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IELTS Test Preparation Short Course

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

A certificate of attendance short course

If you plan to attend a postgraduate programme in South Africa or abroad, or must prove proficiency in English for studies or immigration purposes, or if you're an international student needing a minimum IELTS score to apply for university entrance in South Africa, then this course is for you!

What is the focus of this course?

This practical short course aims to develop your ability to -

- recognise the format and content of the IELTS exam by discussing, practising and analysing each section of the exam;
- improve your test-taking skills and strategies by completing IELTS-style practise tests in reading, listening, speaking and writing;
- perform optimally within an academic context, to enter your chosen academic programmes; and
- recognise the scoring procedure for the exam, so that you may interpret your own test scores.

By the end of the short course, you will be able to -

- skim and scan academic and authentic texts for general and specific information;
- extract information from and make references based on texts of varying lengths, such as university lectures, radio documentaries and radio interviews and conversations;
- interpret and compare data in tables and graphs;
- develop arguments and express opinions on abstract topics;
- provide information in a formal interview context; and
- expand academic vocabulary related to common topics such as the environment, science and technology, health, energy, transport, education, the arts and media.

What are the prerequisites?

- You need a minimum B2/Upper-Intermediate English language proficiency level
- You may need to complete an online English placement test before the start of the short course

- If you do not have the desired level for entry to the short course, we will make recommendations on how to improve your English so that you may be admitted at a later stage

When and how will the short course take place?

The IELTS Test Preparation short course is presented online during 2-hour sessions, twice a week over 5 to 6 weeks, with 25 hours in total.

Short courses open before the first contact or online session and close well after the last session. This allows you enough time to access SUNOnline, the learning platform we use.

	Duration (system opening and closing dates)	Apply and pay by:
Course 1	21 July to 29 August	7 July
Course 2	15 September to 24 October	1 September

What is required from you to be awarded a certificate?

- Attend and participate actively during all the contact and/or live online sessions
- Submit assignments, if any, by the due date
- Less than 10% absence (without a valid reason)

What is the cost?

The course fee is R4 396 per participant.

- All fees are payable before the short course starts
- We will present a course only if the required minimum candidates have paid and confirmed attendance
- Short course participants do not receive access to University facilities such as computer labs or the library

Are you interested?

Click on [this link](#) and fill in the sign-up form. We will send you further instructions and a link to apply for the short course.

Further questions?

Contact Michelle Pieters at michellep@sun.ac.za or 021 808 2812 for more details. You could also discuss your specific short course and development needs with us. Enquire about our available short courses, course dates, and options for tailor-making a course.