

Truro and Penwith College

Community Learning &
Workforce Development

Learn English

With Truro & Penwith College

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

➔ TRURO ➔ NEWQUAY ➔ PENZANCE



Simply drop into one of our Community Learning Centres
to register for the classes.

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Study English with us

Come and study English in beautiful Cornwall tucked away in the south-west of England.

Truro & Penwith College is ranked as one of the top ten colleges in the UK. We run a wide selection of ESOL / EFL courses around our various campuses in Cornwall. Students come from all over the world to study on our English language programmes.

Our classes run all year round and new students are welcome to join our courses at any time.

Our courses are completely flexible so that you can choose exactly when you want to study. Please have a look at our timetables to see our varied programme.

We provide classes in various places around Cornwall, with our main centres in Truro, Newquay and Penzance. Once you are a student at the college you are welcome to attend classes in any of these locations.



We have a number of outreach centres where we teach English to students in rural communities. We also work closely with employers in Cornwall to offer a variety of courses in the workplace. Our courses are available to anyone who would like to practise and improve their English skills.

We have specialised classes catering for all levels from beginners to advanced. Our classes have a communicative approach while also focusing on improving all 4 language skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening.

All our classes are taught by professionally qualified experienced tutors. We ensure that class sizes are kept small so that you will get the individual attention you need to develop your English.

If you require, we can also offer 1 to 1 private tuition.

As a Cambridge examinations centre, we offer the Cambridge FCE, CAE and CPE exams twice a year in June and December. In addition to this, we also offer preparation classes for the IELTS exam. Please read our exams section for further information.

For students interested in settling in the UK we offer ESOL Skills for Life & Functional Skills English exams on a monthly basis. We also run a UK Citizenship course which can be studied both to learn about the UK and to assist you gain British Citizenship. This course is recognized by the Home Office.

In order to get the latest accurate information on visa and nationality applications please consult your local British embassy and the UK Border Agency website.



Whether you are planning to come to Cornwall for a short stay or for longer, you will find it is a fantastic part of the UK to visit and live in. We are surrounded by wonderful countryside and some of the finest beaches in the world.

Classes run from Monday to Saturday and you can choose how many hours a week you want to study, from just one class a week, to an intensive course of up to 20 hours a week.

Exams

We offer a wide range of internationally recognised English language exams that will provide you with the qualifications you need to have your language skills recognised anywhere in the world.

As an approved examining centre we are able to offer exams on our campus, plus our team of highly qualified teaching staff will give you all the preparation, advice and support you need to approach your exam with confidence.

Truro & Penwith College is an approved examining centre for the Cambridge suite of EFL exams – the FCE, CAE and CPE. We offer these exams at the college in June and December every year.

Students who wish to take these popular and well-respected exams will need to register with the college at least 2 months before the examination date. We also offer classes to prepare for the IELTS exam which is frequently needed if you want to study at a UK university or work in the medical profession in the UK.



In addition, we provide ESOL Skills for Life & Functional Skills English qualifications on a monthly basis. People from all over the world living in the UK are currently studying this course and benefiting from these qualifications which can improve work prospects and provide access to other education courses. ESOL Skills for Life qualifications can also be used to help people who want to live in the UK permanently to get UK citizenship.

When you enrol as a student of Truro College you will have the chance to take these exams as a part of any course you do. We run classes to prepare for all these examinations all year round.

The different levels

| Skills for Life | CEF | Cambridge | Our class levels |
|-----------------|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| Entry 1 | A1 | | Beginners |
| Entry 2 | A2 | | Pre-Intermediate |
| Entry 3 | B1 | | Intermediate |
| Level 1 | B2 | FCE | Upper-Intermediate |
| Level 2 | C1 | CAE / IELTS | Advanced |
| | C2 | CPE | Proficiency |

Accommodation & Work in Cornwall

Accommodation

Finding somewhere to stay can often be the hardest and most worrying part of travelling to a new place so it is important to be prepared.

