



Academic Readiness 3 and 4 IELTS

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Period 4

Classroom 113

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This class is intended for English students who plan to take the IELTS exam in the near future. Students are introduced to the format of the test, university requirements, and band descriptors for the test itself while focusing extensively on preparation for various components of the IELTS test. Students will focus on individual parts of the exam while learning test-taking strategies, completing mock-exams, error correction, and academic vocabulary. The expectation is that students complete daily classwork and assignments, participate in class discussions, and work towards achieving a band **6.5 score** or higher.

By the end of the course, students will...

1. have a clear understanding of strategy and language requirements needed to achieve band 6.5 on the IELTS test, and
2. have an understanding of the different reading, speaking, listening, and writing tasks and requirements for each, and
3. have an improved and refined academic vocabulary.

The student will be graded on IELTS short and long writing assignments as well as two quizzes, a mid term and a final exam. All writing assignments - as well as quizzes and tests - will be administered using official IELTS materials so that students can become familiar with them before registering to take the IELTS exam. Although there is no formal testing for the IELTS speaking test, we will

discuss strategies for taking it and what you need to know. As I am an official IELTS examiner, I can help you to prepare for it.

Assessment Scheme

2 quizzes	20%
1 mid term	15%
1 final exam	20%
6-8 Writing assignments	25%
Participation	10%
Attendance	10%

Total	100
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Textbook

OBJECTIVE IELTS: Intermediate (Student's Book)

The textbook is not optional you must purchase it. It is available from the school's front desk. In this semester we will be studying units 11 -20 in the book. If you register for IELTS in the Fall semester, and would like to continue taking IELTS, we will be covering units 11 to 20. I will also give you other supplementary IELTS material throughout the semester. It will be photocopied for you.

The IELTS test is quite challenging and expensive to take. Some of you may not take the exam for several years or even at all. That is ok! IELTS covers the four basic skills of English. Two are called *Receptive Skills*, (meaning you receive information through your ears and eyes) **listening and reading** as well as *Productive Skills*, (meaning you produce information through your mouth and hands) **speaking and writing**. Practicing these skills is very important for all students whose first language is not English.

Official IELTS Test Format

Listening *30 minutes*

Reading *60 minutes*

Writing *60 minutes*

Speaking *11 to 14 minutes*

Total **2 hours and 41 to 44 minutes**

Please note the tests and quizzes in this class will be from official IELTS material but will only be about 75 minutes long and will not include a speaking section.