

IELTS is an international standardised test which is managed by the Cambridge English Language Assessment, the British Council and IDP Education Pvt Ltd; and is largely recognised by American, British, Australasian and South African academic and non-academic institutions. IELTS deals with Intermediate to Advanced level students, at level B1 and C1 of the Council of Europe's Common Framework of Reference for Languages respectively.

The Linguatime preparation course for the IELTS Exam in English involves 3 daily sessions, of 90 minutes:

- **Two General English sessions in a group (maximum 12 students) in the morning** to help students polish their English; The General English Group sessions aim to help you improve your English language skills effectively in everyday situations.

The course, with a provided course book, helps with the development of:

- ✓ The four basic skills: speaking, listening, writing and reading
- ✓ Grammatical accuracy (according to your current level)
- ✓ A good range in vocabulary (according to your current level)
- ✓ More accurate pronunciation
- ✓ Social English skills and useful language
- ✓ Learning skills to encourage self-study

- **1 session in a mini-group (from 1 to a maximum of 4 students) in the afternoon**, to prepare students specifically for the exams.

Each student is provided with a personal study programme to maximise study time.

The IELTS exam is divided into 4 parts:

- Reading
- Listening
- Speaking
- Writing

During the IELTS preparation course, students are given controlled and free practice sessions in exam and non-exam conditions, relating to the specific skills and language structures. Students are also given regular, detailed individualised feedback.

IELTS: Reading Test and Preparation

The reading section includes 3 or 4 reading passages of varying difficulty, for 60 minutes.

Linguatime's preparation course helps develop skills in:

- Skimming for general understanding
- Scanning for specific information
- Reading for gist
- Reading for detail
- Understanding opinions
- Increasing reading speed
- Labelling diagrams
- Summarising information
- Increasing passive knowledge of the words most frequently occurring in the IELTS reading section.
- Developing vocabulary
- Determining attitude and opinion of a given topic.

IELTS: Listening Test and Preparation

The IELTS listening section is divided into four segments, and given 30 minutes to be completed.

Linguatime's IELTS listening Preparation course covers:

- Predicting information and using key words for prediction
- Listening for general and specific information
- Listening for specific speakers
- Avoiding Red-herrings
- Listening for main ideas and supporting information
- Understanding the speaker's opinion
- Recognising intonation patterns
- Recognising varieties of spoken English.

IELTS: Speaking Test and Preparation

This section is 60 minutes long and is divided into 2 tasks: a 150 word report and a 250 word discussion.

You will develop your writing skills in:

- Sentence structure and vocabulary
- Writing paragraphs, introductions and conclusions
- Forming ideas and developing an argument
- Developing communicative qualities
- Improving spelling
- Learning to adjust your writing style according to purpose
- Using conjunctions and referents
- Organising information logically thus making your writing more coherent
- Using examples and evidence.

IELTS: Writing Test and Preparation

This section is divided into 3 parts: an interview, speaking on a given topic, dialogue or discussion

You will develop your speaking skills in:

- Fluency and coherence
- Pronunciation, word stress and intonation
- Understanding common phrases
- Interacting with other speakers
- Speaking for an extended time
- Practising discussing a topic
- Incorporating as wide a lexical resource as possible
- Improving your grammatical accuracy
- Using good body language and facial expressions to improve communication.

TEST DATES AND FEES

Test Dates	Closing Dates for Applications	Test Dates	Closing Dates for Applications
7 th January 2017	22 nd December 2016	17 th June 2017*	2 nd June 2017
16 th February 2017	1 st February 2017	8 th July 2017	23 rd June 2017
4 th March 2017	17 th February 2017	3 rd August 2017	19 th July 2017
25 th March 2017	10 th March 2017	19 th August 2017	4 th August 2017
8 th April 2017	24 th March 2017	9 th September 2017	25 th August 2017
22 nd April 2017*	7 th April 2017	30 th September 2017	15 th September 2017
13 th May 2017	28 th April 2017	14 th October 2017	29 th September 2017
25 th June 2017	10 th May 2017	11 th November 2017	27 th October 2017
3 rd June 2017	19 th May 2017	2 nd December 2017	17 th November 2017
Examination Fee	€177		
Results	Posted 13 days after exam date		

**only academic module available*

Students need to register for the exam session directly with the test centre.

COURSE DETAILS

Hours per week	22.5
Timetable	9:00am – 12:30pm & 13.00pm - 14.30pm or 14.45pm - 16.15pm (subject to change)
Minimum Age	18 years
Start Date	Any Monday
Course Length	Minimum 5 weeks is recommended
Levels Available	Upper-Intermediate / Advanced
Additional Charges	Standard Registration Fee / Course Materials
Maximum Class Size	12/4
Average Class Size	10-12