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Your Guide to Studying English at Swinburne

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES (ELICOS)

Learn with qualified teachers at the university rated 5 stars*.
Grow your confidence. Broaden your horizons.
Prepare for direct entry to our bachelor or master degrees.

*Rated five stars for overall experience and student-teacher ratios, Good Universities Guide Ratings and Rankings 2018/2019. CRICOS 00111D RTO 3059



Hello and welcome to our English language courses (ELICOS) at Swinburne.

I'm Magda your Director of Studies. Congratulations on making a brave leap toward an exciting future at the university ranked five stars for overall experience.

I'm passionate about empowering you to grow into a confident English speaker so that you can pursue university studies at Swinburne, and go out into the world to chase your career ambitions.

I'm very proud of the supportive and friendly learning environment that we've created here. We've gone to a lot of effort to provide you with a personalised study experience and extensive student assistance. Whether you need support with tuition or in your personal life – we're here to help.

I'm constantly inspired by the strength and determination of our students, who come from over 40 different countries. While you're here make sure you take advantage of our services and facilities. I'd also encourage you to join as many social activities as you can – they are one of the best ways to practise your language skills and develop a sense of belonging.

I look forward to meeting you and helping you have an enjoyable and successful study experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Magda".

Magda Tebbutt

Director of Studies, Studying English at Swinburne

"I love the fact that in English we use the pronoun 'you' to speak to someone whether you know them or not. I really think it brings people together."

Charlotte Petitprez,
GE Coordinator and Teacher



Why study English at Swinburne?

As an English language student at Swinburne, you'll enjoy the following benefits:

- learning at one of the top 70 universities in the Asia Pacific for student satisfaction¹
- excellent teachers – Swinburne is ranked the second highest in Victoria for teaching quality²
- the ability to progress directly into other Swinburne programs
- personalised study experience and extensive student support
- access to all of Swinburne's services and facilities
- free English testing
- a maximum of 18 students per class
- studying in one of the world's most liveable cities
- learning on Swinburne's main campus, located 10 minutes from the CBD
- free, custom developed course materials
- five extra hours of learning every week to help you excel.

When can I start?

Don't wait to start improving your English. We run classes every five weeks.

2019 Intake dates

3 January	7 February
14 March	2 May
13 June	18 July
29 August	10 October
14 November	–

How much?

A\$440 per week.
Special offers may apply – talk to your agent about your study package.

¹ Times Higher Education University World Rankings 2018

² GUG Ratings and Rankings 2018/2019

Life in Melbourne

You're thinking about coming to Melbourne to learn English. Congratulations!

You're about to embark on your journey to communicating clearly, and with confidence.

You'll be making the city that's been voted the world's most liveable, seven years in a row³, your new home. With a perfect score for health care, education and infrastructure it's no wonder our cultural capital keeps topping the charts.



³ The Economist Intelligence Unit's global liveability survey

You'll love living in Melbourne

Ask any Melburnian why they love our city, and you'll hear the same responses:

- the people are friendly
- it's safe and harmonious
- the air is clean
- the parks are expansive
- the coffee is delicious
- we're global leaders in education
- we get the best events and exhibitions
- and it's easy to get around – with well-planned infrastructure and public transport connecting all ends of the city.



Orientation tour

When you arrive, you'll go on a two day orientation which includes a tour of Melbourne. You'll even get to go up Eureka Tower!

But don't just take our word for it.

Hear what our students have to say. They wrote these responses in one of our classes!

"Melbourne's beautiful rivers, wonderful sunny days, and nice old buildings make it a great place to live. I'm happy to study here."

Gwang Jin, 20, Korea



"I love the atmosphere of Melbourne city."

Teppei, 19, Japan



"There are many interesting places in Melbourne. It is friendly and kind. I love living here."

Hikari, 20, Japan



"I love exploring the city. It's very fun to visit new places around the area."

Siyu Liu, 23, China



“There’s something deeply gratifying in knowing that the work I do and the relationships I foster actively improve the lives of my students.”

Ashley Starford
Teacher



How to settle in at Swinburne

Change is exciting. But you probably have lots of questions – like:

- where will I live?
- will I make friends?
- who will I live with?
- where do I go if I get sick?

We understand. That's why we're dedicated to helping you with everything you need to know about living in Melbourne.

Finding a place to stay

Chat with us about your [accommodation options](#). You can live on or off campus – as a group, or on your own.

Want to know what living on campus is like?

Watch [this video](#).

