

English Language Institute

The English Language Institute offers courses to improve English proficiency and is accredited to offer English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS).



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About Queensland

Home to 1.6 million people, Brisbane offers all the social, cultural and recreational facilities you would expect of a capital city, in a beautiful, riverside setting. Visit any one of the city's cosmopolitan cafés or restaurants and you'll discover the relaxed, outdoor environment that is typical of Queensland.

Just an hour south by car is the Gold Coast, Australia's holiday capital, attracting 3.9 million vacationers each year with amazing theme parks, wildlife sanctuaries, national parks, and some 45 kilometres of the best beaches on earth.

Queensland's subtropical climate is perfect for all of these outdoor pursuits with typically mild winters and warm summers. Average temperatures range between 9–20°C in winter and 21–30°C in summer.



About Griffith University

Griffith University is one of Australia's largest universities in terms of student numbers. Of 34 000 students across 6 campuses, 6 800 are international, from 117 countries, studying one of 239 undergraduate or 372 postgraduate programs. Each year on average 1 500 international students graduate from the English Language Institute.

Winner of the 2003 and 2004 Queensland Export Award and finalist in the national awards, Griffith is regarded as one of Australia's most innovative tertiary institutions and as one of the Asia-Pacific region's most influential universities.

Griffith University English Language Institute (GUELI)

Griffith University English Language Institute (GUELI) is the English Language provider at Griffith University. GUELI provides high quality English language instruction for international students who wish to:

- study in the Australian tertiary education system
- study English for improved language proficiency or improved employment prospects.

GUELI has three centres, two in Brisbane and one on the Gold Coast. The Gold Coast centre is located ten minutes by car from the main Griffith University Gold Coast Campus. The Brisbane centres are a 15 minute drive from the city centre and are set in a beautiful bush setting. Excellent public transport to the city and local shopping areas allow students to travel quickly and safely.

The Gold Coast is approximately an hour's drive from Brisbane. Ideally located in the central business district the centre has superb views of the water and has easy access to public transport.

Each centre provides:

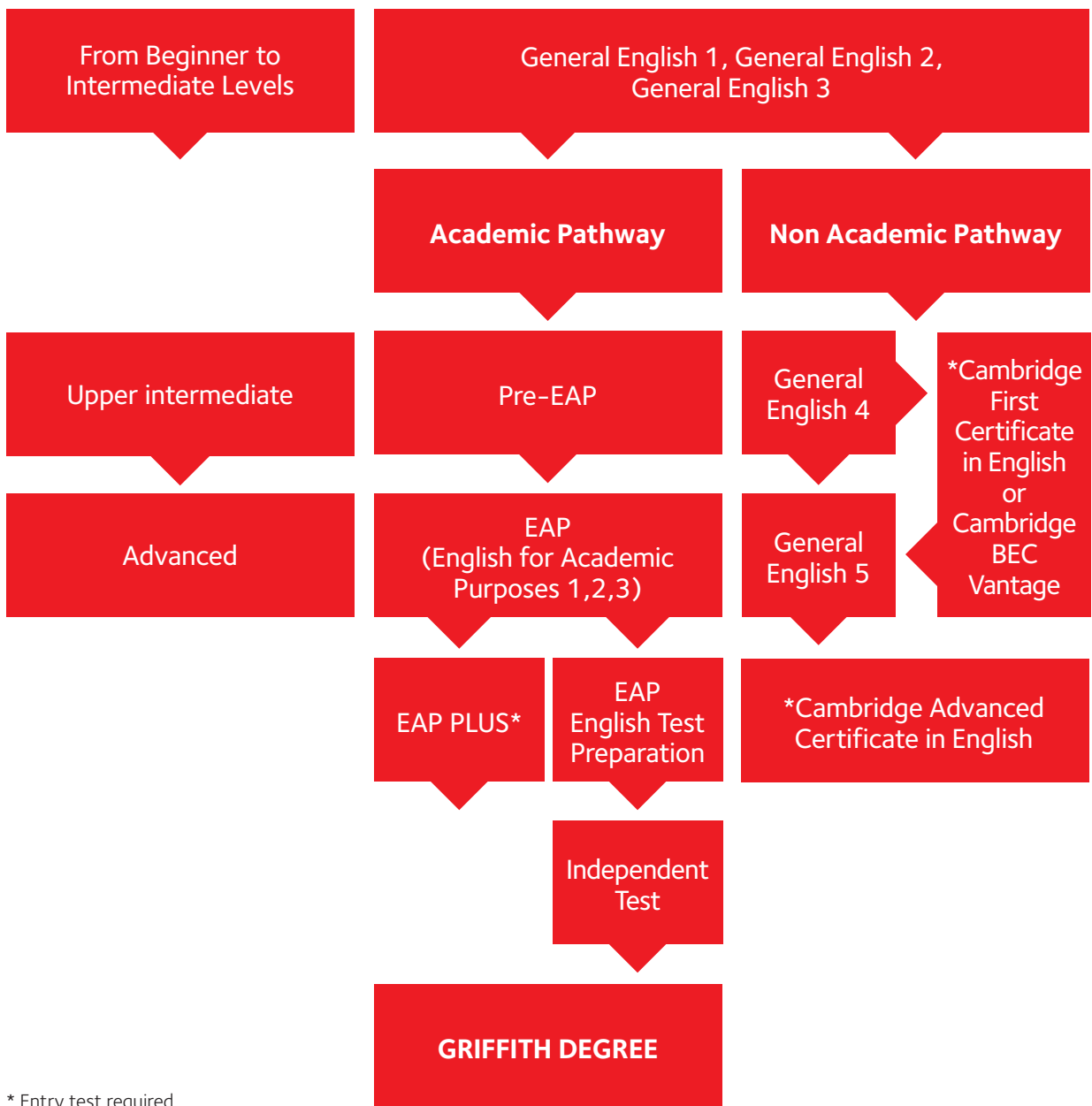
- a Self Access Centre for independent learning
- a Language Laboratory
- a Computer Laboratory as well as traditional teaching resources.

