



Pathway Courses



Courses Overview

Foundation

The Foundation Pathway is a one-year programme for international students preparing for higher study or vocational qualifications. Available in Business, Management, or Information Technology, it builds essential academic knowledge, practical skills, and confidence, preparing students for progression to Level 4 or 5 study, undergraduate degrees, or employment.

EAP+

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 week in the afternoon for either research methods or transition to university.

Pre-Master's

For students whose academic background does not yet meet direct entry requirements – for example, those with a low GPA or without a university degree – a full Pre-Master's programme provides the preparation needed. This pathway is also ideal for students changing fields, such as a history graduate seeking admission to an MSc in Computer Science.

Accelerated Pre-Master's

Designed for bachelor's degree holders whose GPA falls below the direct entry threshold, this programme provides the academic preparation needed to progress to a master's degree.



A summary of our Pathway courses

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The Foundation Pathway is a full-year programme designed to prepare international students for further academic study or entry into vocational qualifications. It is available in Business, Management or Information Technology and helps students develop essential knowledge, practical competencies, and academic confidence.

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-essional 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.

Pre-Master's or Accelerated Pre-Master's

The Pre-Master's in Management Studies is designed for international students who hold an undergraduate degree and wish to progress to postgraduate study in business, management, or related fields. It is offered in two formats, of 32 weeks (standard) and 16 weeks (accelerated).

This programme bridges academic and linguistic gaps, ensuring students are fully prepared for the demands of a master's degree. The curriculum combines advanced academic English training with core business modules such as Global Business Trends, Research Methods, and Management Theory. Students develop critical thinking, analytical writing, and presentation skills through seminars, case study analysis, and independent research. A key component is the completion of a substantial research project, culminating in a formal report and oral presentation that mirrors the expectations of postgraduate coursework.

Daily sessions integrate subject knowledge with academic skills development, including referencing, academic reading, and structured writing. The programme also fosters confidence in seminar participation and professional communication.

Upon successful completion, students receive an academic transcript and an EP certificate confirming achievement of IELTS 6.0 equivalent. Graduates are well-equipped for postgraduate study, having demonstrated the ability to engage with complex business concepts and produce independent academic work. Some universities may still require an official IELTS/TOEFL score, so applicants should confirm entry requirements with their chosen institution.



Undergraduate route

Phase 1 Improve your English				Phase 2 Pathway - get ready for your higher education programme							Phase 3 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
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Additional fees

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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	€ 95		

Postgraduate route

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				Pre-Master's	8 months	€ 6500										
				Accelerated Pre-Master's	4 months	€ 3500										

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

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Postgraduate Pathways (Master's / MBA level)

- Pre-sessional English + EAP / Pre-Master's / Accelerated Pre-Master's + Master's / MBA
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Pre-Master's material	€ 135



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