Making new friends

Friends are easy to find at Swinburne. Get involved in a few activities that align with your interests. Or be brave and try something completely new. We have a range of [clubs and societies, sport and cultural activities](#) for you to take part in – they're a great way to meet new people. You can see more of our student stories on [page 13](#).



“It is very friendly and kind. I love my teachers and my classmates.”

Hikari
20, Japan

Swinburne and Hawthorn at a glance

- 10 minutes from the CBD
- train station right on campus
- Swinburne's main campus
- recent multi-million dollar additions and refurbishments (The Advanced Technologies Centre and Advanced Manufacturing and Design Centre)
- prestigious, leafy suburb with many parks
- located right near Glenferrie road – everything you need is within a five-minute walk
- you get all of the same perks as a Swinburne student.

[Check out page 10 for more.](#)



- cafes
- restaurants
- bars
- supermarket
- banks
- ATMs
- Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre – swimming pool & gym
- designer boutiques
- bookshops
- cinemas



“Being in a university environment is an incredibly stimulating place to learn. There are so many different people that you come into contact with, and each of them has knowledge to impart.”

Jarrold Tebb,
English for Academic Purposes
Coordinator and Teacher

Access all areas student pass

You'll have access to the same range of perks and facilities as a Swinburne student studying a degree.

You'll have expansive lawns to lounge on. Wide open spaces. Sunshine (most of the time!) and fresh air. You'll also have full library access so you can hone your new English skills with a book or movie.

On-campus amenities:

Life's essentials

-  accommodation – medical centre
-  unlimited Wi-Fi
-  24-hour security
-  free and confidential legal advice
-  free financial, health and personal counselling
-  careers and employment service
-  disability liaison

Learning

-  a dedicated Independent Learning Centre exclusive to ELICOS students – with one-on-one support
-  24-hour full university library access (books, DVDs, laptops and iPads available to loan)
-  computer labs and access to private study rooms
-  state-of-the-art classrooms and lecture theatres

Wellbeing

-  gym – free yoga and a swimming pool
-  student lounge
-  student kitchens
-  BBQs
-  ping pong tables
-  sunny courtyard
-  clubs and societies
-  multi-faith prayer room



Explore campus in VR

So you're getting pretty excited about starting. Until you arrive, we've got the next best thing: a virtual tour of where you'll be learning. You can explore campus, Open Day and some of our Swinburne student experiences – **all in 360°**.

Take a walk around campus.

swinburne.edu.au/virtual-tour

Need an English test score?

If you have plans to stay on and study a bachelor or master degree in Australia, or if you're considering migrating, there are certain English tests you will need to sit.

Free English Placement Test (EPT)

If you don't have evidence of English proficiency, you will need to sit an English Placement Test as part of your application to study at Swinburne.

The result of this test tells us which level you should start your English studies. It will also identify if you might benefit from our support services. Make the most of these – they come at no additional cost and are there to help you succeed.

We offer this test for free along with campus tours each Tuesday 10.30am and Thursday 2.30pm. Bookings are essential.

Talk to your agent, they'll organise a test and a tour for you.

On-Campus Pearson English Test Centre

Study, work, migrate – or do them all with PTE Academic. We're a registered official test centre – meaning you have the convenience to sit the exam on campus.



Did you know?

You can sit both of these tests on our Hawthorn campus.

Your classroom

At Swinburne, you get to learn in a university environment.

Small class sizes

You'll be one of just 18 students in a class. You'll be able to interact closely with your teachers, get to know your peers, and build your confidence.

Two teachers every week

You'll have access to two teachers every week meaning you benefit from complementary teaching styles.

Outside the classroom

Go on excursions to explore Melbourne and put your skills into practice.

Meet your teachers



Jarrod Tebb
EAP Coordinator and Teacher

"We have a very caring and supportive group of teachers who really care about the students and the work that they do. I love seeing the difference we make on the lives of our students.

I grew up in Melbourne and studied three languages at school: French, German, and Indonesian. I've been teaching English for 15 years. When I was at school, my favourite teachers gave me clear answers to my questions so that I had absolute confidence that something was correct. This has become the most important thing for me as a teacher too."



Charlotte Petitprez
GE Coordinator and Teacher

"I always share my background with my students and hope they can be inspired by my journey: I am a non-native speaker, but I am completely bi-lingual in English and French. I want to show them that if you put your mind to something, everything is possible.

During my classes, I make sure students are engaged so they can experiment with new knowledge in a safe place. I want them to ask questions, and I love seeing the light in their eyes when they finally get it. I am grateful I can help students with their future education and career goals."