Students are provided with an identification card which will allow them to make use of university facilities including library, email and internet access and numerous social and sporting clubs.



What can I study?

At GUELI we understand that not all students will commence at the same English level. Therefore, GUELI programs are designed to meet the needs of a variety of English levels. Students may choose the academic pathway to a Griffith degree or a non-academic pathway.



What students think about studying at GUELI

"I chose to study at GUELI because of all the facilities and courses that are available"

- Ana, Mexico

"I chose to study in Australia because I heard a lot about Australia and I always dreamt to come here. I wanted to know the koalas and kangaroos"

- Ana Maria, Peru

"GUELI is a wonderful place to study because it has a peaceful environment"

- Jason, China

"The teachers at GUELI are very professional, friendly, caring, sociable, creative, motivated and understanding"

- Manuel, East Timor

"I chose to study at GUELI because I wanted to study in an academic place with fresh air in a wonderful campus"

- Taik Yoon, South Korea

"I wanted to enrol in a Master of Asian Studies, so as a prerequisite I have to complete an English course. I have a friend who has completed the English course at Griffith University and he highly recommended the course offered at Griffith University"

- Rieko, Japan

How long will I have to study English?

Program dates are designed to coincide with university semesters of study for undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. How many weeks of English language each student will need depends upon many factors, including their language proficiency at the time of entry. Each student is given a placement test at the beginning of his/her program and is placed into the class most appropriate to their level of English language. On completion of an English program students will be issued with a certificate of participation. Students wishing to study further at university must meet the entry level of their chosen degree before advancing to formal studies. Generally, ten weeks of intensive English study can improve a student's score by half an IELTS band.

Programs

General English (GE)

This program emphasises the development of communication skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing, improving grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. This program is available for students at all levels.

Griffith's GE programs are offered in 5 week modules throughout the year.

English for Internships (Gold Coast only)

This program is designed for students who are intending to undertake a professional internship program related to their field of academic study, but who have not reached the required English level. The professional component is offered by our partner, Australian Internships. For further information please visit www.internships.com.au. Areas of specialisation include:

- Hospitality
- Business
- Information Technology

English for Working Holiday Makers

This program is for people who wish to improve their English for work and travel with emphasis on communication skills. It also provides an introduction to Australian culture and language.

