

# IELTS Preparation Get the IELTS score you need

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## The Benefits of joining the AM Language IELTS Course Programme

**1.** Before starting the IELTS Course, you will fill in an IELTS request form where you are asked to state your IELTS band score target.

**2.** This target is then evaluated after your entry level test by the teacher. Both you and the teacher then agree on what the realistic IELTS score target should be within the booking time frame. Your progress will be monitored continuously.

**3.** The course is exam focused and you will learn the structure of the IELTS Exam, exam strategies, as well as developing your language skills and sub-skills, such as speaking, listening, reading and writing.

**4.** You will develop the ability to use a wide range of complex grammar structures, as well as a range of vocabulary. Each language point is recycled so that the language becomes stored into your long term memory.

**5.** The course covers a wide range of topics, and you are regularly given homework and weekly mock tests, which will be part of both the monitoring and coaching process. The course focuses on all 4 language skills simultaneously, ensuring fluency, accuracy and appropriate usage.

## **Complementary Benefits**

| 7.5 hours of weekly   |          |
|---|----------|
| homework (minimum)  |          |
| Focus on productive &<br>written skills   |          |
| Weekly Exam Practice  |          |
| IELTS Clinic:   |          |
| Veekly Topic-based discussion<br>:linic (Expand vocabulary &<br>levelop pronunciation)                      |          |
| Active use of technology  |          |
| Social Media interaction<br>to enhance language skills  |          |
| Experienced Teachers  |          |
| Study with students from<br>around the world  |          |
| f you haven't attained the<br>ELTS band score you need<br>after 16 weeks, continue your<br>course for FREE. | <b>S</b> |
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(Terms and conditions apply)

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## The AM Language Course Outline and Description

## **Option 1**

20 sessions of IELTS classes per week at 45 minutes each. This is a good option if you have limited time during the day.

## **Option 2**

Best option

30 sessions of IELTS classes per week at 45 minutes each. All your lessons will be focused on IELTS, and you will develop the same language skills that you would in General English classes. Highly recommended!!

## **Option 3**

20 sessions of IELTS classes plus 5 Individual lessons per week..

## **Option 4**

20 sessions of IELTS classes plus 10 Individual lessons per week.

An IELTS Course designed to guarantee the results you need

- The AM Language IELTS Course focuses on exam preparation, exam skills and language skill development over the duration of the course providing you with the tools you need to succeed.
- Feedback sessions and mock tests will be carried out every week, which will contribute to the monitoring of your development.
- Daily homework, along with constant feedback, will be carried out which will be a part of your personal development.

## What is your IELTS band score target?

## How many weeks?

To join an IELTS Course you must be of an intermediate level (B1+). It usually takes 6 weeks to increase a band score, but all students are different and it depends on how hard you work and your natural abilities. You are required to complete our entry level test, which will provide us with your level.

# The IELTS band score targets are based on the recommended 30 IELTS sessions a week!

| Start Level | Target Band<br>Score | No. of IELTS<br>Course weeks<br>needed |
|-------------|----------------------|--|
| B1+         | 6 – 6.5              | 6 - 8                                  |
| B1+         | 6 – 7                | 8 - 10                                 |
| B1+         | 7 – 7.5              | 10 - 12                                |
| B1+         | 7.5+                 | 16                                     |
| B2          | 6.5 - 7              | 6 - 8                                  |
| B2          | 7 – 7.5              | 8 - 10                                 |
| B2          | 7.5 - 8              | 10 – 12                                |
| B2          | 8+                   | 16                                     |



"After 6 weeks, I saw a massive improvement in my English. I was hoping for a score of 6, but to my surprise I got a 7!"

## What should your IELTS band score target be?

Your IELTS band score target will depend on the requirements of the university of your choice, or work visa requirements. The required university scores vary from university and country, but for many they insist on an overall IELTS band score of 6.5. If you wish to study law or medicine, for example, then the university might insist on an overall IELTS band score of 7 to 7.5.

## **Course Prices**

### 6 - 8 Week Course

Improve your IELTS level band by at least one band score, and develop your exam techniques, range of vocabulary, usage of grammar, and a combination of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

## 9 - 11 Week Course

Improve your IELTS level band, range of vocabulary, usage of grammar, as well as the 4 skills. In addition, you will also look back at some complex language structures, and address some previously learnt material that you may have forgotten.

## 12 - 16 Week Course

Improve your IELTS level band by 2 band scores, and further develop your exam techniques, range of vocabulary, usage of grammar, and а combination of speaking, listening, reading and writing. After 12 weeks, you should be well very prepared for this exam. You can book up to 16 weeks if you are a long stay student.