Ashley Starford
Teacher

"I like my classes to be warm and welcome spaces where students feel comfortable communicating with each other. I've always been interested in the international community. Sharing my knowledge of English is a profound way for me to liaise with the global community and share experiences with students about each other's cultures. The combination of great colleagues with culturally diverse classrooms makes Swinburne the ideal place to teach English."

Say hello to our students

No matter which part of the world you come from, you'll find someone at Swinburne who reminds you of home.



My name is Hikari

I'm 20 years old. I studied English and Tourism at university in Japan, but I came to Swinburne to study English because I want to up-skill. My classes are friendly and kind and full of activity. I love my teachers and my classmates.

My study tip:

Study hard for your class placement test!

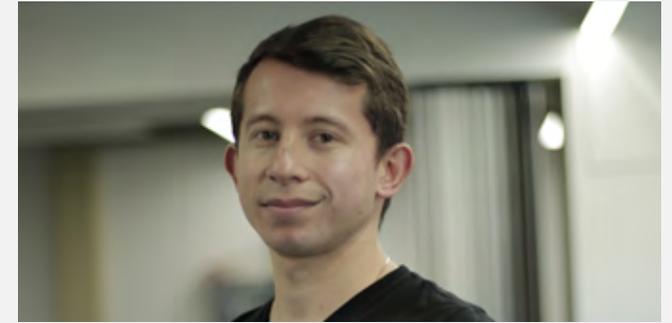


My name is Emma.

I'm 26 years old. I'm from Vietnam. I'm studying English at Swinburne so I can pursue a university degree here. When I came here, I was a little bit culture shocked, but luckily the staff and other students were so friendly so I could fit into the new environment easier.

My study tip:

Believe in your ability. I couldn't understand anything when I came to Australia, but now I can communicate more confidently.



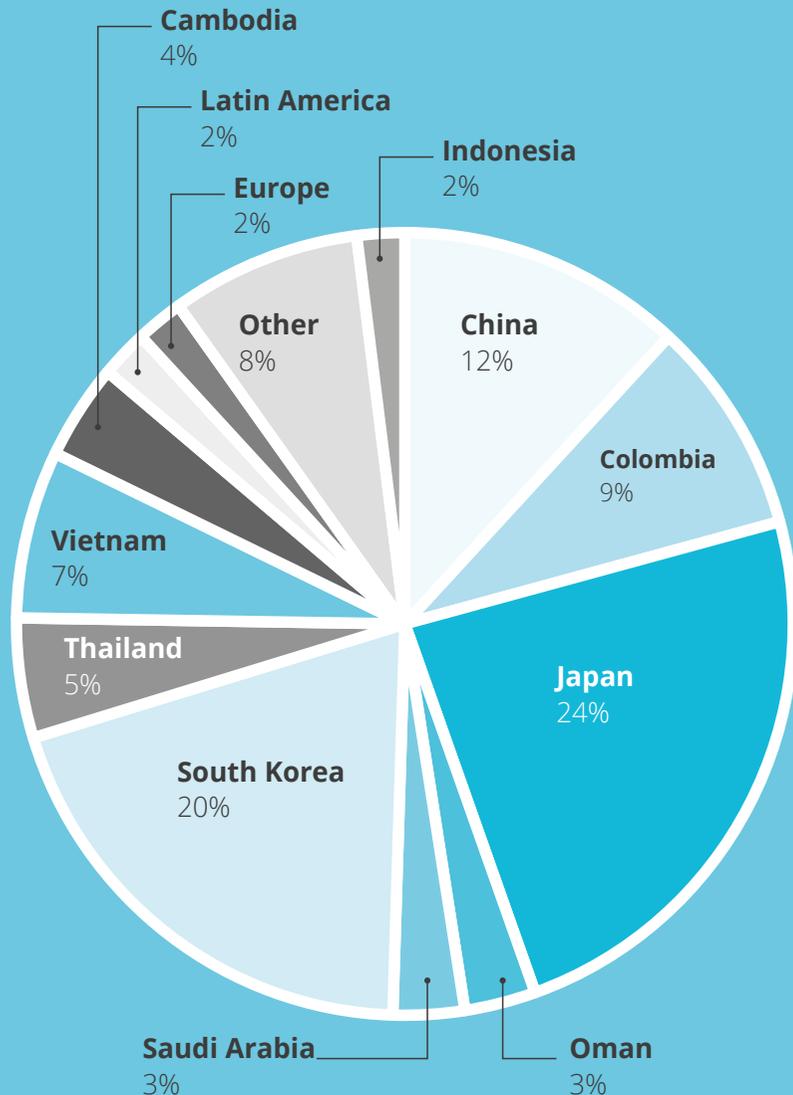
My name is Francisco.

