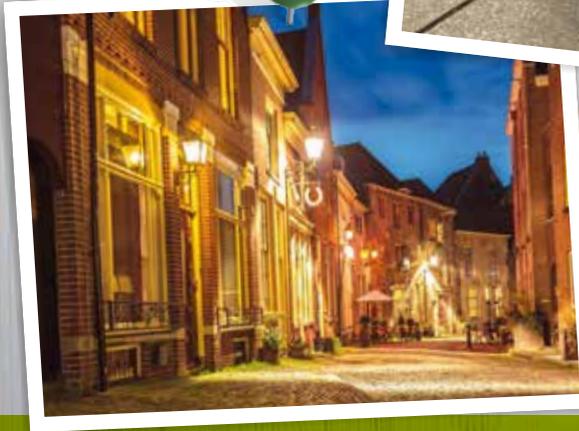


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Saxion University of Applied Sciences offers a range of Preparatory Courses for international students seeking to upgrade their English language and study skills before starting a Bachelor or Master Degree programme. Students who have not yet met the entry requirement of IELTS 6.0 can register for a Preparatory Course tailored to their current level.



Saxion's Preparatory Courses offer you intensive English language preparation in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The courses are organised in an interactive small group setting with attention on individual feedback and progress. Our programme has been designed specifically to meet the needs of non-native English speakers who need to learn to communicate effectively in an academic environment. The programme adopts the innovative approach of English for Academic Purposes (EAP) which integrates both language and study skills.



If you have an IELTS of 5.0 you can choose to register for the Prep Year or the Prep Intensive course. With an IELTS of 5.5 you can take the Prep Semester course.

Do you already have an IELTS of 6.0 but want to get a head start and use English more confidently? We recommend the Prep Semester, Prep Short Track or Foundation Summer Course.

What is English for Academic Purposes?

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) is an innovative approach grounded in research and developed for international students who need to adapt to new ways of studying and teaching within a different culture. EAP helps you to develop the English and study skills you need to succeed in your academic career. Academic language and study skills are integrated in a programme that helps students progress step by step to meet the study outcomes.

The foundation of English for Academic Purposes is cultural awareness and autonomy. Through this course, you become familiar with your new cultural context in the university and in the Netherlands. You will also start to take charge of your own learning by reflecting on your learning needs and structuring your own learning process.

“ During the Prep Course we became close friends and learned to communicate with people from different cultures. “

*Xiqun Bao (China)
& Thuy Le (Vietnam)
Preparatory Short Track*



English for Academic Purposes



These skills are the building blocks of the Preparatory Courses and are essential to become a successful student and professional in your chosen field of study and work.

Course Contents

The Preparatory Courses follow an intensive schedule of varied activities such as lecture-based input, practice sessions, applied skills sessions, projects, elective courses and tutorials. The course contents focus on topics from different fields such as language, ethics, business or culture. At the start of the course, you participate in a workshop on Intercultural Awareness and Dutch culture. As you make progress, you gain more control over your studies, by choosing your own topics for assignments for example.

Rather than giving students one exam at the end of the course period, we use a system of continuous assessment. This means you check your skills regularly through tests and assignments so that you can track your own progress.

The course consists of around 20 contact hours a week and classes are scheduled from Mondays to Fridays. Students are expected to engage in self-study for another 20 hours a week.

Make a Soft Landing

Adapting to Dutch culture and to life in the Netherlands takes time. The Preparatory Courses offer support in this transition and help to build your confidence before starting a degree programme.

Even if you already have an IELTS of 6.0 you can choose a “soft landing” and get your language and study skills ready for success by taking one of the Preparatory Courses.

“ The Prep Course gives you a preview of your studies. You learn to take things one step at a time.”



*Shahd Hajri (Oman)
Preparatory Semester*

Preparatory Year

- Course duration: 10 months (end of August - June)
- Entry requirement: IELTS 5.0

Preparatory Intensive

- Course duration: 6 months (January - July)
- Entry requirement: IELTS 5.0

Preparatory Semester

- Course duration: 4 - 5 months (end of August - December or end of January - beginning of June)
- Entry requirement: IELTS 5.5

Preparatory Short Track

- Course duration: 6 weeks (June - July)
- Entry requirement: IELTS 5.5 (listening and speaking minimum 5.0)

The Preparatory Semester and Short Track Course are suited for students who are confident that they can do the following in English:

- Take good notes from short lectures
- Speak in public for about 10 minutes
- Understand main ideas in complex texts
- Understand different writing styles in sections of an academic report

At the end of your Preparatory Course, you will receive a certificate of successful completion with a transcript of records. This certificate will ensure entry to Saxion degree programmes and programmes of affiliated institutions.

For details on start dates and tuition fees please visit: www.saxion.edu/prep

Why should you choose the Saxion Preparatory Courses?

- To make a “soft landing”
- Our teachers are experienced and dedicated native English speakers
- You receive regular individual feedback, tutoring and remedial assistance when necessary
- Elective courses such as Business Communication or Debate give you the opportunity to choose your study path
- You become part of a diverse community of international students.
- You take part in projects related to your chosen field of study or career
- You start your degree programme with all the tools and skills needed for study success

“ The Prep Course connects really well with our current studies in International Business Management. We are very confident in the process of writing for example. Other students now ask us for advice! ”



*Vladimir Tonikyan (Israel) & Javid Abdullayev (Azerbaijan)
Preparatory Year*

“ I’m really glad I took the Prep Course. It has given me a lot more confidence in the proper use of language. ”



*Yitong Zhou (China)
Preparatory Semester*



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