Truro College does not have any accommodation for ESOL students. However, we do have a list of accommodation providers in the area that we can provide you with.

Through the experiences of our students we also have the following advice: A lot of students who come here spend the first few days or sometimes weeks in Bed & Breakfast while they find a room to rent either by themselves or in a shared flat or house.

By far the cheapest way to live here is by renting a room in a shared house. This can cost anywhere between £40 - £80 a week. This can sometimes also include your bills, but it is important to check this before you rent the property as electricity, gas, water and Council tax are all expensive bills.



Our students recommend that you come with at least £700 to help you through the first few weeks and to pay a deposit on a room or a house.

If you have to pay a deposit it is usually one month's rent in advance. Alternatively, if you find work in the hotel industry you may be lucky enough to be given accommodation as part of your job. A lot of our students get accommodation this way.

Employment

Finding a job can also be a key part of organising your trip to Cornwall.

One of the first places to look for local jobs is the jobs pages from the This Is Cornwall website (www.thisiscornwall.co.uk/jobs). This website is provided by the local newspaper, The West Briton and every week there are new jobs to apply for.



Cornwall is highly dependent on summer tourism and so there are often more job opportunities in the summer, particularly in Newquay.

Another place to look for jobs is the Job Centre. Most towns in the UK have a Job Centre and now you can also look at the Job Centre website: www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk to see the job opportunities available all over the country.

This website advertises millions of jobs around the country, including in Cornwall. The website is really useful and can lead you to lots of jobs but you have to go through various stages of specifying the exact job and location you are looking for, so take your time when looking at this website.

However, many of our students have said that they have found their jobs by going directly to businesses and asking for an application form.

Please make sure you check your rights to work in the UK on the UK Border Agency website.

Applying for a visa to study English at Truro & Penwith College

If you are coming from the European Union you do not need a visa to study with us. Just get in touch to get started.

If you are coming to study ESOL with us and you live outside the European Union you will probably need to apply for a visa.

Truro & Penwith College is a Grade A Trusted College registered with the Home Office in the UK. We can therefore accept students on a variety of visas. Our license number is DT0368RR1.

If you are coming from outside the EU just to study English with us you should apply for a Student Visitor Visa. This visa allows you to study part-time with us for up to 11 months*. This means that you will be able to study up to 15 hours a week with us. This visa does not allow you to work in the UK during your stay. You need to apply for this visa from outside the UK.

In order to apply for this visa you will need an official letter from us offering you a place on one of our courses. In order for us to produce your letter we need to do the following things first:



We need to be in direct contact with the visa applicant by email in order to complete the following tasks



- Complete a college registration form and a test to confirm the level of the applicant
- Agree the desired course dates
- Pay in advance the full course fees – this can be done in a variety of ways including an international bank transfer, if required
- Provide a copy of the applicant's passport
- Provide copies of any English exams already completed

Once these tasks have been completed we will be able to provide the official letter that the applicant can take to the British embassy in their home country to apply for their Student Visitor Visa. The application form for this visa can be downloaded from the UK Visas website.

We recommend applicants allow at least 2 months between starting this process and their desired time to start the course.

*The Home Office also provides a Tier 4 visa which allows students to study full-time in the UK. This type of visa is designed for students who wish to study on a longer course like a degree course in the UK.

Truro & Penwith College offer various degree courses and we are licensed to accept students on Tier 4 visas. If you are interested in studying full-time at the college, please get in touch with our International Office.

If you are accepted to study at the college on a full-time course you will also be able to get additional English language support as part of your programme.

ESOL Fees

→ Tuition Fees

EU Students

£7.00 per class / £50.00 per month*

Private Classes

£30.00 per hour

Free classes sometimes available with trainee teachers.

Non-EU Students

£12.00 per class / £50.00 per month*

Distance Learning

£100.00 per course

Including personal tutor support

Short-Stay Students

£12.00 per class / £100 per month

*Includes classes with trainee teachers



Students who are in receipt of benefits may be eligible for some level of fee remission.



