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# IELTS Test Preparation Short Course

International English Language Testing System

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 will this course focus on?

The IELTS Test Preparation course is designed to equip you with the skills, strategies and confidence needed to achieve the target band score in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The course aims to:

- Familiarise you with the format, timing and expectations of the IELTS exam.
- Develop the four key language skills assessed in IELTS: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.
- Teach effective test-taking strategies, including time management, question analysis and error reduction techniques.
- Strengthen a wide range of academic and general vocabulary, as well as essential grammar structures.
- Build your confidence in performing consistently under pressure.

## You will be awarded a certificate if you –

- 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)

**Interested? Click on [this link](#)** and complete the online form. We will send you further instructions after receiving your form.



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## What are the course outcomes?

After completing the course, participants should be able to:

- Process a variety of academic and general texts with improved speed and accuracy, using strategies such as skimming, scanning and locating specific information.
- Understand a range of spoken texts, including conversations, lectures and discussions, identifying main ideas, supporting details, opinions and attitudes.
- Produce coherent, well-structured written pieces, using a wide range of academic vocabulary and grammatical structures accurately and appropriately.
- Communicate clearly and confidently, demonstrating fluency, pronunciation and interactional skills.

## What are the prerequisites?

- You need a minimum B2/Upper-Intermediate English language proficiency level
- You will 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?

This **online course** consists of **2.5-hour sessions twice a week over five weeks**, supplemented by self-directed learning and digital classroom resources.

Short courses open before the first contact or online session and close well after the last session. This allows enough time to access SUNOnline.

	Live online session dates	System opening and closing dates	Applications close
<b>Offering 1</b>	2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 March and 1 April	23 February to 15 April	9 February
<b>Offering 2</b>	17, 19, 24, 26, 31 August, 2, 7, 9, 14 and 16 September	10 August to 30 September	27 July

### The course fee is R4 580 per participant.

- All fees are payable before the short course starts and includes course material, assessments, live online sessions with your presenter, and access to the online platforms.
- 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.



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