





A Gold Rating in the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework

# **Programme Brochure**



## **ELTS** English Language Training Services



## A World-Class University

Swansea University is a research-led university that has been making a difference since 1920. The University community thrives on exploration and discovery, and offers the right balance of excellent teaching and research, matched by an enviable quality of life.



The University has enjoyed a period of tremendous growth, and we have achieved our ambition to be a top thirty research University, soaring up the 2014 Research Excellence Framework league table to 26th in the UK. The University is also within the top 350 elite institutions across the globe in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016/2017, has a Gold rating in Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF), and winner of WhatUni's University of the Year 2019 award.

Swansea University is set over two campuses. Set in parkland overlooking

Swansea Bay, Park Campus is on the edge of the stunning Gower Peninsula, the University's location is captivating.

Bay Campus is an ultra-modern campus set right on the beach overlooking Swansea Bay. Both the College of Engineering and Management are located here, as well as the Computational Foundry. With 20,831 students, Swansea's multicultural campus community provides a global perspective and opportunities to gain skills that last a lifetime.

## The department

English Language Training Services (ELTS) is the university's English language and teacher training centre. ELTS teaches a range of EFL, ESP and EAP programmes and is accredited by the British Council, gaining 29 points of excellence in our last British Council inspection.



ELTS is a dynamic English language teaching and teacher training department based at Swansea University. We have vast experience

in the provision of private commercial English language and professional training programmes. As such, we have many contacts across the university, and can therefore create a programme that will fit with your needs and expectations.

Our General English programmes are designed with students in mind and include fun, communicative and engaging classes. All members of the ELTS team, from administrative staff to management, are qualified professionals with many years' experience of delivering highquality English language learning and training experience to students from all over the world.









## Making a course that fits your requirements

We have the flexibility and knowledge to be able to create a learning programme that best fits your needs and maximises the value of your time at Swansea University.

Below is a sample timetable for a group of mixed-subject undergraduate students and two of their university's management. The course required English tuition, sample lectures from our experts, academic activities, visits and trips, and networking opportunities for the management of both universities. Over the five days, your group will experience student life on campus, as well as external activities that make Swansea such a great place to live and study.

Monday	Academic skills
09.30	Arrival at Swansea University (Park campus)
09.30-10.00	Welcome reception. Meet key personnel
10.00-11.00	Welsh culture talk
11.00-11.30	Tea break
11.30-13.00	Sample pre-sessional lesson
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Sample pre-sessional lesson (Academic Partnership talk)
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Above: Rhossili beach



Wednesday	Researching
09.30	Arrival at Swansea University (Park campus)
09.30-11.00	Sample pre-sessional lesson using found research
11.00-11.30	Tea break
11.30-13.00	Academic Success Programme
13.00-14.00	Lunch with relevant student society
14.00-16.00	Management/CSR/entrepreneurship talk and seminar
16.00-18.00	Free time in the city
18.00-19.45	Evening event including:
	Pre-match stadium tour, Dinner and football tickets
19.45-21.30	Kick off Swansea City v Luton Town
21.30	Depart the Liberty Stadium
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Friday	Plan Your Journey
09.30	Arrival at Swansea University (Park campus)
09.30-10.00	Admissions and Applications Talk
10.00-11.00	Finance Department Talk
11.00-11.30	Tea break
11.30-12.30	Presentation skills
12.30-13.30	Visit to campus mosque
13.30-14.30	Lunch with key personnel
14.30	Depart Swansea University



## **Extra activities**

We are always happy to add activities that are specific to your needs to your timetable. Some groups, for example, have taken advantage of our academic databases, library materials, modern sports facilities including an Olympic sized swimming pool, gym, athletics tracks and sports fields.



Santander Bank has already invested in Swansea University having part funded over 100 bikes and six docking stations along the 7 mile stretch of Swansea Bay, connecting Mumbles in the far west, through the city centre, to our brand new Bay Campus in the east.

## **Professional sport**

Further to the east is the Liberty Stadium, the home of Swansea City Football Club and the Ospreys Rugby. Swansea University is a sponsor of both, and as such we have provided ELTS students with the opportunity of going to see matches, have a stadium tour, and meeting players.





#### Sample of previous groups



Academic Researching Skills Business and Management groups Conversational English (above) Engineering groups English for Chinese Academics

Your focus may be on improving learning confidence and everyday English, or the group may want to have work experience, or to become fully immersed in an Engineering course for a week. Regardless of your intentions, we can tailor a programme to precisely your needs. Our previous satisfied clients are as diverse as:



English for Coaching (below) English for Medical Teachers English for Medics English for Rugby Referees

Exam Training IT in education Law groups Sports groups (right) Teacher Training Teaching Methodology



We have received groups from Spain, China, Japan, Germany, Sweden, and Saudi Arabia.

