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Welcome to the
International Academy
Your home from home



A very warm welcome to the International Academy.

I hope you will find that you enjoy your stay with us and that the International Academy will provide a real home from home for the duration of your course.

You are important to us and we will work with you to give you every opportunity to succeed and fulfil your aspirations in your chosen course during your time here at the University.

We are all here to help give you confidence for your future career and to enjoy your time in the UK.

Lynn Leighton-Johnstone
Principal of the International Academy
University of Wolverhampton



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I am glad I came here. I live in university accommodation and have made new friends from all over the world. I can understand so many different accents now!

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Cindy from Taiwan

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I think Telford is a good place for students; Telford is a quiet place where you can find all that you need and different places to enjoy with your friends, all accessible by walking.

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Alberto Fernández Bolaños from Spain



Why the University of Wolverhampton?



The University of Wolverhampton has always been a place of opportunity – allowing students, whatever their background or circumstances, to fulfil their potential and realise their career ambitions in partnership with a supportive community.

- Investment of £125 million over the past 15 years and a further £45 million over the next two years continues to create outstanding facilities.

Joining our community

You will become part of a leading modern University and will join its thriving international community which includes 2,500 overseas students from more than 100 countries. We provide an excellent range of student support services for all our students, with the International Academy offering additional support and study options tailored for our international students.

World-class research

Across the University we have 15 Research Centres and Institutes that cover a variety of research bases ranging from art and design practices to new discoveries in the treatment of diabetes. All of our research focuses on finding solutions to challenges faced by industry and wider society.



Key facts about us

- Four campuses at Wolverhampton City Campus, Telford Innovation Campus (home to the International Academy), Walsall Campus and the University of Wolverhampton Science Park.
- Over 800 academics sharing their expertise with students.
- 21,686 full and part-time students.
- Over 5,000 undergraduate students who celebrate their graduation each year.
- Our strong Alumni Association, currently numbers over 70,000 members.



Student satisfaction

Our students rate us highly for the standard of facilities at the University. In the 2013 National Student Survey, our students rated the quality of the University's learning resources as among the best in the country with 85% satisfaction for learning facilities, compared to a national average of 80%.

Our heritage

The University of Wolverhampton has a rich heritage and tradition of academic excellence. We can trace its origins back 180 years to the time of the industrial revolution.

Over the decades, the mergers of technical, health, teacher training and art colleges led to expansion across several campuses and gaining University status in 1992. Growing dramatically in size and reputation, we are now a leading modern university and a major part of the regional and UK higher education sector, as well as having an increasing presence worldwide.



Welcome to the International Academy at the University of Wolverhampton

Priorslee Hall, Telford Innovation Campus, at the University of Wolverhampton

The International Academy is based in Priorslee Hall at our Telford Innovation Campus in the greenest of counties in Shropshire and offers a friendly place of welcome in safe, relaxed surroundings. Telford town centre is nearby and was recently voted by Rightmove as one of the ten happiest places to live in the UK. The town has many shops, restaurants and entertainment venues and is close to the motorway network and the local train station with links to Birmingham, which is just 30 minutes away, and London, which is 2 hours and 30 minutes away.

The International Academy will be your home from home, a friendly place of welcome for students from all over the world. We will provide you with the opportunity to achieve your academic aims and to enjoy your time here in the UK.

Why does the University have an International Academy?

We recognise that going to university is an exciting – but also daunting – time and that going to study in a foreign country can be difficult, where traditions, language and methods of teaching are different. We will give you the academic and personal support that you need.

How can the International Academy help with my language needs?

Most international students do not have English as a first language. Whatever your standard of English there will be an appropriate course to help you build the knowledge and confidence you need to study and communicate successfully in the UK.



Can I get help outside my studies?

Yes. The International Academy organises all kinds of activities beyond your studies: from sport and social activities to pastoral care and counselling services should you need them. If you have a religious faith you will find facilities to pray on campus and a mosque, temple or church nearby. We will help you to make new friends and connections, which are such an important part of University life.



What courses do you offer?

The International Academy designs and delivers a range of tailor-made English language EFL and TEFL teacher training courses, as well as professional development courses. See page 10 to find the right course for you, or visit: wlv.ac.uk/ia

How are the courses taught?

To help you succeed, we offer classes with a maximum of 22 students. All courses include one-to-one tutorials and dedicated student support which provide tailored teaching and advice. You will also take part in regular English language and intercultural practice activities with staff and other students from the University.

