

Sukkur IBA University  
Executive Development Center

**IELTS Preparation Course Outline**

**Course Description**

This course enables students to get English language proficiency for the IELTS examination. The course covers reading, writing, listening and speaking sections with special focus on test taking strategies. It provides students with the skills required to address the questions and tasks accurately and efficiently.

**Learning Objectives**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- understand the format and content of the IELTS.
- use skills and strategies needed to take the IELTS test with confidence.

**Language Skills:**

**Reading:**

Reading in IELTS Academic and IELTS General consists of 40 questions designed to test a wide range of reading skills.

**IELTS Academic:**

Reading in IELTS Academic includes three long texts from the descriptive and factual to the discursive and analytical content taken from books, journals, magazines and newspapers.

**IELTS General:**

Reading in IELTS General includes three texts extracted from books, magazines, newspapers, notices, advertisements, company handbooks and guidelines.

**Question Types**

A variety of question types like multiple choice, matching information, matching headings, sentence completion, summary completion, table completion, diagram label, etc. will be given for the assessment.

**Reading Practice:**

To prepare for IELTS Academic and IELTS General Tests, reading texts will be given for practice in class.

## **Writing:**

There are two writing tasks to complete in IELTS Academic and IELTS General.

### **IELTS Academic:**

**Task 1:** The candidates will be asked to describe and summarize the information given in charts, diagrams, tables, etc. in their own words.

**Task 2:** The candidates will be asked to write an essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem.

### **IELTS General:**

**Task 1:** The candidates will be presented with a situation and asked to write a letter by requesting information, or explaining the situation. The letter may be informal, semi-formal or formal in style.

**Task 2:** The candidates will be asked to write an essay in response to a point of view, argument or problem.

### **Writing Practice:**

To prepare for IELTS Academic and IELTS General Tests, writing task 1 and 2 will be given for practice in class.

## **Speaking:**

Speaking test consists of three parts based on introduction, interview and discussion. The candidates are asked questions on some familiar topics such as home, family, work, studies and interests. They are also asked to speak on a given topic using appropriate language and ideas to justify the given topic.

### **Speaking Practice:**

To prepare for IELTS Academic and IELTS General Tests, speaking activities will be given for practice in class.

**Listening:**

Listening test will be based on four recordings of native English speakers followed by a series of questions and answers.

- Recording 1: a conversation between two people set in an everyday social context.
- Recording 2: a monologue set in an everyday social context, e.g. a speech about local facilities.
- Recording 3: a conversation set in an educational or training context, e.g. a university tutor and a student discussing an assignment.
- Recording 4: a monologue on an academic subject, e.g. a university lecture.

**Listening Practice:**

To prepare for IELTS Academic and IELTS General Tests, listening text will be played for practice in class.

**Assessment Strategy:**

Student progress will be assessed in each class and on a weekly basis with feedback given in class with the purpose to focus on areas that require improvement.