I'm 26 years old. I'm from Bogota, the capital of Colombia, where the people love dancing and are always happy. I came to Swinburne because I want to do the Master of Engineering (Civil) and Master of Construction Management. Studying English at Swinburne is my pathway to studying a master degree.

My study tip:

Pronunciation is important. Make the most of the opportunities to meet people and network so that you can improve your listening and speaking skills.

ELICOS Nationality Mix 2018



A Day In The Life

- 8.20am** Coffee with Emma
- 8.30am** ILC – guided learning and review + online study
- 9.30am** Class – excursion to Glenferrie Road.
We made a video. It was so much fun!
Note: ask Ashley about social activities on this week
- 11.30am** Library – meet Teppei and Serena to work on our research project
- 12.00pm** Visit Kevin at reception to see what's on for the week
- 12.30pm** Shopping and lunch on Glenferrie Road with Hikari
- 1.00pm** LIDO cinema with Francisco
- 2.30pm** Class – grammar points
- 4.30pm** Ping pong battle!
- 5.00pm** Meet Serena at the train station – into the city for a taste of Melbourne

Did you know?

We were the first Australian university to be recognised by the Victorian Government for outstanding contributions to cultural diversity.*

*Swinburne received a high commendation in the Business Category at the 2017 Victoria's Multicultural Awards for Excellence.



How we help you succeed outside the classroom

We want to help you get the most out of your study experience. Here are just some of the ways we support you:

- weekly tutorials
- weekly social activities and excursions
- conversation club run by native English speakers
- pronunciation club
- Learning and Academic Skills Centre
- tailored study plans
- bachelor/master degree transition help
- hands on workshops to help you find a job
- apps to support your learning: Kahoot! GooseChase and Quizlet

e-Learning and the Independent Learning Centre

Independent learning and research skills are an important part of university study. You will spend a minimum of five hours each week developing independent e-learning skills. You will be offered access to free workshops and tutorials at the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) and 24-hour library access to further improve your language skills. You can complete the e-learning component of your course on our online learning management system (Canvas) from home or anywhere with a reliable internet connection.



Canvas App

The Canvas student mobile app lets you access all class material on the go.

Keep track of your study with the calendar and to-do lists, read course material in your own time, and even book a session with a teacher in our drop-in centre.

“I found Canvas really useful to improve my English skills. Use it as much as you can and make sure you find time to practise.”

Gouy,
21, Thailand

General English

Levels GE 1 to GE 3 help you communicate confidently

About the course

Think of these as your English essentials. These fun and interactive classes are designed to maximise your independence and personal development. They'll help you improve your overall English so you can speak with confidence.

Great if you want to...

- improve your English for everyday situations
- speak accurately and clearly
- grow your vocabulary

What will I learn?

- reading
- writing
- speaking
- listening skills
- grammar
- punctuation
- fluency
- vocabulary
- pronunciation

Entry requirements

Anyone can join.

How long does it take?

That depends on your current level of English. Your placement test will determine where you start. Each level is five weeks so it can take anywhere from five to 50 weeks.

[See the chart on page 19.](#)

Assessment

You'll have engaging, ongoing weekly project-based work to help you prepare for the final assessment, which happens at the end of each five-week block.

Projects might include

- oral presentations
- written tasks – write your own blog
- research assignments – get out on the streets and make a video
- in-class tests
- online tests
- interactive projects

Contact hours

You'll have 25 contact hours per week (including five hours e-learning).