Are your courses internationally recognised?

Yes, the qualifications are not only recognised by other UK universities and across the world, the International Academy is also accredited by the British Council (Accreditation UK) for the quality of English Language provision. See our British Council inspection report at: www.britishcouncil.org/accreditation

In what other ways can the Academy help?

We realise that as an international student you may need help with everything from visa applications to booking suitable accommodation. We are here to help with just about anything you may need.





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The main reason I opted for the University of Wolverhampton was that my younger sister had already graduated from the University. She mentioned that the education service here fulfils her dream to study in the UK.

The atmosphere is so friendly and passionate. The Student Support Service makes me feel at ease, and I don't feel like a stranger studying abroad.

Studying at Wolverhampton gives me a good opportunity to meet friends from all over the world. We can share our cultural differences in order to enhance respect and understanding.

I hope to work for a multinational company when I get back to China. Of course, the degree I gain from the University will be very valuable in hunting for a job in the future.

”

Chen Zhicong from China

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After four years in Wolverhampton, it has become my home away from home – the University has become like a family. Living in Halls of Residence, I have made long-lasting friendships with people from almost every continent.

I thought the facilities were excellent. Everything I needed for my studies was in place. From lectures, tutorials and workshops, I developed great people skills, presentation skills and research skills, and above all relevant knowledge for work.

What I have gained in terms of confidence, assurance and future prospects is simply immeasurable. Every drop of this experience has truly been rewarding.

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Papa Yaw Oppong-Frempong
from Ghana



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I learnt new techniques, which will be very helpful to me. I gained good study skills, confidence and I'm looking towards a secure future.

”

Ira Tyagi from India



What our students say...



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I chose the University of Wolverhampton because it's accessible, flexible, has fair fees and fantastic admission processes.

”

Kayode Temitope (Josephine)
from Nigeria

Finding the right course

Your course with the Academy will be based on qualifications you have, your current standard of English, and your future academic plans.
Which of the following best describes your requirements?



I have the academic qualifications for my course

I have the English language requirements for my course

Direct entry to University degree
enquiries@wlv.ac.uk

A member of the University Course Enquiries Team will be in touch.



I have the academic qualifications for my course

I don't have the English language requirements for my course

Pre-sessional English course

(gives you appropriate English qualifications for your course)



I don't have the academic qualifications for my course

I have the English language requirements for my course

International Foundation Year or Pre-Masters (1 semester)



I don't have the academic qualifications for my course

I don't have the English language requirements for my course

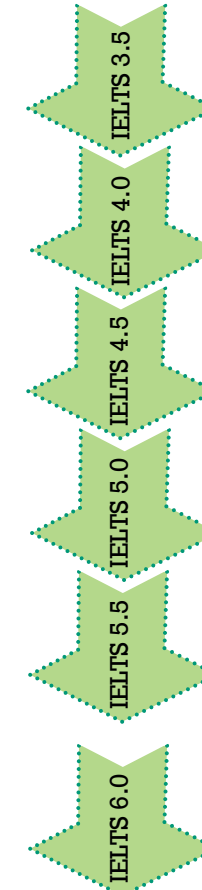
Pre-sessional English followed by International Foundation Year or Pre-Masters



I just want to improve my English language skills and gain experience

I am not looking to progress to further study

Short-summer course or Study Year Abroad



*Pre-sessional English Beginner min 33 weeks
*Pre-sessional English Elementary min 28 weeks
*Pre-sessional English Pre Intermediate min 15 weeks
*Pre-sessional English Intermediate min 10 weeks
English Plus Pre-sessional Award – 1 semester **University Preparation Pre-sessional Intensive 5 weeks International Foundation Year – 2 semesters Pre-Masters – 1 or 2 semesters
Graduate and Professional Language skills 12 weeks
Study Year Abroad, in the UK – 1 or 2 semesters

For information about visas and immigration visit:
www.gov.uk/visas-immigration and click on the 'study visas' section.

(The weeks offered are based on the assumption that all students will complete up to and including the University Preparation course.)** Other options are available, please email: ia@wlv.ac.uk



Pre-sessional courses: language and study skills

For those whose first language is not English and who wish to study a full-time degree course at the University.

What does the course include?

The routes of study are shown on pages 10-11. You will develop the knowledge and confidence needed to communicate socially, helping you to form friendships with other students. When you pass your pre-sessional course you will be able to start your academic degree course.

