



# Summer Pathway Preparation for ICC and FDPS Students

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## Overview

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This is a 6-week academic language skills course to help students at an intermediate level (see entry requirements for details) prepare for studies in IFCELS from September 2020. It runs from 3 August-11 September.

The course develops reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, as well as strengthening grammar, academic vocabulary and independent study skills, to ensure students are ideally equipped to start their year-long programmes in IFCELS with the necessary tools.

This year, the pathway course will be delivered online, like similar courses all over the world, under the coronavirus restrictions. We build, however, on existing skills and experience in IFCELS. All our teaching has been online since March 2020, and in previous years, we had already introduced new technologies and online tools to enhance classroom teaching. While studying online cannot completely replace classroom lessons, there are several advantages to this mode of teaching, and the course will help students to successfully meet the challenges presented in future studies. Also, it is an excellent opportunity to start to get to know classmates and teachers over the summer within a British teaching environment.

The course combines daily 'live' classes with offline work and regular feedback from teachers. Students can participate from the comfort of their own homes and need only a basic computer set-up and wi-fi to participate.

What is online study like?  
Click the link on the right to  
hear from a current ICC  
student.

[Zi Lin](#), who joined ICC in  
September 2019, talks about  
her experiences of studying  
online at SOAS since March.



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Students take online 'live' lessons with their teacher and classmates every day. These classes are organised around literacy (reading and writing) and oracy (speaking and listening). In addition, students are required to complete guided tasks individually (e.g. listening to a mini-lecture, reading a short text and answering questions) or in small study groups to prepare for the live classes. Every week students submit work to their teacher and receive individual feedback.

Classes will be taught in the mornings (UK time) to allow for time differences in home countries.

Students will learn how to:

- develop their written accuracy
- increase their vocabulary in an academic context
- improve reading speed and skills
- learn how to deal with academic texts
- produce an extended piece of academic essay writing
- strengthen lecture-listening and note-taking skills
- improve seminar speaking and presentation skills
- become more independent and collaborative students
- develop online literacy skills needed for all forms of academic study and beyond

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**English language requirements:** A minimum of IELTS 5.5 with at least 5.0 in each sub-score, Pearson PTE 55 with at least 50 in each sub-score, or a score equivalent to CEFR B2.

**Course fee:** £1900 GBP (includes a 30% discount from previous years)

**How to apply:** Please complete the [online form](#), or download a fillable PDF application form from the [IFCELS homepage](#) and email it to [ifcels@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ifcels@soas.ac.uk).