We learn together

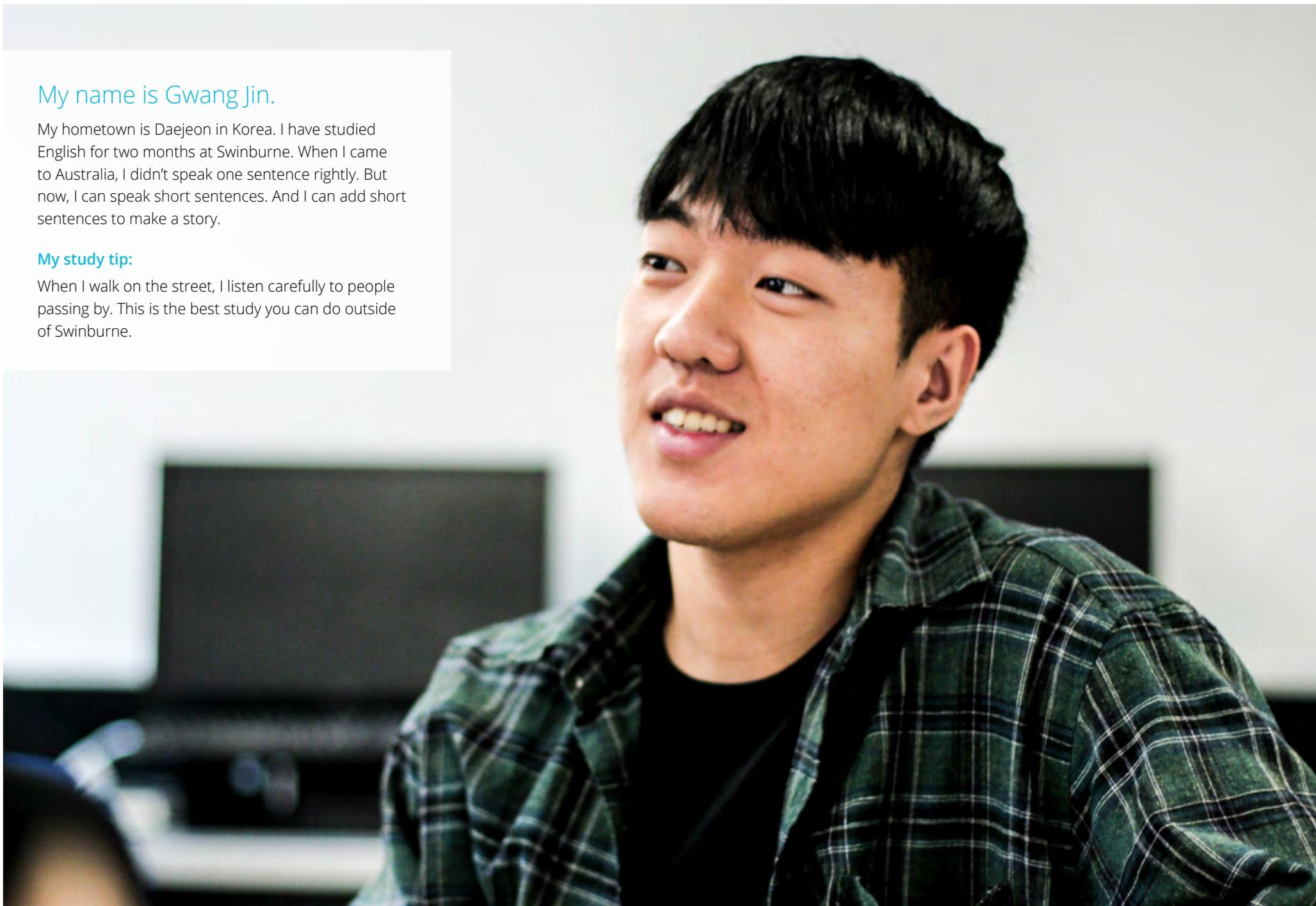
Attendance is essential to help you develop your skills. You need to have an overall attendance rate of 80%.

My name is Gwang Jin.

My hometown is Daejeon in Korea. I have studied English for two months at Swinburne. When I came to Australia, I didn't speak one sentence rightly. But now, I can speak short sentences. And I can add short sentences to make a story.

My study tip:

When I walk on the street, I listen carefully to people passing by. This is the best study you can do outside of Swinburne.



English for Academic Purposes

Prepare for academic success with levels EAP 3 to EAP 5

About the course

These are a step up from general English. You'll delve into the finer details of effective and persuasive communication to help you prepare for success in your studies and career.

These classes use scientifically-supported learning strategies and real-world case studies. You'll learn how to critically analyse and respond to a range of current media including TED talks. If you want to pursue further studies at Swinburne, you'll need to complete EAP with a minimum IELTS score of 5.5.

EAP will prepare you for

- foundation year
- vocational education diplomas
- UniLink diploma
- Bachelor degree
- Master degree
- PhD courses

Great if you want to...

- improve your academic submissions
- actively participate in group work and classroom discussions
- pursue further study at Swinburne

What will I learn?

- assignment preparation
- report writing
- essay writing
- research skills
- oral presentation skills
- critical thinking
- effective listening and note taking
- vocabulary
- communication in multicultural environments
- note taking

Entry requirements

You need to have an entry level IELTS score of 4.5 to commence EAP studies.