## **Price List**

| Price per week              | 6 - 8 weeks | 9 - 11 weeks | 12 - 16 weeks |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 20 IELTS Sessions           | €245.00     | €232.75      | €220.50       |
| 30 IELTS Sessions           | €345.00     | €327.75      | €310.50       |
| IELTS Combination<br>20+ 5  | €375.00     | €356.25      | €337.50       |
| IELTS Combination<br>20+ 10 | €495.00     | €470.25      | €445.50       |



## am's IELTS Special offer!

**AM** is committed to students reaching their objectives. If you don't achieve your IELTS band score target after 16 weeks, as agreed with your teacher, you can continue your course for FREE.

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## Sample of IELTS content

Below is a brief sample of what you would cover in the first week on the AM Language IELTS course.

### Week1

#### Monday

You will cover the speaking and writing tasks in depth, and develop your understanding of what the requirements are, as well as how you should approach each question.

#### Tuesday

You will cover the listening and reading tasks in depth, and develop your understanding of what the requirements are, as well as how you should approach each question.

#### Wednesday

You will look at a typical IELTS speaking topic from part 1 of the IELTS speaking exam, and you will develop your range of vocabulary. You will also look at a typical IELTS writing question in task 1, and develop your writing structure and specific vocabulary.

#### Thursday

You will analyse a typical IELTS listening recording and develop your listening exam strategies and skills. You will also look at a reading section of the IELTS exam, and develop your reading skills and sub skills.

#### Friday

You will have a speaking mock test, as well as a dedicated session to reviewing aspects of homework that will have been done. You will also have a session that is focused on developing your speaking skills that are required to answer part 3 of the IELTS speaking exam.

## 3 Features that personalise our IELTS Course



#### EXPAND YOUR REACH

•You will have the opportunity to follow AM Language on social media, and to read and comment on regular IELTS blogs and posts.

•Blogs will often reflect various aspects of weekly course material



#### IN DIVIDUAL ATTENTION

At the start of the course, you have a mock test on various aspects of the IELTS exam, which provides a clear starting point. We focus on the areas of your development with constructive feedback.

#### OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

You will have the option to book individual supplementary weekly coaching sessions, which can provide you with extra support. You can share the session with other students who want to focus on the same area.

## Why IELTS?

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is the world's leading English language proficiency test, taken by over 2 million people each year.

IELTS assesses all your English skills — reading, writing, listening and speaking, and is designed to improve your use of English in your professional and personal life.

The IELTS test was developed by some of the world's leading experts in language assessment. It has an excellent international reputation, and is accepted by over 8,000 organisations worldwide, including schools, universities, employers, immigration authorities and professional bodies.

Uniquely, IELTS tests your English conversation skills through a face-to-face speaking test, where you are assessed in conversation with a professional. This is the most effective and natural way of testing your English conversation skills. You can take IELTS Academic or General Training depending on your requirements.

## Academic or General IELTS?

Academic IELTS is the most popular choice because of its relevance to university requirements, and it is considered to be the more challenging of the two. General IELTS might be more suited for working visas.

## IELTS Exam Dates & Fees 2024

IELTS tests are held regularly in Malta, and it is important to plan when you wish to take your IELTS exam.

| Date of Exam                    | Closing Date for<br>Application | Module Available            |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024   | 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2023  | Academic & General Training |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2024  | 02 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024  | Academic & General Training |  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024      | 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024  | Academic & General Training |  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2024     | 08 <sup>th</sup> March 2024     | Academic & General Training |  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April 20234    | 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024     | Academic Only               |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024     | 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024     | Academic & General Training |  |
| 09 <sup>th</sup> May 2024       | 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024     | Academic & General Training |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2024       | 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024       | Academic & General Training |  |
| 08 <sup>th</sup> June 2024      | 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024       | Academic & General Training |  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2024      | 07 <sup>th</sup> June 2024      | Academic & General Training |  |
| 06 <sup>th</sup> July 2024      | 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024      | Academic & General Training |  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2024      | 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024      | Academic & General Training |  |
| 08 <sup>th</sup> August 2024    | 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024      | Academic & General Training |  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2024    | 09 <sup>th</sup> August 2024    | Academic & General Training |  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 | 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2024    | Academic & General Training |  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 | 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 | Academic & General Training |  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2024   | 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024   | Academic & General Training |  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2024  | 01 <sup>st</sup> November 2024  | Academic & General Training |  |
| 07 <sup>th</sup> December 2024  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024  | Academic & General Training |  |

Number of places are limited so it's best to book as early as possible!