The courses are assessed via topic-based continuous assessment and are designed to:

- prepare you for academic study
- help you to improve and develop your academic language to the level required by your academic course
- introduce you to your specialist subject by using authentic academic materials produced by members of the University.

What are the entry requirements?

The start level depends on your IELTS (or equivalent) score:

• Beginner level (IELTS 3.5)

An introduction to all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and basic grammar and vocabulary necessary for living in an English speaking context.

• Elementary level (IELTS 4.0)

Develops accuracy in commonly used grammatical structures and expressions. You will build your fluency and communication ability and learn strategies for improving your language.

• Pre-Intermediate level (IELTS 4.5)

You will begin to work on the academic skills necessary for University study whilst building on grammar and vocabulary range, competence and accuracy.

• Intermediate level (IELTS 5.0)

You will extend and improve your comprehension in academic contexts, improve your range, accuracy and use of language, and apply your language learning strategies in the academic context.

• University preparation (IELTS 5.5 or equivalent)

You will learn the academic skills and strategies needed for your degree programme, and improve your language accuracy, range and register so you are ready to begin your academic course.

OR

• English Plus Pre-sessional Award (EPPA)

You will develop your accuracy and range of language and work on your academic skills. You will have the chance to study a module in your specialist subject. (This course provides in-depth study over a longer period of time.)

• Graduate and Professional Language skills (Pre-research)

This course is designed to enable those needing the language skills to undertake a research degree or to be accepted by a profession (eg. Law/ Medicine/ Nursing). The content will be highly specialised to cater for your individual needs, working on redrafting and self-correction, and will include language development to an advanced level (C1/ IELTS 7.0 or equivalent) as well as academic and professional skills work. (IELTS 6 or equivalent.)



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What I like the most ... is that the courses are very specialised. Lectures are delivered in an accessible way and the methods of teaching are versatile.

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Aleksandra Domzalska
from Poland



International **Foundation** Year

Duration: 12 months (or 8 months for accelerated study)
Start dates: September and January

Who is this course for?

The International Foundation Year is designed for international students who wish to study for a degree, have an equivalent of a B2 language qualification but lack the academic qualifications to gain entry onto their preferred degree course.

You will develop your capabilities to study a specific subject which will enable you to progress onto an academic degree at the University of Wolverhampton.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need at least:

- English language equivalent to at least IELTS 5.5 (we can offer an English course if you have less than 5.5).
- A Senior School Certificate, which the University will assess as being equivalent to either 2 A/S levels, or 1 A-level where you have followed a 12-year education system.

What does the course include?

You will study a mixture of subject specific modules, develop your academic skills and expand your English language and learning skills ready for higher education. You can make the general modules relevant to you by choosing topics that are related to your chosen academic subject. When you complete and pass the International Foundation Year, you will be able to progress directly onto the academic degree course of your choice.



How will the course benefit me?

You will develop an understanding and experience of University study and the academic skills required to successfully study for a degree in the UK. You will also be studying in the University so will be familiar with the systems and processes. You will be taught by experienced and knowledgeable University lecturers. Passing the course allows you to join an undergraduate degree course at the University.



Pre-**Masters** course

Duration: 12 months or 8 months
Start dates: September and January

Who is this course for?

We have specifically designed this course for students who need to bridge the gap between their previous qualifications and experience and postgraduate level. We guarantee all successful students progression onto one of our Masters programmes.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need at least:

- English language equivalent to at least IELTS 5.5 (we can offer an English course if you have less than 5.5).
- Previous degree qualification or HND.

What does the course include?

The Pre-Masters course forms the foundation for Masters-level study at the University of Wolverhampton. It helps you to develop an understanding of the expectations and academic skills needed to successfully study at a postgraduate level in the UK. The course will also help you use and develop your English in an academic context. Whatever your strengths and weaknesses, we can tailor a programme to suit your needs.



How will the course benefit me?

You will learn new, subject-specific skills to provide a strong foundation for your study at Masters level, including some skills necessary for becoming a researcher. Progression onto your Masters course is guaranteed upon successful completion. Many of the teaching staff will teach you on both the Pre-Masters and Masters course, making transition smoother and easier.



BA (Hons) International Business Communication (Top-up)

IBC is suitable for anyone who is looking for a career where English language is important within business, public or voluntary sectors. With IBC you can gain a prestigious UK degree and move towards an international business career after just one extra year of study.

