

Studying English as a foreign language

at Canterbury Christ Church University



Short course to help improve
your English language skills

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Welcome

We're a modern, multi-campus University with a diverse student and staff body with people from over 80 countries studying, learning, teaching and succeeding as part of our community.

Whether you are a looking to learn English for the first time or wish to build on your existing knowledge, our General English course has been designed to provide you with the level of skills you might need in your future career or to progress on to further study.

Canterbury Campus

Built in the grounds of the ancient St Augustine's Abbey, we're proud to be part of a World Heritage Site and although we're in a buzzing student city with a rich programme of festivals and culture, the sea, fields and woodlands of 'The Garden of England' are on our doorstep.

You can step out into an exciting and world-famous cathedral city and benefit from a campus with excellent learning and teaching resources, music venues, a superb sports centre, a well-stocked bookshop and plenty of coffee bars and places to eat.



Excellent facilities

Although you'll be studying close to the heart of the city, you'll find just about everything you need on campus. From quiet study corners to lively coffee bars, cafes and a food court – wherever you go you'll find somewhere to work or catch up with your friends.

Our award-winning library in Canterbury is not just a place to take out textbooks, but a place to be and to learn. Our facilities suit different working styles, with group study spaces, silent study rooms, dedicated PCs and loanable laptops.

Sport and fitness

The University's multi-million-pound Sports Centre has the latest fitness equipment and offers affordable gym and recreational sport memberships, a full range of exercise classes, and a personal training service.

In addition to our Sports Centre, you will also have access to our joint specialist sport facility, Polo Farm Sports Club. Just a short distance from the Canterbury Campus, the facilities include three floodlit hockey pitches, an indoor tennis centre, outdoor tennis courts and a spacious sports hall specialising in netball, hockey and cricket.

The city

Canterbury was one of medieval Europe's great places of pilgrimage and learning. It has a distinctly cosmopolitan feel, as the area's accessibility and attractions make it an extremely popular destination for visitors from all around the world.

There are many historic buildings as well as a fantastic variety of shops, restaurants, pubs and cafés that line the cobbled streets within the city walls. You'll

also find entertainment in the form of cinemas, theatres and galleries that all combine to give you the chance to enjoy a great student experience.

Canterbury is also only a few miles from the coast, so you can explore the beautiful beaches. Less than an hour from London by high speed train, and only two hours from Paris, Canterbury is perfectly situated with Britain and Europe at your fingertips.

“Canterbury is a very convenient place for sightseeing and shopping and it's easy to visit other places – I've been to London, Oxford and Paris.”

Rai, student





General English course

Our General English course aims to improve your overall English language skills, including speaking, listening, reading, and writing, and has been designed for those with varying levels of proficiency.

The course covers a wide range of topics and language skills, this includes grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, conversation practice, reading comprehension, and writing skills. It also

provides opportunities for you to engage in research and work on various projects.

Class sizes may vary, but they are often small to provide more personalised attention and interactions with tutors and fellow students. Assessment is carried out through tests, quizzes and presentations.

You can undertake the course for a minimum of two weeks and up to a maximum of 11 months.



We're so proud that our student completed the General English course. The fact she could make friends, talk about herself to others and join in University life meant a lot to her and her family. ”

Eri Inoguchi, Kyoto Notre Dame University

Tailored support

As a General English student, you will have access to bespoke support. Our dedicated team of academics and professionals are here to guide and empower you from the moment you

contact us. From helping you book student accommodation to giving you extra study advice, they will be there to ensure you get the most out of your course and your time in the UK.



You'll be supported and encouraged to make friends across the University and to fully integrate into student life, taking advantage of the many events and activities available to everyone. ”

Laura Spencer, International Development Manager

Contact us

If you have any questions or need further details, please get in touch with our International Partnerships and Development Office.

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Further information

For more details about the course, including how to apply, please visit: canterbury.ac.uk/ug/general-english

Accommodation

We know that you might be coming to the UK for the first time, so you'll want to be safe, comfortable, and have access to all the facilities you'll need.

Whether you choose to stay in university accommodation or with a family through Homestay, you'll be within easy reach of the town and campus.

University accommodation

We offer a range of accommodation in Canterbury for students studying our General English course.

As a student in university accommodation you'll enjoy:

- 24-hour security access
- utility bills included in the rent
- high-speed WiFi
- free contents insurance.

Accommodation cannot be guaranteed but we will always do our best to help you.



Homestay

Living with people in their own home is ideal if you would like to immerse yourself in local culture and learn more about British family life. Homestay houses are regularly visited by Accommodation staff to ensure they meet the requirements set by the University and British Council regulations.

All the information you need to make the right accommodation choice, including costs, is available on our website, visit: canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/accommodation