## Evidence of Identity

## Identification Documents

If you submit your Application Form by hand you will be asked to present a valid non-expired identity document. This will be either your Identification Card or Passport. ID Cards are only accepted in the case of EU citizens. On the test day candidates are required to bring the same identity document as quoted on the Application Form.

Remember - 'No Identity Document, No Test'.

## Test Day Photograph

IELTS have introduced a new procedure for enhancing test security that involves taking and authenticating photographs of test takers on the test day. Under this new procedure, IELTS staff will take an individual passport style photograph of all candidates present on the test day. The photograph will normally be taken on the day of the speaking test. The test day photograph will be printed on the candidate's Test Report Form, and will only be used for test requirements. This procedure takes between 30 - 60 seconds. Your Identification and Photograph will be verified on Test Day.

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## Additional Services

## Accommodation

We offer a range of accommodation, which includes host families, self-catering and hotels.

For more information please contact us or go to our website: http://www.amlanguage.com/accommodations/

## **Social Activities**

The school is always organising social events, and there are some great social activities on offer.

For more information please contact us or go to our website: http://www.amlanguage.com/activities/

### **ADDITIONAL:**

| Course Supplement - July & August<br>per week |       | 45.00 Euro |
|---|-------|------------|
| Airport Transfers on Request                  | 1 Way | 30.00 Euro |
|   | 2 Way | 44.00 Euro |
| Guard.me Insurance per week                   |       | 10.00 Euro |
| Fees for text book                            |       | 55.00 Euro |

## ALL OF COURSES INCLUDE:

- ✓Welcome pack including student card
- ✓AM Student Handbook
- ✓AM Copy Book
- ✓AM Pen
- ✓ Discounts @ various outlets
- ✓Free use of WIFI in the school
- ✓Free Sim Card on request
- ✓24/7 assistance
- ✓Orientation walk + welcome evening
- ✓ Disco / Parties 1 per week
- $\checkmark 1$  x Beach Club Entrance per week (June to September)









## **IELTS Course Terms & Conditions**

In order to be entitled to the offer of free IELTS tuition after 16 weeks the following criteria must be met:

1)The IELTS band score you failed to achieve must be the same IELTS band score that you and your teacher had agreed to at the start of your IELTS course, which will be recorded.

2)You must have an attendance rating of no less than 90% unless for health reasons, which must be supported by a doctor's note.

3)You must have completed 100% of your homework, which will be monitored and recorded.

4)Your motivation and participation weekly rating in class must have an average rating of no less than 6, and is recorded on a weekly basis.

5)Your weekly mock test scores must show clear progress, and consistent scores that were in the region of your intended IELTS score.

6)You must show us your IELTS certificate with your official IELTS score in order for us to confirm that you have not achieved the IELTS band score that you had agreed to aim for with your IELTS teacher. On top of that, you would need to have taken the exam within 3 weeks of completing the IELTS course.

7)Teachers might change from time to time, but the syllabus and course structure will be followed regardless of the teacher.

8) This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers.

9) Accommodation is not included in the offer.

Please refer to the individual polices for all students: <u>http://www.amlanguage.com/accommodations/guidelines/</u>

#### **AM LANGUAGE POLICIES 2024**

In order to ensure that your booking process runs smoothly, kindly read the following procedures and keep to these guidelines when placing your booking with AM Language. Booking Enquiries and Enrolment Procedure AM Language sends availability confirmation, within 1 working day of receipt of the complete booking enquiry and all the required details. Once a quotation is issued, the service requested and the corresponding price is valid for a period of 48 hours, during which time it must be confirmed by the student. If the booking is not confirmed with <u>FULL</u> information, including flight details and all other information as requested on our enrolment form, the booking will automatically fall. Students suffering from any illness, disability or special needs are obliged to inform AM Language upon registration. Confirmation is then only issued upon receipt of the 25% deposit based on the total value of the booking. The 75% remaining balance has to then be settled a minimum of 2 weeks prior to your arrival.

