

Intensive English Programme (IEP)

What is the Intensive English Programme (IEP)?

The Intensive English Programme (IEP) offers English language courses to international (undergraduate and postgraduate) students through the Language Centre of the University of Stellenbosch. The IEP develops student reading, writing, listening and speaking skills as well as relevant grammar and vocabulary in blocks of eight weeks. Outings and workshops are organised throughout the block to give students the opportunity to explore the local area and culture, to use English outside of the classroom, and to experience intimate cooperative learning environments with practical outcomes.

What English language levels are offered?

Beginner, elementary, pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper-intermediate and advanced. At the beginning of the course, you will complete an online placement test and be placed at a suitable level based on the results of your placement test.

How do I apply?

Complete the [online IEP application form](#) and send a copy of the photo page of your passport to Ammie Henson: ammie@sun.ac.za. You will then be asked to complete an online English placement test to determine your level. Once the initial application has been processed, the participant will be sent an invoice with a non-refundable pre-payment which includes the registration fee and the fee for one to three English blocks, depending on the level and study period. Each subsequent block thereafter will need to be paid one week in advance of the start of each English block.

What is the course schedule?

Classes run from Mondays to Fridays from 09:00 to 13:00 over 8-week blocks with a total of 160 hours of English instruction. Students are expected to complete an additional hour per day of self-paced activities in preparation for the next day's class and to review class content.

What are the 2023 course dates?

The following are the IEP course dates for 2023. Any changes in dates will be communicated with applicants before the start of their course.

Blocks	Dates
Block 1	16 January – 10 March
Block 2	13 March – 5 May
Block 3	8 May – 30 June
Block 4	3 July – 25 August
Block 5	28 August – 20 October
Block 6	23 October – 15 December

What are the course fees?

The course fee for each 8-week block is R12 055. Students are expected to pay the full academic fees (as stipulated in the letter of admission) prior to final registration. The additional levies, administered by Stellenbosch University International (SUI), are payable upon course registration and are non-refundable.

How do I apply for health insurance?

Students can choose from any of the South African provider companies' student health insurance options below. Note that most companies will require the student to forward their admission letter as proof that they have student status for the full period of time they are to apply for their medical insurance.

- [Momentum Health](#)
- [CompCare Wellness](#)

How do I apply for housing?

Students should make sure to apply for housing well ahead of time, as housing availability in Stellenbosch can be limited - especially during the first semester of the academic year. SUI housing coordinator, Grant Leukes, can be contacted for any housing inquiries: interhouse@sun.ac.za

How do I arrange for an airport transfer?

Once a flight has been booked, an airport pickup can be arranged by filling in the [online arrival sheet](#). Transport related questions can be addressed to the transport coordinator, Lushane Alexander: suiarrivals@sun.ac.za

If you need additional information, please contact:

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