



## Preessional English course information

### **Preessional course 2021 to be conducted online**

Due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus situation, the preessional English course 2021 will again be conducted online.

For further information on Leiden University's response to the coronavirus situation, please see the [coronavirus information pages](#).

### **Admission**

#### Eligibility requirements

Applicants for LLM Advanced Studies and MSc programmes at Leiden Law school who have submitted a slightly insufficient English test result, may be admitted on condition of attending and passing a one-month preessional English course.

To be considered for a place on the preessional English course, applicants must have submitted an English test result of:

1. Overall score IELTS 6.5 (TOEFL 90) - with no band scores lower than IELTS 5.5 (TOEFL 17), or
2. Sufficient overall score, but one or more insufficient band score - with no band scores lower than IELTS 5.5 (TOEFL 17)

#### Awarding of places

The decision to offer a place on the preessional English course is always at the discretion of the programme Admission Board. Places cannot be guaranteed to all applicants who meet the above-mentioned criteria, due to capacity limitations. Priority is given to students in category 2 (see above).

The Admission Board will decide whether to offer a place on the preessional course once the applicant has submitted an application for admission and an English test result. Note that decisions are final and may not be contested.

#### Preessional English course on a voluntary basis

Applicants who have already met the English admission requirements can also benefit from attending the pre-essional courses on a voluntary basis, subject to the availability of places. If you are interested in doing so, please send an e-mail to: [s.bruce@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:s.bruce@law.leidenuniv.nl).



## Course information

### Course description

The one-month preessional English course consists of five half days per week of intensive English classes, under the instruction of experienced teachers at Leiden University Academic Language Centre. Students are also expected to undertake a significant amount of self-study, prepare assignments, take weekly tests and pass a final exam.

### Next course dates

- 2 - 27 August 2021

The course will be completed in time for students to participate in the Leiden orientation week for international students (OWL), which takes place just before the start of the academic year.

### Course fee 2021

- €1250 excluding housing and reading materials

*Note that the fee for the preessional English course is in addition to the tuition fee for the Master's programme.*

### Required reading materials

Reading materials must be purchased by the student in advance of the preessional English course.

- Cambridge English: Complete Advanced Student's Book - with answers, CD-ROM and testbank (ISBN: 9781107501416)
- Cambridge English: English Grammar in Use – with answers (ISBN: 9781108457651)

### Attendance

Students are required to attend all classes during the preessional English course. Exceptions can only be made in cases of extenuating circumstances and with advance permission from Leiden Law School.

### Validity of results

Preessional English course results are only valid for admission to Master's programmes commencing directly after the course. Results are not valid for admission to programmes commencing in subsequent academic years.



## Confirming/declining your place

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After admission, places on the preessional English course are only guaranteed if the student confirms attendance (via uSis) and pays the preessional course fee on time. Students will be informed of the deadline and methods for confirming attendance and making payment shortly after admission. Demand for places is high, therefore in cases of late confirmation/payment, places may be re-allocated to students on the waiting list.

### Withdrawals and refunds

We kindly request that students notify the Law School right away if they will not attend the preessional English course, to allow us to allocate their place to another student on the waiting list. If a student has already paid the preessional course fee, a full refund can be granted if the student notifies the Law School of their withdrawal before 1 July. For withdrawals in the period 1 July till one day before the course commences, 50% of the preessional course fee can be refunded. Once the preessional course commences, the course fee is no longer refundable.

## Practical matters

### Housing

Students can request accommodation via Leiden University Housing Office for the duration of their preessional English course (if held on campus) and their Master's programme. Further information will be provided after admission. Also see the [Housing website](#).

### Social activities

Additional (online) introduction and social activities are arranged for all law students attending the preessional English course. This provides students with an excellent opportunity to get to know their fellow international law students and Leiden University before beginning their Master's degree.