



LA TROBE
College Australia

ELICOS GUIDE



TAILOR-MADE ENGLISH COURSES WITH YOUR FUTURE IN MIND

BOOST YOUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS AND YOUR CONFIDENCE AS YOU START YOUR UNIVERSITY JOURNEY WITH OUR ELICOS COURSES.

English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (known as ELICOS) includes **General English** and **English for Further Studies**.

Students studying English have access to student advisory and support services, computer laboratories, field trips and excursions, cultural studies, and language and social activities which allow them to experience and live the Australian university life. English language students also have access to all of La Trobe University campus facilities.

FREE LEARNER SUPPORT SESSIONS

Students can participate in free Learner Support Sessions to enhance their skills.

These sessions may include:

- Academic writing
- Conversation
- English through drama
- IELTS preparation
- Listening through song
- Paraphrasing and summary writing
- Reading skills
- Career development
- Speaking skills
- Using the media to learn English
- Vocabulary for academic writing

WHY CHOOSE ELICOS AT LA TROBE COLLEGE AUSTRALIA?



BECOME AN EXPERT BY EXPERTS

Our highly supportive, experienced and diverse teachers are dedicated to improving your language and communication skills.



FIRST-CLASS SUPPORT

Access all of the same great facilities and support as La Trobe University students. Our college is located within the main campus of La Trobe University so you can experience university life to the fullest.



A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

With smaller class sizes (max 18 students), access to support staff, free workshops, social clubs and accommodation, you will feel welcome from day one.



IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH WHERE IT MATTERS

Study English in one of the most dynamic cities in the world on a campus surrounded by acres of native bushland, waterways and greenery.



PATHWAY PROGRAMS TO DOZENS OF DEGREES

Choose to undertake our General English course to help you improve your fluency and conversational skills or our English for Further Studies course, designed to help you meet the English requirements for your La Trobe Diploma or Degree.*

*Students must successfully complete assessments meeting the relevant entry requirements to their desired pathway program. For more information, see latrobecollegeaustralia.edu.au



OVER 13,000 HOURS OF TEACHING

La Trobe College Australia academics have been teaching English courses for 15 years on average.



50 YEARS OF SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Established in 1974, we have supported thousands of students enter degree programs at La Trobe University.



HIGH-QUALITY COURSES

Study General English, English for Further Studies or enquire now about our range of tailor-made courses.

WHICH PROGRAM IS RIGHT FOR ME?

GENERAL ENGLISH

Start your studies off strong by improving your foundational language skills with our General English program.

Duration	Intake Dates	Campus Location	Fees
Minimum 5 weeks	Every 5 weeks	Melbourne	A\$515 per week plus a non refundable fee of A\$220

The General English program is designed for students focused on the development of foundational language skills, so that you can feel comfortable and fully prepared to commence studies in English.

As part of the course, you can look forward to social excursions and recreational activities that will help you use conversational English in a relaxed setting, allowing you to build up your confidence.

The course focuses on:

- Core communication skills, including reading, writing and listening
- Development of vocabulary and grammar skills
- Enhancement of computer skills

2026 PROGRAM DATES

ELICOS CYCLES	ORIENTATION	CLASS PERIOD	CYCLE BREAKS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Break			1 – 6 January (Break)
Cycle 1	5-Jan-26	5 Jan – 6 Feb 2026	1 Jan: New Year's Day, 26 Jan: Australia Day
Cycle 2	5-Feb-26	9 Feb – 13 Mar 2026	
Break			16-20 Mar: Cycle Break
Cycle 3	19-Mar-26	23 Mar – 1 May 2026	3-7 Apr: Easter holiday, 8-10 Apr: Cycle break, 25 Apr: ANZAC Day (no holiday)
Cycle 4	30-Apr-26	4 May – 5 Jun 2026	
Cycle 5	4-Jun-26	9 Jun –10 Jul 2026	8 Jun: King's Birthday
Break			13-17 Jul: Cycle Break
Cycle 6	16-Jul-26	20 Jul – 21 Aug 2026	
Cycle 7	20-Aug-26	24 Aug – 24 Sep 2026	26 Sep: Grand Final Day
Break			28 Sep – 2 Oct: Cycle Break
Cycle 8	1-Oct-26	5 Oct – 6 Nov 2026	3 Nov: Melbourne Cup Day
Cycle 9	5-Nov-26	9 Nov – 11 Dec 2026	
End of Year			14-31 Dec: End of Year Cycle Break

ENGLISH FOR FURTHER STUDIES

Build your language skills and be ready to start your academic journey with our 10-week English language course.