#### Payments to AM Language can be made via the following options:

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- Cancellation Policy
  In the event that you cancel your booking prior to arrival, the following charges will apply:
  More than 28 days notice: 25% of your total cost as a cancellation fee.
  Set that you cancel your booking prior to arrival, the following charges will apply:
  Less than 13 days notice: 26% of your total cost as a cancellation fee.
  Less than 13 days notice: the full price will be charged.
  No refunds are given after commencement of the respective English course, accommodation or any other service. No changes will be allowed to make up for refunds in the case of any cancellations.
  In case of a student visa refusal, AM Language will charge 120.00 Euro cancellation fee. This will cover registration, placement and other administration charges. In case of a cancellation due to Visas
  and have fulfilled all the requirements of the Central Visa Unit in Malta. If an applies, it is important to note that visa extensions are only granted subject to good performance, satisfactory attendance 85%
  and have fulfilled all the requirements of the Central Visa Unit in Malta. If an applicant regularly fails to show up for lessons or have failed to present all documents as requested he would lose his
  student visa eligibility, which will result in VISA refusal. For such applicants normal cancellation policy will be applied.
  Any changes to confirmed bookings will be considered as cancellations, therefore cancellation policies will apply. Where possible AM Language will try to be flexible subject to availability and any such
  changes will incur a cost of 50.00E uro administration expenses.
  Postponement of any bookings is subject to reconfirmation based on availability.

Visas: AM Language offers students support in the application for visas. Through an agreement made with the Maltese government, students coming to Malta on an English language programme may apply for a visa provided that all the supporting documentation is presented. Please see our Visa Application Guidelines for more details. <u>Visa Application Guidelines</u>

Placement Test: After booking confirmation you will be sent a link for an Online Placement Test to complete in order to determine your level of English. Failure to complete the test will mean completing the test on your first day at school resulting in the possible loss of the first day at your own expense. No refund will be offered by AM Language.

Lesson Times: Lessons are held in the morning, afternoon and evening between 0830 & 2030 Hrs. AM Language reserves the right to change lessons times when absolutely necessary.

Accommodation: AM Language offers students various accommodation options which include Home Stay, Shared Self-catering Apartments, Hostels and 3, 4, 5 star hotels. Meal plans will vary depending on the type of accommodation chosen. Please refer to your individual Accommodation Profiles and guidelines for more details. AM Language reserves the right to offer alternative accommodation as long as the level of accommodation is of an equal or higher standard.

Taxi transfer: Please ensure that you are waiting for your taxi at the prearranged time as indicated in your acceptance letter. In case of problems, we will try to contact you on the mobile phone number you provide on your enrolment form. If we do not manage to get through to you, the taxi will wait for a maximum of 60 minutes from landing time and will then leave. At this point, it will be your responsibility to get to your destination and AM Language will not refund you for your booked transfer nor any expenses incurred.

ements: Work placements are subject to an admin fee of €50 when Accommodation or Tuition is not booked

which can be obtained from our customer care representative at reception desk. No complaints are accepted by AM Language if not brought to our attention in writing through the complaint form during the stay. While we cannot guarantee that there will not be any problems, we do guarantee that every complaint will be tackled immediately and all the necessary action will be taken to resolve the issues within a maximum of 48hours. Complaints Procedure: At AM Language, we take students' complaints very seriously. If at any time during their stay students are not happy with any area of service, they are requested to fill in a complaint form,

Throughout their stay, all students will also be required to fill in various questionnaires: First Impressions Questionnaire, weekly In-Process Questionnaire, and an End of Stay Questionnaire. We use these questionnaires to evaluate all our students' levels of satisfaction in all areas and we encourage every student to use these Questionnaires to bring to our attention any areas for improvement.

#### Attendance Policy and Discipline

Attendance Policy and Discipline: Punctuality: Students are requested to attend lessons on time. Students who are more than 10 minutes late will not be permitted to enter the classroom as this will disturb the other students and will be asked to wait until the next lesson. The tuition department reserves the right to refuse entry to class to students who are regularly late without a valid reason. Attendance Policy: Students should attend all lessons according to their scheduled timetables. Attendance is recorded for all lessons. Students who are on a visa and whose attendance falls below 85% are breaking the conditions of their permitted visa. AM Language is required to report any students on a visa who mise classes to the immigration authorities which could result in their visa being revoked. Visa students who are eick should not attend class, but should obtain a medical certificate from a registered doctor and present a copy of it to the tuition office for their records.

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sickness will not be replaced. **Change of level:** General English students will be tested every 4/5 weeks on the four main skills – speaking, listening, reading and writing. Tests will be given during one classroom session and results given individually to students at the end of the week. Students who meet the required pass mark will be invited to move up to the next level the following week, subject to availability. Students may need to purchase additional course books when changing level. **Expulsion:** AM Language expects all students to be well-motivated, polite and considerate towards members of staff, host families and fellow students at all times. All students are bound to abide by the school policies and rules as well as the laws governing Malta. AM Language reserves the right to expel any student who does not comply with any of the above from the programme. In this case, no refund of fees will be made and any extra costs incurred by the school on the behalf of the student will be charged to the student.