Pre EAP

This program is an introduction to Academic English for students who require further language development prior to undertaking EAP programs. It combines general English skills with an introduction to English for Academic Purposes.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

This program is for those with a high level of English proficiency who are planning to enter degree programs at tertiary institutions. The program aims to develop those skills necessary for academic study (eg listening to lectures and note-taking, planning and writing academic essays, oral presentations and group discussions). Griffith's EAP programs are offered in 10 week modules throughout the year with mid course entry.

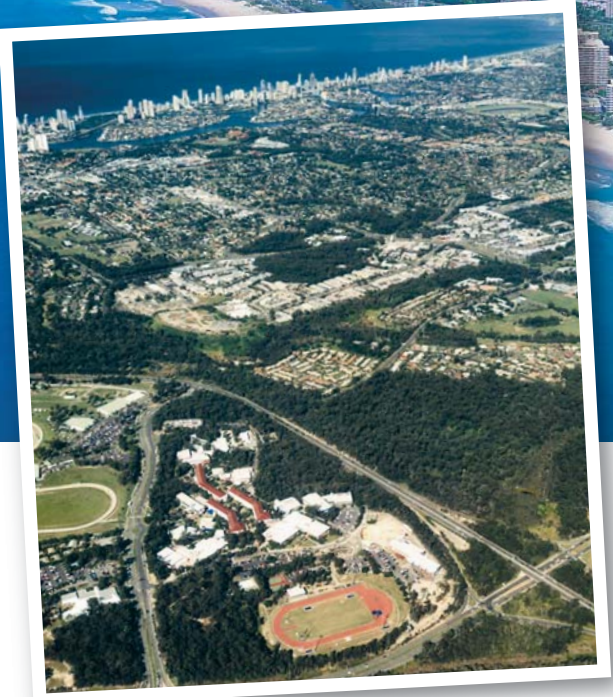
EAP PLUS (English direct entry program)

This program is an English for Academic Purposes program that is a direct entry pathway for students who have received a conditional offer for tertiary study at Griffith University. The program is designed around the actual tasks and English language skills required for undergraduate and postgraduate study. Entry to this program is limited to students who are approximately half an IELTS band lower than what is required for entry into their degree program and who are successful in the GUELI entry test. The program is 10 weeks in duration and will be offered twice yearly prior to the commencement of each academic semester. Successful students are not required to take a formal test at the end of this program but go directly into their degree. Students not eligible for EAP PLUS will be offered an alternative academic focussed program called EAP English Test Preparation.

EAP English Test Preparation

An alternative English test preparation program pathway available for students who wish to concentrate on preparing





for a university entry test while developing academic skills. It is also available for those students who seek entry to EAP Plus but are not eligible. This program is offered twice yearly prior to the commencement of each academic semester with a mid course entry.

Cambridge Courses

GUELI offers Cambridge examination preparation courses for students by providing intensive instruction in Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing and Use of English with a particular focus on the skills and strategies required for the Cambridge examinations.

The Cambridge Certificates are recognised internationally for employment and study purposes. Griffith's Cambridge preparation courses are offered in 10 and 12 week modules.

The two Cambridge programs offered are:

- ⌘ Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)
- ⌘ Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

Cambridge Business English Certificate Vantage (BEC Vantage) – subject to approval in 2006. BEC Vantage preparation course is aimed at international students preparing for a career or studies in business and who want to gain an internationally recognised qualification in this area. BEC Vantage focuses on English used in the business world.

All students intending to take a Cambridge examination preparation course must sit for a screening test.

Academic and Professional Programs

International University Studies (IUS)

International University Studies is a program aimed at international students who are currently enrolled in a university in their home country. Students may be eligible for credit at their home university (GUELI staff will arrange this for the student). This is a specialised language program designed to increase students English language skills in their area of tertiary study and give them a deeper insight

into their discipline area. IUS teaches students how to think creatively and analytically, develops academic research and oral presentation skills and it emphasises English reading and writing proficiency.

Upon completion of the program it is expected that the student will have obtained English skills equivalent to IELTS 6.5 or ISLPR: 3+.

