



# Pathway Courses



## Courses Overview

### Foundation

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### EAP+

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This programme is ideal for academically qualified students with a strong GPA who need additional English support to meet the language entry requirements (e.g., IELTS 6.0). EAP consists of 3 hours per morning lessons, 5 days a week for the language part and 6 hours per weeks in the afternoon for either reserach methods or transition to univeristy.



# A summary of our Pathway courses

## Foundation

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Throughout the year, students engage in hands-on learning through projects, assignments, and collaborative tasks. The curriculum focuses on building core skills such as communication, teamwork, research, digital literacy, and critical thinking. These are the foundational capabilities sought by universities and employers alike.

In the Business and Management pathways, students explore areas such as marketing, finance, customer service, and human resources, gaining insight into how these functions operate within real-world organisations. In the Information Technology pathway, learners develop technical skills in systems, software, and IT support, while also understanding the role of technology in business environments.

Study Skills modules support academic development, including essay writing, referencing, time management, and presentation techniques. By the end of the programme, students will have a clear understanding of their academic and career direction, and be well-prepared to progress to Level 4 or 5 qualifications, undergraduate degrees, or entry-level employment.

## EAP+

The English for Academic Purposes course is a structured pre-session program designed for secondary school graduates preparing for undergraduate (EAP+UG) or postgraduate (EAP+PG) study in English-speaking institutions. It aims to develop academic English proficiency to IELTS 6.0 or equivalent, alongside essential study skills for university-level success.

The course spans 12 in Dubai or 15 weeks in Malta (comprising 12 weeks of tuition, 1 mid-term break, 1 revision week, and 1 final exam week). Students receive approximately 21 hours of classroom instruction per week, delivered either in-person or via blended online formats across EP College campuses or partner university sites.

The curriculum integrates academic reading, writing, listening, and speaking with a focus on genre-specific writing (essays, reports), vocabulary acquisition, and grammatical accuracy. Listening and speaking modules simulate lectures, seminars, and presentations. Academic skills training includes critical reading, structured note-taking, source referencing (APA/Harvard), time management, and oral presentation techniques.

Entry requirements include IELTS 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in all components) and a secondary school diploma for EAP+UG or Undergraduate degree for EAP+PG. Upon completion, students receive an EP certificate and assessment record confirming readiness for undergraduate study. Graduates demonstrate enhanced academic literacy, independent learning strategies, and confidence in navigating university coursework. Applicants should verify if additional English test scores are required by their chosen institution.



## Undergraduate route

| Phase 1<br>Improve your English |              |                    |                                     | Phase 2<br>Pathway - get ready for your higher education programme |  |              |  |                          |                   |  | Phase 3<br>Study your higher education programme |          |                |                       |                    |                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--|--|----------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| English course                  | Start date   | Entry requirements | Tuition fees                        | Pathway programme  | Duration   | Tuition fees | Application deadline                         | Programme intake         | Entry requirement | Exit level upon completion                 | GBS Malta  | Duration | Price per year | Scholarship available | Entry requirement  | Intakes                |
| Pre-Sessional English           | every Monday | minimum IELTS 2.0  | Prices outlined in the table below* | Foundation   | 1 year   | € 5000       | At least 4 months before intake date of EAP. | February, April, October | minimum IELTS 5.0 | IELTS Academic Overall 6.0 (or equivalent) | Bachelor   | 3 years  | € 6,000        |                       | IELTS Academic 6.0 | February, May, October |
|                                 |              |                    |                                     | EAP+   | 15 weeks (12 weeks tuition + 1 mid term break, 1 exam week, 1 revision week) | € 3250       | At least 4 months before intake date of EAP. | November, February, July |                   |  |  |          |                |                       |                    |                        |

## Full course list & information

### Foundation courses

- Foundation Pathway in Business, Management and Study Skills
- Foundation Pathway in Information Technology and Study Skills

### Bachelor courses

- BSc (Hons) Computer Science and Information Technology
- BSc (Hons) Health, Social Care and Wellbeing

## Booking Combinations & further information

Students can book the following combination of courses...

### Undergraduate Pathways (Bachelor's level)

- Pre-sessional English (minimum 15 weeks) + Foundation
- Pre-sessional English + EAP + Bachelor's
- EAP + Bachelor's

### Tests for enrolment

For Pre-Sessional English

- Grammar and vocabulary assessment: [Link](#)
- Writing assessment: [Link](#)
- Speaking assessment: [Link](#)

For EAP+

- Skills Test: [Link](#)

### Scholarships

- Scholarships are available for Higher Education programmes.
- Availability and value depend on the student's nationality.

**Consultation:** Students are advised to consult us for a free and detailed education plan before booking.

**Please note:** Students cannot book General English together with undergraduate or postgraduate programmes.

- Pre-sessional English is optional.