How long is the course?

That depends on your current level of English. Your IELTS score or English Arrival Test score will determine where you start. Each level is five weeks so it can take anywhere from five to 50 weeks.

Assessment

You'll have engaging, ongoing weekly project-based work to help you prepare for the final assessment, which happens at the end of each five-week block.

Projects might include

- oral presentations
- written tasks – write your own blog
- research assignments – you'll design and conduct a survey and present your findings
- in-class tests
- online tests

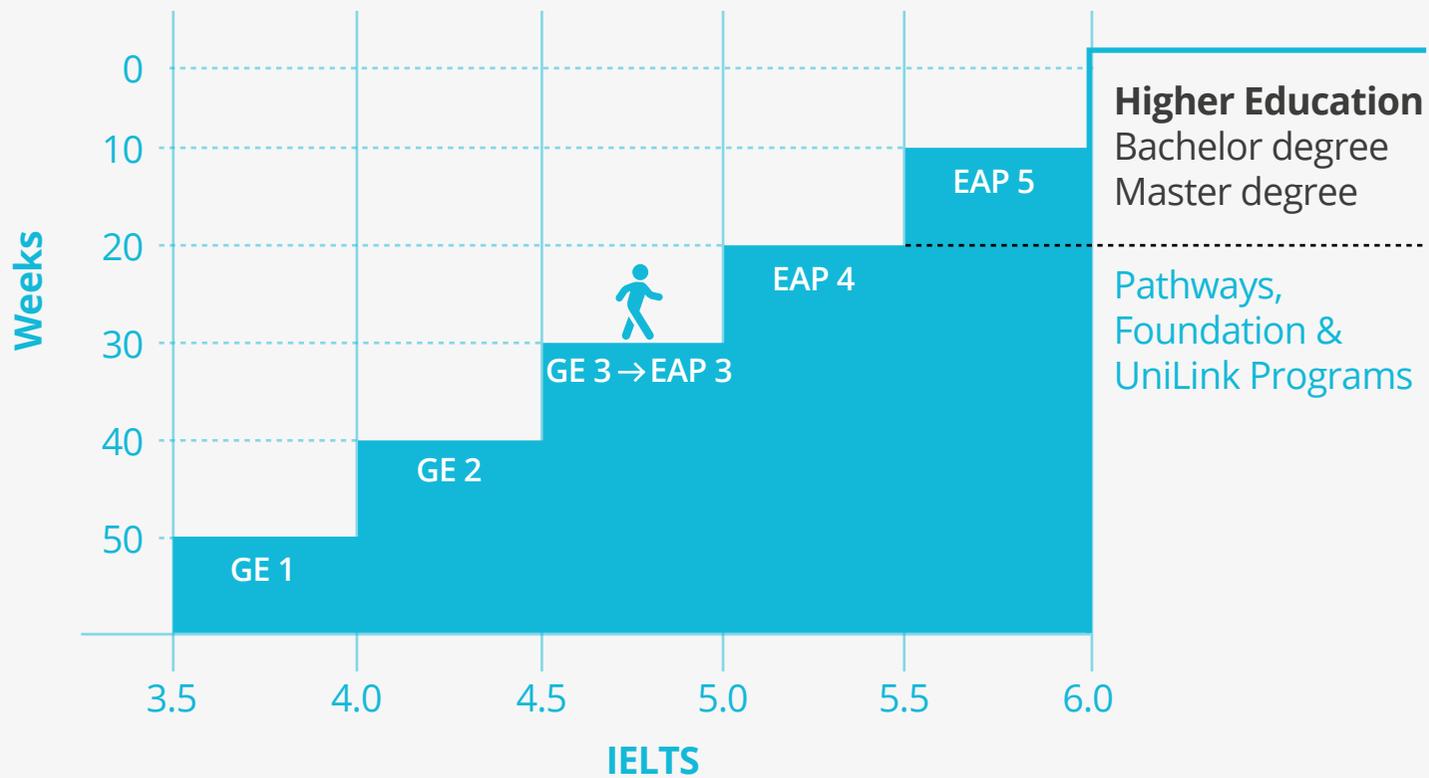
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Study levels at a glance





“My name is Siyu Liu. My hometown is Beijing, China. I came here to study English because of my job. I work in human resources for a foreign company. I want to increase my professional knowledge and my English language skills. So I came to Swinburne to study an MBA.”

Siyu Liu, 23, China

More information

Chat to our friendly international team today. You can even meet us in your home country or in Australia.



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