Loss of Property/Insurance: AM Language will <u>not</u> be held responsible for loss or theft of any students' property from the school or accommodation or from any other location. Students' property is the sole responsibility of the student at all times. AM language strongly advises students to take out a travel insurance policy, which would cover them adequately throughout their stay in Malta. Contact us for Insurance related assistance.

#### Guard.me Insurance: Guard.me insurance policy applies once full payment is received.

Force Majeure: In the event that AM Language is unable to fulfil any of its obligations as a result of an event/events beyond AM Language's reasonable control, AM Language will not accept responsibility or liability. Such events will include (however will not be limited to); terrorist attacks, war or the threat of war, riots, industrial action, natural or manmade disasters, pandemic and unusually adverse weather conditions or any other event/events that may classify Malta as an "at risk destination" by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or any other designated Government Authority.

Reduced Hours: In the event that only one student applies for a particular course, AM Language will apply reduced hours of the particular course by 1 day. Alternatively, the full number of sessions can be taken for a supplement of 1 day pro rata. As soon as additional students join the course, normal lesson times will apply.

Public Holidays : 1<sup>st</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 25<sup>th</sup> December. AM Language will be closed on every public holiday. When lesson fall on a public holiday, any lost lesson will not be made up for any lost hours and no discounts on the weekly tuition fee will be provided. **AM Language will also be closed over this period, both days inclusive:** 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024 up to the 05<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Agents: AM Language Policies are applicable to all students and agents representing students.

Security & Privacy Policy & Data protection AM language is committed to protecting your data. We understand and respect the need to keep your information private and have implemented a number of best practices to ensure we maintain full compliance with the provisions of the EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Maltese Data Protection Act at all times. For this reason, a privacy policy which documents our internal procedures when processing your data with respect to your participation at AM Language has been prepared. A Data Protection Officer has also been appointed to maintain these internal data processing prove data with respect to your participation at AM Language has been prepared. A Data Protection Officer has also been appointed to maintain these internal data processing your data with respect to your participation at AM Language has been prepared. A Data Protection Officer has also been appointed to maintain these internal data processing prove data with respect to your participation at AM Language has been prepared. A Data Protection and the full processing prove data with respect to your participation at AM Language has been prepared. A Data Protection and the set protection and the set processing prove data with respect to your participation at AM Language has been prepared. A Data Protection and the set protection and the set processing proceedings. The school may take photos of its students 16+ years of age, and may post these to its social media pages, as this data processing activity is in the legitimate interest of the school and does not, prima facie, appear to prejudice the rights of the students. A student shall be entitled to object to his photo/video being taken, and may also ask for a post including his image to be taken down.

Requesting information: When requesting more information about a particular service or product AM Language simply collects personal information that you voluntarily provide to us (name, address, phone number, email address and any additional information you opt to include in your request) to allow us and our partners to deliver a better and more efficient service. All information collected is used solely for this purpose and solely by AM Language.

Online purchases: We understand that making purchases online involves a great deal of trust on your part. We take this trust very seriously and make it our highest priority to ensure the security and confidentiality of your information. To do this, AM Language makes use of SSL technology when effecting your transaction. SSL technology is designed so that the information you enter on your browser is encrypted before being transmitted. Put simply, all the information you enter when purchasing a service or product online at <u>www.amlanguage.com</u> can only be read by us, thus it is protected and secure. Such information will be processed by AM Language to billing purposes and to help us deliver our services as efficiently as possible. In addition to using SSL, all credit card numbers are used solely for the processing of payments and are not stored by amlanguage.com.

Teenage Packages: Teenage programmes in Host Family accommodation do not include 24 hours, supervision however, Welfare staff as well as designated Group Leaders are accessible to all students on a 24 hours basis. Teenage programmes in Residence accommodation include 24 hours supervision throughout the programme.

Liability: AM Language is not liable for personal accident or bodily injury. Whilst we endeavour to provide assistance to clients at all times, AM Language is not liable for decisions taken by the local authorities including health, immigration and police.

Jurisdiction: If for any reason any dispute arises between the student and AM, resolution of such a dispute is subject to the laws of the Republic of Malta and the jurisdiction of the Maltese Courts.

Please contact AM Language on info@amlanguage.com should you require any additional information or clarification.