#### **Trips and visitations**

We organise external activities for our groups on weekday afternoons or weekends which can be for information, instruction, leisure or cultural. Recent examples include surfing and SUPing, white water rafting, theme parks, city centres, museums, castles, tourist hotspots and places off the beaten track, as well as using our vast network of professional and industrial contacts for visits to places of work, study and research.



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## Work placement

Many of our clients wish to improve their learners' English within a work setting. We are accustomed to helping vocational learners find employment and provide English classes that will help for this purpose.

Previous work and voluntary positions have been taken in a:

Bakery Cafe Charity Shop Florist Nursery Painter and decorator's Receptionist, and many more

## **Accommodation**

University accommodation (see right for a room on Bay Campus) is more readily available during the summer months, however some groups prefer their students experience UK culture, therefore we also work closely with local homestay providers so your group can live with vetted and approved families.





## **Course delivery**

As a proactive university, we have been able to quickly adopt new teaching delivery methods because of travel restrictions. Our courses have normally been run face-to-face in a classroom, laboratory or gym. However, we have had to adapt to using online learning platforms and have been successfully doing so since our first lockdown.

We still maintain our communicative and interactive approach to teaching, and this remains even when we are reliant on online learning platforms.

#### **Multinational culture**

Swansea is a very safe and welcoming city. It achieved City of Sanctuary status back in 2010, and has a reputation for being hospitable. As such, there are many events in the city to share each other's culture, and we as a university and department do our



#### **Location**

ELTS is located in the Singleton Park campus, on the edge of the 250 acre park, and is opposite one of the UK's most popular beaches which stretches some nine kilometres from Swansea to Mumbles. part by advertising and promoting events in the city, as well as inviting our students to share their culture through food, festivals, holidays and celebrations.



Both campuses are a short bus ride away from the city centre and main transport hub, with buses every few minutes. The marina is only a few minutes' walk from the city centre, where the tallest building in Wales is located.



Ten minutes' walk to the north of our location is Uplands, a trendy, upmarket part of town where a monthly goods and produce market is held, as well as hosting numerous bars and eateries.

Towards affluent Mumbles and the Gower, there are many fabulous restaurants, beaches and outdoor activities which can be offered to the group, for example, surfing, SUPing, kayaking, and power boating.



## **Dates**

Swansea University can provide create your course to match your requirements, regardless of start date and course duration. ELTS' academic courses run for the whole academic year, and the General English course runs for up to 12 weeks during the summer. Bespoke courses have the added element of flexibility.

Some of the events listed in the sample timetable may have to change due to circumstances outside our control, but we will do our utmost to find suitable alternatives in this case.

## Why us?

- We are British Council accredited, gaining 29 out of 30 points of excellence
- Our courses are accredited by BALEAP (British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes).
- We are a university department, based on a university campus
- Our teachers are qualified to at least TEFL-i level, though the majority are TEFL-Q qualified
- Participants can use the university's facilities as they will be fully enrolled as students
- Colleagues in Colleges across the university can deliver classes and lectures in participants' areas of interest
- We have many years' experience delivering short courses to groups of students, adults and professionals
- Can mix with other international students where the only common language is English
- Swansea is one of the safest cities in the UK
- Swansea is highest ranked Welsh University in 'The Times Good University Guide 2020'
- Excellent connections within research, industry and leisure to suit your interests

## **Contact**

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## **Student comments**

#### Friendly teacher and comfortable accommodation make me feel like home

#### All things here are wonderful!

Swansea University is beautiful and charming place. There are between mountains and rivers. Learning equipment is good. The teachers are all very good. This is fascinating and attractive place

#### It makes me want to study in Swansea University next year

Yes the teachers are very friendly, if you're in trouble they will help you immediately, it's a quiet place which is suitable for study

## The teachers are excellent and the school is gorgeous

I love the teachers and the atmosphere here. Everyone here is very kind and easy to talk to. It's also a good place to learn more knowledge

I think I will further my study, the Master MSc, in two years later in Swansea University Teachers are very nice and some equipments are advanced. There are many books in the library. Teachers and students communicate often

Because it's really good and you will have a good and new experience with different people around the world and you will learn new language

My teachers were very friendly and really very good at teaching. Swansea University is wellmanaged and the city has a wonderful seaside. I recommend it.

Quiet, beautiful and peaceful place to study and enjoy your student's life; nice teachers

## The way of teaching is attractive and the environment of college is beautiful and the basic equipment is complete. I feel happy here. Thank you my teachers and classmates & the members of the university.

I will recommend Swansea University according to my friends' major. Swansea is a good university. I love the environment of it and the teachers are pretty good. If my friends ask my advice, I will tell them my feelings of studying in Swansea.

I feel a lot of satisfaction and all the people are nice

## All teacher are very very kind!

Nice atmosphere, convenient equipment, beautiful scene, good library. I love here!

