training or immigration purposes, IELTS scores of 6.0 (all skills) are required.

We offer individual intensive IELTS preparation at UPC to meet external IELTS examination dates and entry cut offs for colleges and universities.



3 English for Academic Purposes CRICOS 076368F (Max 20 weeks, 6 months)

This is a preparation course for further study. We expect that most UPC students will complete at least 10 weeks of the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course.

Whilst you may be academically excellent in your subject area, you will need to learn how to read, write, listen and speak in an Australian college or university environment and for everyday use while you are in Australia.

Many overseas students find that lectures, tutorials, homework, essay writing and exams are conducted in a different way from their home country.

The EAP course will increase your vocabulary and teach research and writing skills for further academic study.

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English for general to specific purposes, from beginner to advanced

4 English for Business EB CRICOS 076371M (Up to 20 weeks, 6 months)

The course prepares students for tertiary study through specific English teaching in academic reading, writing, speaking and listening at an advanced level .

Plus, the course provides additional contents within the subject areas that interest you: business, economics, computers and maths.

This course, plus the English for Academic Purposes course, are part of our English for Higher Education Program designed to flow into Australian universities without a formal international English test e.g. IELTS, TOEFL, etc.

Articulation

Dependent on your effort and capability, you will be placed in an appropriate class and progressively move to higher levels.

Internally, there are 6 English proficiency levels and on average, it takes 10 study weeks to complete each level: Beginner, Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced.

Externally, UPC English courses can be packaged for entry to a number of Australian colleges, higher education institutes and universities*.

Your English Placement Test

All English students are tested before they can be placed in the correct class.

You will be required to take reading, writing and listening tests and have a one-to-one interview with a teacher to see how well you can speak.

Once your test results have been calculated, you will be allocated to an English class to begin your course.

Some of you may have already taken the test administered by UPC representatives. However, you will be re-tested before your class placement.

Best reasons to study English at UPC

- ♦ You can start on any Monday during the first 6 weeks of each term.
- ♦ Our programs are focused on individual needs (devoted teachers in small classes).
- ♦ Our programs can be packaged for entry to a number of Australian universities, higher education institutions and colleges*.
- ♦ Our staff is experienced and qualified.
- ♦ Our programs are high quality & value for money.
- ♦ Our campus is well equipped.

List of UPC English Courses

The College has a comprehensive English program providing courses from Beginner to Advanced.

1. English for Pre Foundation Studies
2. English for Higher Education
3. Preparation for IELTS
4. English for Academic Purposes
5. English for Business

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English for Higher Education - Level 5
Advanced (EAP Level 2).
Outcome: Over 6.0 IELTS equivalent

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English for Higher Education - Level 4
Upper Intermediate (EAP Level 1).
Outcome: 5.5 IELTS equivalent

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English for Higher Education - Level 3
Intermediate
Outcome: 5.0 IELTS equivalent

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English for Higher Education - Level 2
Pre Intermediate
Outcome: 4.5 IELTS equivalent

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English for Higher Education - Level 1
Elementary
Outcome: 4.0 IELTS equivalent

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English for Pre-Foundation Studies - Level 1
Beginner - Outcome: 3.5 IELTS equivalent)
This starting course is suitable for students who have very low English proficiency.