



Intensive English Programme (IEP)

Competency Short Courses and Credit-bearing Programmes

The Intensive English Programme offers English language short courses and credit-bearing programmes to international undergraduate and postgraduate students to develop reading, writing, listening and speaking skills as well as improve grammar and vocabulary.

Short courses and programmes are offered throughout the year, with outings and workshops designed to help you explore the local area and culture, practise English outside the classroom, and enjoy a collaborative learning environment.

Choosing between a short course and a credit-bearing programme

Both options cover the same content - the difference lies in administration. Credit-bearing programmes add academic credits to your academic transcript, making them ideal for students. Short courses offer a Certificate of Competence.

What English language levels are offered?

Choose from the Beginner, Elementary, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate, Upper-intermediate and Advance levels. You will take a free online English Level Placement test to determine what level suits you best.

What are the prerequisites?

This short course or programme is ideal for anyone with -

- at least CEFR C1 (Advanced) level English proficiency, to be confirmed via an online English Proficiency Test; and
- access to a laptop or desktop computer with a good speaker and microphone, as well as a reliable internet connection.

When and how will these programmes or short courses take place?

Classes are offered from Mondays to Fridays from 09:00 to 13:00 over 8 weeks, with a total of 160 hours of English instruction.

Short courses open before the first contact or live online session and closes well after the last session. This allows you enough time to access the learning platforms, SUNLearn or SUNOnline.

	Duration (system opening and closing dates)	Apply and pay by:
Option 1	30 June to 22 August	18 June
Option 2	25 August to 17 October	11 August
Option 3	20 October to 12 December	6 October

What is required from you to be awarded a certificate?

- Attend and participate actively during all the contact and/or live online sessions
- Submit all the assignments by the due date
- A 60% pass mark for both theory and practice components
- Less than 10% absence without a valid reason

What is the cost?

The short course or programme fee is R13 417 per participant, per level.

- All fees are payable before the course or programme starts
- We will present a short course or programme 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

Information for international students:		
R5 415	This is a non-refundable International Registration Fee , which includes a welcome pack; printing your student card; orientation and campus tour; once-off one-way airport pick-up on arrival; assistance with accommodation options; and immigration assistance including visa and medical insurance inquiries.	
Invoice & deposit	After your application is processed, you will receive an invoice with a non-refundable deposit covering the registration and programme fees, depending on your level and study period.	
Fees due by	All fees stipulated in the letter of admission are payable before the programme starts.	
Levels	If you want to apply for further levels, the fees for that level must be paid 14 days before the start of the level	
Health insurance	Choose from the South African providers. Insurers need your admission letter to confirm your student status when applying for medical insurance.	CompCare Wellness
		Momentum Health
Housing	Apply well ahead before visiting, as housing availability in Stellenbosch is limited. Contact the Housing coordinator at SU International Office.	Arlynn Fielies interhouse@sun.ac.za
Airport transfer	After booking your flight, complete the online arrival sheet at least 72 hours before arrival to arrange a one-way airport pickup. For departure transfers, visit the webpage for details.	Lushane Alexander suiarrivals@sun.ac.za

Are you interested?

Credit-bearing programmes - please click on [this link](#) and fill in the sign-up form

Short courses - please click on [this link](#) and fill in the sign-up form

We will send you further instructions after receiving your form.

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.