The program is spread over two semesters and is divided into two modules: module A is 15 weeks of English (ELICOS) and module B is 16 weeks of an academic program, which includes 13 teaching weeks, 1 study week and 2 examination weeks.

Students wishing to study in the IUS program need to have completed at least a year's study at their home institution and obtain grades that meet Griffith University's entry requirements for international students. Apart from this, students also need to demonstrate competency in the ability to communicate in the English language.

Graduate Certificate in Second Language Teaching

This program is designed to contribute to the improvement of the qualifications and skills of second language teachers. It aims to provide specialist training in the teaching of English as a second or foreign language. It is sufficiently flexible to allow a focus on the needs of individuals and specific groups of learners.

This program is offered in a distance education mode of study – flexible learning to students in Australia and overseas using both print materials and web support. As this program is studied off campus students do not need to apply for a student visa.

Short Courses

GUELI offers groups wishing to travel or study, a wonderful opportunity to develop language and communication skills while experiencing the unique attractions that Queensland has to offer. We can design programs tailored to meet your group's needs. A tailored program can be any length with as little or as much English tuition as you wish.

Examples of some programs offered:

- ⌘ Business
- ⌘ Aviation
- ⌘ Nursing and Health

International Summer Semester in Australia

GUELI's international summer semester provides students the opportunity to study intensive academic courses while experiencing the Australian lifestyle and culture. Refer to www.griffith.edu.au/centre/call/gueli for further information.

Orientation

All students need to arrive at GUELI on the Thursday prior to the commencement of their program for orientation. During orientation students will participate in:

- ∴ Placement testing
- ∴ Information sessions on GUELI and Griffith University
- ∴ A welcome morning tea to meet other students
- ∴ FREE campus tours and a FREE city bus tour.

Activities

At GUELI we believe learning English doesn't stop when students leave the classroom!

Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of activities outside of class time to improve their English, make new friends and enjoy their time in Queensland.

The centre's Activities Officers organise weekly social and cultural activities, excursions and travel at a low cost to students, and can provide information on what students can do in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Griffith University also has many special interest clubs, societies and sporting teams which GUELI students can join to integrate into the University culture, practice conversational English and have fun!

Examples of Friday afternoon activities include:

- ∴ Visiting museums and galleries
- ∴ Parties
- ∴ Dance classes
- ∴ Sports

Examples of class excursions and weekend activities include:

- ∴ Trips to beautiful beaches and islands (Byron Bay, Sunshine Coast)
- ∴ Theme Parks – Dreamworld, SeaWorld, Australia Zoo
- ∴ Hiking in native forests and spotting Australian wildlife

We also arrange specialised activity programs for study tour groups.



Cost of living

The average international student in Australia spends about AUD\$13,000 to AUD\$15,000 per year for accommodation, food, clothing, entertainment, transport, travel, telephone and incidental costs. While this is a realistic guide, it is important to remember that individual circumstances will vary by location, and lifestyle.

For more information on Queensland's lifestyle please visit the Queensland Government's website www.studyqueensland.qld.edu.au.

Airport reception and transfer

Students can request Griffith University's airport reception service (from Brisbane International Airport or Gold Coast Coolangatta Airport) and can be transported to their accommodation. If you request this service, tick the box on the Application for Enrolment form. The Airport reception application form can be downloaded from the website, www.griffith.edu.au/gueli.

Homestay with an Australian family

Griffith University's Homestay Program is a wonderful way for students to enjoy the Australian lifestyle to its fullest. Students also benefit from the opportunity to improve their English language skills while living with their new family. Students who have enrolled with GUELI can choose to stay with a family for either part or all of their studies. If you request this service, tick the box on the Application for Enrolment form. The Homestay Application Form can be downloaded from the website www.griffith.edu.au/gueli.

Residential college accommodation is currently available at Griffith University's Brisbane, Mt. Gravatt and Logan campuses, but not at the Gold Coast. However, students studying on the Gold Coast have the choice of Homestay or a variety of reasonably priced unit accommodation close to GUELI.





For more information visit the English Language Institute website at: www.griffith.edu.au/gueli or contact:

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