

# English in Chester

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## *Junior Year Abroad Programme for University Students*

English in Chester is offering a Junior Year Abroad Programme in partnership with the University of Chester. This is a great opportunity for university level students from all over the world to study for a year in Chester and experience the best of language school and university life. The combination of language school and university is ideal for many students and provides a gradual introduction to university study and life.

At English in Chester students develop their English language ability. They have classes in study skills and an introduction to academic life in Britain. The transition to university is then easier.

Students start their stay at the University of Chester with a one-week introductory programme. They then study at the university for one third of an academic year.

During their study at university students have an opportunity to attend lectures and seminars with other undergraduate students. Normally students choose two specialist areas for study, from a selected range of undergraduate programmes. In addition they choose two further areas which could be either a work-based placement in a local company, a volunteer placement, a research project/independent study or a unit looking at selected aspects of the cultural life of Britain. Throughout their time at university students compile a portfolio of their work, which can be used for an evaluation of their stay and may enable credits to be awarded. The University is happy to discuss the award of credits with the student's own university.

The Junior Year Abroad Programme is divided into three blocks of study and there are 6 possible entry points. Students can either take blocks 1,2 and 3, or blocks 2 and 3, depending on their English Language level. **Study at the University of Chester begins in either late September or early January.** Fluent English speaking students may join the University for Block 3 only.

### *Block 1*

- Late April to early July, or early July to late September
- 11 weeks at English in Chester

#### **Course Details**

General English language development with an emphasis on spoken English skills  
28 lessons/21 hours per week  
Maximum class size: 12 (international students)

#### **Entry Requirements**

TOEFL 475 (paper), 152 (computer-based) or 53 (new internet-based)  
IELTS 4.5

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## Block 2

- Early July to late September, or late September to mid-December
- 11 weeks at English in Chester

### Course Details

A continuation of General English studies  
20 lessons/15 hours per week

Study skills and exam preparation  
8 lessons/6 hours per week

### Entry Requirements

TOEFL 500 (paper), 173 (computer-based) or 61 (new internet-based)  
IELTS 5.0

## Block 3

- Late September to mid-December, or mid-January to late April
- 12 weeks at the University of Chester, including an induction week

### Course Details

University study includes 4 units creating a portfolio that includes:

- study in two subject areas

and two units selected from the following:

- a work-based placement

- a volunteer placement

- a research project or independent study

- cultural perspectives in Britain

### Entry Requirements

TOEFL 550 (paper), 213 (computer-based) or 79-80 (new internet-based)  
IELTS 6.0

## Am I eligible?

You need to have:

- A good academic record (applicants are normally university students in their own country with a minimum of one year of study)
- The appropriate TOEFL or IELTS score or equivalent (see above)
- An academic transcript
- A reference from your university
- A 200-word essay outlining why you want to study abroad

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If your English has not progressed sufficiently to progress to Block 3, additional English language tuition is provided at English in Chester in Block 3 and you follow a reduced timetable at the University.

## *How will I be assessed?*

Your English language ability is assessed throughout your stay at English in Chester through a variety of assignments and examinations. At the University of Chester your portfolio of work is used in the assessment process. If you are successful in each programme block you are awarded a Certificate of Achievement by English in Chester in association with the University of Chester. By prior arrangement the study you undertake in Chester could be accepted as part of your degree study in your own university.

## *What is available for study at the University of Chester?*

Students on the Junior Year Abroad Programme can join undergraduate courses at either Chester or Warrington Campuses. On the application form students are asked to select three subject areas as their main areas of interest and one reserve subject area.

### **Chester Campus**

Chester Campus is a short walk from the historic city centre and English in Chester. It is the main location for undergraduate teaching.

### **Warrington Campus**

Warrington Campus is located about 45 minutes drive from Chester. Its location is the site for the North West Media Centre.

#### **School of Humanities**

English, Literature and Film, History, Archaeology, Theology, Christian Youth Work, Religious Studies

Muslim Youth Work

#### **School of Social Science**

Geography, International Development Studies, Urban Studies, Psychology, Criminology, Sociology, Communication Studies

Social Work

#### **School of Arts and Media**

Fine Art, Multimedia Technologies, Popular Music Studies, Performance and New Media, Journalism, Dance, Drama and Theatre Studies

Advertising, Multimedia Technologies, Cultural Studies, Film Studies, Graphic Design, Journalism, Media

#### **School of Business, Management and Law**

Business Studies, E-Business, Law, Marketing, Tourism Management, Events Management

Business Management, Management, Marketing

#### **School of Education**

Education Studies, Early Childhood Studies

Early Childhood Studies

#### **School of Applied and Health Sciences**

Sport and Exercise Science, Mathematics, Biology

Sport Development, Sport Management