Duration	Intake Dates	Campus Location	Fees
10 weeks	January	Melbourne	A\$515 per week plus a non refundable fee of A\$220

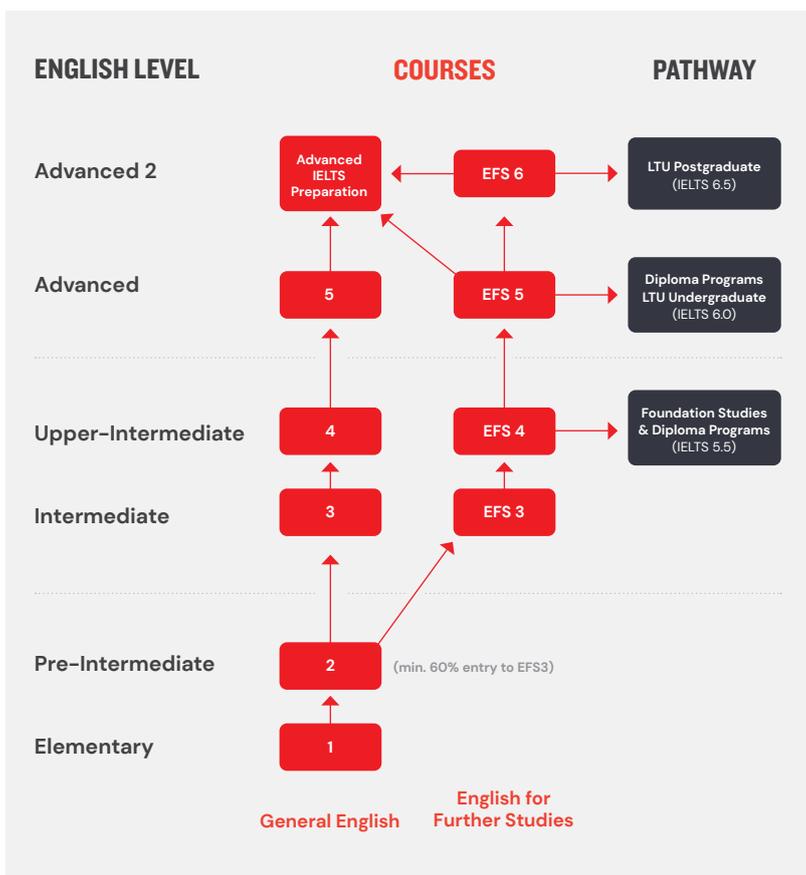
Be confident and ready to study a new language! The English for Further Studies program is designed for international students with ambitions to succeed in an Australian academic setting.

In developing your academic and language skills, you'll learn self-study techniques, become familiar with lecturer expectations, and get a better understanding of academic coursework.

This is achieved through:

- Library and project research
- Academic reading, listening and note-taking
- Presentations and public speaking
- Academic essay and report writing
- Critical thinking and analysis

LEVELS AND OUTCOMES



The classes are held
4-days a week,
Monday to Thursday,
9am to 3pm.
(Australian Eastern
Standard time – AEST)



IBRAHIM'S STORY

IBRAHIM HASSAN A ALJEDANY IS A CURRENT ELICOS STUDENT FROM SAUDI ARABIA. HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN AUSTRALIA SINCE JULY 2022. THIS IS HIS ACADEMIC JOURNEY SO FAR.



First off, I'd like to say I really enjoy learning at La Trobe College Australia, my English has really improved. The lifestyle here and local community made it easy for me to adapt and engage with all sorts of activities. La Trobe College Australia, in particular, made it easy to adapt to life here. When I decided to study here, I was faced with the choice of continuing my studies in my home country or to study abroad.

I decided to move with my family. I have two kids. One in grade four and the other is in kindergarten. At first, I was worried about how well we would settle into life in Australia but the programs available here have been excellent.

My kids have settled in and are making friends. Their improvement in English is incredible, my youngest has even developed a little bit of an accent! I notice sometimes she uses slang words and copies her teacher's accent. Australia has changed their lives, which has also changed my life – and how I raise my children.

Since I started studying at La Trobe College Australia, I have made friends from day one. We have a WhatsApp group where we chat almost every day, we go out together and we hang out outside of class. The teachers really encourage us to do this.

I'm thankful for the teachers, they make it easy for us to engage with each other both in and outside of class. In my class, we are a multicultural group. I have classmates from Chile and Cambodia. The other day I met someone from another class from Kenya! This multicultural environment is what makes us become open-minded about other cultures. My classmates are also incredibly hardworking.

I learn something new every day, even from new students. I have learned some great tips on writing and structuring essays from them. In return, I have helped them with some useful skills I have learned during my time here. We collaborate and help each other. We work really well together – it is like we've known each other for years! Each person brings their own ways of thinking which has positively changed the way we study. In class, we work together collaboratively and we receive a lot from feedback from each other.

After finishing my ELICOS course, I'll study a Master in Educational Leadership. I knew that if I chose to study in Australia, I would develop skills that could help me build my career and I could apply what I learned back in Saudi Arabia.

I've been a teacher in Saudi Arabia for 13 years. I teach 2nd grade, Arabic and Quran. The education system is quite different here. I feel it is focused on students' skills and is quite student centric. The teachers have the capacity to change the lesson plan based on emergent student needs, which is an important detail.

“MY TOP ADVICE FOR STUDENTS THAT ARE LOOKING TO STUDY HIGHER EDUCATION IS TO START YOUR FIRST STEPS AT LA TROBE. IT WILL OPEN UP A WIDE SELECTION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU. YOU WILL HAVE GREAT EXPERIENCES HERE THAT WILL STAY WITH YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!”

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