Students studying full-time courses at Truro & Penwith College are eligible for free language support.



→ Exam Fees

Cambridge FCE, CAE & CPE

£60.00 - £70.00

ESOL Skills for Life

£40.00

IELTS

£115.00 external exam

Functional Skills English

£14.00

ESOL Term Dates 2010 / 2011

Autumn Term

Wednesday 08 September - Friday 17 December 2010

Half Term: Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October 2010

Christmas Holidays: Saturday 18 December 2010 – Tuesday 04 January 2011

Spring Term

Wednesday 5 January – Friday 8 April 2011

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February 2011

Easter Holidays: Saturday 09 April – Monday 25 April 2011

Summer Term

Tuesday 26 April – Friday 19 August 2011

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 03 June 2011

Bank Holidays: Friday 29 April and Monday 02 May

Summer Holidays: Saturday 20 August – Friday 02 September 2011



ESOL Timetable

English for Speakers of Other Languages

From February 2011



Truro

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| Mon | 10:00 - 12:00 | IELTS & Cambridge Exam Preparation | | 339 | | |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | Beginners | | 335 | | |
| Tue | 10:00 - 12:00 | Beginners | 336 | 12:30 - 14:30 | Intermediate - FREE | 339 |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | Intermediate | 339 | 12:30 - 14:30 | Advanced - FREE | 335 |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | Advanced | 335 | 15:00 - 17:00 | Reading & Writing Workshop | 335 |
| | | | | 18:00 - 20:00 | Intermediate - FREE | 339 |
| | | | | 18:00 - 20:00 | Advanced - FREE | 335 |
| Wed | 10:00 - 12:00 | Beginners | 336 | 12:30 - 14:30 | UK Citizenship | 335 |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | Intermediate | 339 | 15:00 - 17:00 | Vocabulary Workshop | 335 |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | Advanced | 335 | | | |
| Thu | 10:00 - 12:00 | Beginners | 336 | 12:30 - 14:30 | Intermediate - FREE | 339 |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | Intermediate | 339 | 12:30 - 14:30 | Advanced - FREE | 335 |
| | 10:00 - 12:00 | Advanced | 335 | 15:00 - 17:00 | Grammar & Punctuation | Resources |
| | | | | 18:00 - 20:00 | Intermediate - FREE | 339 |
| | | | | 18:00 - 20:00 | Advanced - FREE | 332 |
| Fri | 10:00 - 12:00 | Local News | 335 | 12:30 - 16:00 | Exam Workshop | Resources |
| Sat | 10:00 - 13:00 | Intermediate - FREE | | 339 | | |
| | 10:00 - 13:00 | Advanced - FREE | | 332 | | |

Newquay

The Old Chapel, Chapel Hill, Newquay, TR7 1ND | T: 01637 850537

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| Mon | 14:00 - 16:00 | Intermediate |
| Tue | 10:00 - 12:00 | Beginners |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Advanced |
| | 18:00 - 20:00 | Pre-Intermediate |
| Wed | 14:00 - 16:00 | Intermediate |
| Thu | 10:00 - 12:00 | Intermediate |
| | 14:00 - 16:00 | Beginners |
| | 18:00 - 20:00 | Beginners |
| Fri | 14:00 - 16:00 | Advanced |

Truro College Main Site

Helford Building, Truro College, College Road, Gloweth, Truro, TR1 3XX | T: 01872 261151

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| Wed | 13:15 - 16:15 | Advanced FCE / CAE / CPE | H217 |
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Penzance

Treeneere Building, Penwith College, St Clare Street, Penzance, TR18 2SA | T: 01736 335000

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| Wed | 15:00 - 17:00 | Beginners | 104 |
| Thu | 15:00 - 17:00 | Beginners | 104 |

Come along to register for classes

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