### \*Pre-sessional English Course Prices

Only available before EAP for students who do not meet the minimum language requirement. Cannot be booked directly with Bachelor's degree.

| Duration in weeks | Fees       | Progression table      |
|-------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 6                 | € 1,340.00 | IELTS 4.5 to IELTS 5.0 |
| 12                | € 2,585.00 | IELTS 4.0 to IELTS 5.0 |
| 15                | € 3,235.00 | IELTS 3.5 to IELTS 5.0 |
| 18                | € 3,785.00 | IELTS 3.5 to IELTS 5.0 |
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| 30                | € 6,230.00 | IELTS 2.5 to IELTS 5.0 |
| 36                | € 7,430.00 | IELTS 2.0 to IELTS 5.0 |

## Additional fees

| What  | Fees                                |                         |                          |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Extended Visa Service (for appointments)              | € 160                               |                         |                          |
| Visa documents check                                  | € 50                                |                         |                          |
| Vfs - Visa service fee (to be paid at the Vfs Centre) | € 100 to € 150 (depends on the Vfs) |                         |                          |
| Enrolment fee (all courses)                           | € 50                                |                         |                          |
| Pre-sessional material                                | € 90 (6 weeks)                      | € 135 (12,15, 18 weeks) | € 180 (24, 30, 36 weeks) |
| EAP material  | € 90                                |                         |                          |

## Postgraduate route

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## Full course list & information

### Master's & MBAs courses

- Master of Public Health
- MSc Information Technology Management (General pathway)
  - and Cybersecurity
  - and Data analytics
  - and Cloud Computing
- MSc Information Technology Management and Artificial Intelligence
- MBA in Marketing Management
- MBA Management Consulting
- MBA Project Management
- MBA Entrepreneurship
- MBA in Global Investment Banking

### Booking Combinations & further information

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#### Postgraduate Pathways (Master's / MBA level)

- Pre-sessional English + EAP/ MBA
- EAP / MBA

#### Tests for enrolment

For Pre-Sessional English

- Grammar and vocabulary assessment: [Link](#)
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# General English and English for Academic Purposes

A summary of the key differences between General English (GE) and English for Academic Purposes (EAP). It highlights their goals, contexts, language focus, and outcomes to help learners and educators understand their distinct purposes.

| Aspect                   | General English (GE)  | English for Academic Purposes (EAP)                                  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Main Goal</b>         | Everyday communication and social interaction                           | Academic success in study and research contexts                      |
| <b>Contexts of Use</b>   | Travel, work, daily life, casual conversations                          | Universities, research, academic writing, lectures, seminars         |
| <b>Skills Emphasis</b>   | Speaking fluently, listening comprehension, practical reading & writing | Academic reading, essay/report writing, note-taking, presentations   |
| <b>Vocabulary</b>        | General, broad, everyday vocabulary                                     | Subject-specific, academic vocabulary, technical terms               |
| <b>Grammar Focus</b>     | Basic to intermediate accuracy for communication                        | Advanced accuracy, formality, and complexity                         |
| <b>Critical Thinking</b> | Limited—focus on communication fluency                                  | Strong emphasis on analysis, argumentation, and critical evaluation  |
| <b>Cultural Focus</b>    | Daily social norms, idioms, colloquial expressions                      | Academic conventions, citation, referencing, avoiding plagiarism     |
| <b>Outcome</b>           | Ability to function confidently in general English settings             | Ability to study, research, and write effectively in academic fields |

## Further course information

This table further outlines key differences between EP general English and EP EAP and EAP+ offerings.

| Aspect   | EP General English (GE)  | English for Academic Purposes (EAP+)  |
|--|--|---|
| Classroom Hours to increase 1 CEFR or IELTS Band | 150 hours from B2.1-B2.2 10 week target.   | 180 classroom hours of EAP instruction to progress from IELTS 5.0-6.0 12 week target.<br>60 additional hours of academic preparation.               |
| Qualification of Teacher                         | CELTA or undergraduate qualification   | DELTA or post graduate qualification  |
| Assessment Methodology                           | Completion of classroom activities and topics, acceptable attendance assessed by instructor. | Eleven summative and formative assessments mapped to IELTS indicators on speaking, listening, reading and writing. final grade maps to IELTS bands. |
| Use of second marker/external examiner           | Not applicable   | Quality assurance framework modelled after UK Higher Education. Includes external examiners and second marking of assessments.                      |
| Textbook Used                                    | E.G. Empower, English File Oxford  | Oxford English for Academic Purposes  |
| Entry Standard                                   | Assessment by Academic Manager on arrival.   | IELTS or equivalent exam result to meet entry criteria or formal EP assessment prior to admission offer.  |
| Exit Criteria                                    | Record of attendance and level of study.   | Final grade on the 11 assessments noted above.  |