You will have already completed two years of full-time study, such as Business, Management, Marketing, Human Resources, Media, Communication, information Technology, or Accounting.

For further information visit: [wlv.ac.uk/
internationalbusinesscommunication](http://wlv.ac.uk/internationalbusinesscommunication)



Other offerings from the International Academy

Testing

English language testing is available both overseas and in the UK. A pass in the Wolverhampton English Proficiency Exam will allow you direct entry to this University. Visit: wlv.ac.uk/englishtesting for more details.

Study Year Abroad in the UK

An increasingly popular course of study with students and partner institutions is our well-established Study Year Abroad Programme.

You can work on your language skills and study interesting and relevant modules in English for one or two semesters that relate to your degree back home.

As well as seeing new places, making new friends and living in another culture, at the end of the programme you will get a certificate of credit from us which can often be used as credits at home university.

Increasingly employers are looking for life, language and professional skills – the experience of living and studying overseas for as little as one semester can make a big difference in developing and demonstrating these skills.

To find out more, visit:
wlv.ac.uk/studyyearabroad

Short courses

Short courses are an enjoyable and affordable way for you to gain skills and experience living and studying at a UK university.

Our well-managed summer school welcomes students from all over the world to study English, see local attractions and study specialised options such as art and design, intercultural communication, media and broadcasting and professional communication.

Our English classes concentrate on developing your communication skills through studying a new skill or area of interest in English and therefore going away with an experience unique to your time in England. Optional classes allow you to study a subject you might be studying at home – one reason why these courses are popular with cohorts from our many partner international institutions.

We are also well positioned to provide bespoke courses to cohorts groups, designed around specific needs.

To find out more or make an enquiry, visit:
wlv.ac.uk/englishshortcourses

TEFL teacher training and teacher development

- Graduate teaching placement at a partner institution; open to all graduates from the University of Wolverhampton.
- Teacher development for international teachers of English. For details visit: wlv.ac.uk/tefl
- Internationally recognised Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language.
- A joint degree in Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and selected other subjects.

Language projects

EU funded opportunities are available for teachers, schools, local authorities and other educational professionals.

- International projects through the ERASMUS+ Programme.
- International immersion courses in many languages.
- Secondary school events through the Routes into Languages initiative.
- Teaching resources.
- Support for specific qualifications in the form of training, advice and resources.
- Whilst at the University, language support and development sessions relevant to your subject and language needs are available. For further information visit: wlv.ac.uk/languagesupport

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The IBC class has enabled me to develop my knowledge in business, communication and to meet international students. It is almost the end of the year and I did not feel the time passing. I will miss it, it is an incredible experience.

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Celia Balanche from France

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Living in Telford is a nice and pleasant experience. Nature shows you her beauty and grandeur, and you come across many different kinds of wildlife when on the way to lectures. What a wonderful thing!

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Wang Mingle from China

Welcome to Wolverhampton and Telford

The Heart of England

Wolverhampton is a lively city in the centre of England, an interesting mix of historical buildings and modern developments. You'll find a good choice of shops, art, sport and theatre to suit everyone's taste and its central location and excellent rail connections make it ideal to explore the rest of the UK.

Restaurants, supermarkets, shops and market stalls cater for food tastes from around the world including the Caribbean, South East Asia, Eastern Europe and the Indian Subcontinent. Wolverhampton is a multicultural city with places of worship covering a wide range of religious faiths.

Telford lies in the heart of the rolling countryside, offering our students the opportunity to study in a relaxed, friendly community in safe, peaceful surroundings.

Telford and Wolverhampton's convenient location in the heart of England means there's a wealth of local, national and international transport services at your disposal. A short train journey can take you to Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon. London is a two and a half hour train ride and Birmingham, Britain's second city, is just 20 minutes away.

Travel times from Wolverhampton to:

Birmingham - 18 mins

Manchester - 1 hour 10 mins

London - 2 hour 30 mins

Edinburgh - 4 hours

British Coast - 2 hours



Wolverhampton and surrounding area



Ironbridge Gorge

Priorslee Hall

Dudley Castle

Telford Imax Cinema

Make an enquiry

If you have a question for us please complete our online enquiry form at: wlv.ac.uk/iaenquiries

How to apply

To apply to study with us, visit:
wlv.ac.uk/iaapplications

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