

Study Courses at The Language Centre

Example Course Outline

All of the options below can be discussed and agreed in advance.

Example Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. speak more confidently, fluently and accurately when interacting with others.
2. scan through texts of varying lengths to identify and extract main ideas and relevant information.
3. extract essential information from live and recorded passages relating to everyday and subject-specific situations.
4. write a short text (summary/report) on topics of general and subject-specific interest.
5. demonstrate basic knowledge of their subject area in English.
6. understand and employ a greater range and accuracy of grammar and vocabulary.
7. make effective use of dictionaries and reference materials to promote learning and problem solving.
8. compare and contrast features of British culture and your own culture, based on personal experience and learning.
9. engage actively in participatory classroom practices that promote collaborative learning and teamwork.

Optional Social Programme

Afternoon / Evening Activities in Manchester:

- Museum of Science and Industry
- BBC and Media City Visit
- National Football Museum
- Football Stadium Tour
- Afternoon Tea
- Whitworth Art Gallery

Day Trips:

- The Lake District – steam train and lake cruise
- Trafford Centre – shopping, dining and cinema
- York – city tour and Viking museum
- Liverpool – museums, galleries and river cruise
- Cheshire Oaks and Chester – shopping, aquarium, Roman city tour
- The Beatles Museum, Liverpool
- The Tate Gallery, Liverpool
- Lyme Park stately home, Cheshire
- Styal Mill, Cheshire
- London

Example Timetable

To include:

- integrated general English skills
- subject-specific sessions
- cultural activities
- conversation club
- problem solving and critical thinking skills (team project work)
- social programme, accompanied by Language Centre staff

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
09:30-11:00	Welcome and Induction	General English	General English	General English	General English	Full / Half Day Trip	Free Time
11:00-11:30	Morning Break						
11:30-13:00	Welcome and Induction	General English	Subject-specific Class	Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	General English		
13:00-14:00	Lunch						
14:00-16:00	<i>Discover Manchester Tour</i>	Subject-specific Class	Conversation Club	Subject-specific Class	Free Time		
Social Programme		e.g. Bowling		e.g. Cinema			

General English will include practice in the four language skills (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening) as well as the enabling skills of grammar, vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation. There will be a focus on communicative and pragmatic competence, fluency and confidence. More skill-specific learning outcome can be requested.

Subject-specific classes can be tailored to subject disciplines, for example:

- **Humanities:** Britishness and Identity | Youth Culture | British Politics | Multicultural Britain | British Journalistic Practices
- **Business:** Britain, International Relations and Global communication | Enterprise and Entrepreneurship | Marketing and Social Media | Case Studies

Subject-specific teaching is in English, adopting a Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) approach.

Conversation Club is a chance for students to speak more informally and socially with native speakers and other international students.

Problem Solving and Critical Thinking encourages students to work together to find solutions or to think about things in an unusual or different way.