

## FAQs

### How much does it cost to take this course?

The course is free. The materials that you need are provided in the course tab. If you want a certificate to access additional materials or to show an employer or school, you can pay for a Verified Certificate of completion.

### Can I get an IELTS score from doing this course?

This is an IELTS preparation course. It prepares you for taking the IELTS test but it is not a replacement for the real IELTS test. You can contact your local [IELTS test centre](#) to book in for a test.

### When will the course content become available?

IELTSx is a self-paced course. You can complete all of the course units in sequence, or only select the areas you want to focus on to prepare for the IELTS Academic test. All of the course materials are available and will remain online so that you can complete the course at your own pace.

### What is the format of this course?

The course consists of short lecture videos that feature the co-instructors, who are all highly-qualified and experienced English language educators and IELTS specialists. Like the IELTS test itself, course content is organised into the four main skill areas: Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing. In each of these areas, you will be given information about the format of the test, as well as advice about the skills and strategies that will be useful when taking the test. You'll also have opportunities to do interactive practice activities so that you can practise those skills and strategies. The other main components include realistic IELTS-style practice test materials, printable handouts, and discussion forums. You can proceed through all this material at your own pace.

### Can I access the text of the lecture videos?

Yes, all the videos come with transcripts that appear alongside each video, so you can read the transcript while viewing the video if you like.

### Do I need any special equipment for this course?

Yes, you will need a device with an Internet connection. To get the maximum benefit out of this course, we also recommend that you have headphones or speakers, and a microphone. This course is best viewed with the latest version of common browsers. The edX platform is routinely tested and verified on the current version and the previous version of each of these browsers. We generally encourage the use of, and fully support only, the latest version.

**I don't really need to take an IELTS test but I want to learn English. Is this the right course for me?**

While this course is designed to help students prepare for the IELTS Academic tests, it will also be useful for you if you are interested in studying English for Academic Purposes (EAP), that is, the type of English that you need to use in a university or college.

**If I get a verified certificate for this course, will this be equivalent to an IELTS certificate?**

Although you may wish to purchase a Verified Certificate for this course, it is not a substitute for a genuine IELTS Test Report Form (TRF), which is only issued by IELTS to candidates who take the official IELTS test. This is an IELTS preparation course. It prepares you for taking the IELTS test but it is not a replacement for the real IELTS test. You can contact your local [IELTS test centre](#) to book in for a test.