

# Intensive 25+

## Section 1: Overview

### Is this course for me?

- This course is for students aged 25+ who want to improve their English in the shortest possible time, learning with like-minded adults.
- Lessons will improve all your key skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.
- Ideal for professionals, travel enthusiasts, retired people, and other adult learners.
- Gain confidence through total immersion in English, and explore your new city with students of similar ages.

### Key Facts

Available in:

- Los Angeles
- Oxford

Start dates:

- Los Angeles: Every Monday between 4 January and 6 December 2021/ 3 January and 5 December 2022
- Oxford: Every Monday between 28 June and 26 July 2021 (end date 6 August 2021)/ 27 June and 25 July 2022

Level:

- Pre-intermediate (Kings Level 3)

Minimum age:

- 25

Duration:

- Minimum 2 weeks

Lessons per week:

- 28 lessons per week total (21 hours). 20 lessons (15 hours) General English and Professional Communication + 8 lessons (6 hours) Special Interest Groups

Class size:

- In the US: Maximum 15
- In the UK: Maximum 14

### **Included in the price:**

- 28 lessons per week (21 hours)
- Welcome information Pack
- Course materials
- Placement test on arrival, weekly assignments, group participation, and progress tests
- Use of Computer Learning Centre
- Access to Classmate, the Kings online learning platform
- Free WiFi at school
- Full access to Kings social programme, with at least two free activities per week
- Full access to Kings' school clubs and societies
- Optional weekly lecture programme
- End-of-course certificate (requires minimum 90% attendance)

## **Section 2: Course structure and content**

- **20 lessons (15 hours) per week of General English and Professional Communication.**
- **8 lessons (6 hours) per week in Special Interest Groups, which cover a range of specialist English language topics.**

The Intensive 25+ program helps students to develop the essential skills needed for using English in their professional and personal lives.

Important international communication skills, including reading newspapers, writing emails, study skills, and group-work techniques are covered.

### **General English and professional communication**

Your general English lessons will be designed to improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening at a consistent rate. Each week, lessons will focus on a different topic.

### **Key areas covered include:**

Communication skills

- Conversational language skills
- Listening and accents
- Reading and interpretation
- Writing and presenting

Linguistic resources

- Building your vocabulary bank

- Fine tuning your pronunciation
- Interpretation of texts
- Grammar and syntax

#### Cultural and personal development

- Understanding cultural difference and similarity
- Team work and leadership
- Presenting an argument
- Discussion skills

Students will learn to evaluate themselves and society, reflect upon their studies and learning, and develop work and career goals.

You will work on skills that will enable you to do things such as:

- Set goals and discuss personal action plans
- Prepare and give a short presentation and give feedback on others'
- Persuade others by raising objections and making suggestions
- Turn problems into solutions in activities such as presenting a business idea
- Think logically and discuss logical thinking
- Develop memory and discuss memory tools
- Prepare for a job interview and describe work experiences

### **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)\***

As well as your General English classes you can choose from a range of Special Interest Groups (SIGs). These are included in the course price.

These develop your specialist skills in English or give you experience of subjects which interest you.

They will help you use English in practical situations for study, work, or cultural interest.

SIGs vary according to location and the required language level.

Popular class subjects include:

- Conversation Skills
- Vocabulary Builder
- Business English
- American/British Culture
- Group Discussion
- Pronunciation Practice

*\*SIGs are not limited to students aged 25 years or older and are subject to availability. The required minimum language level for different SIG classes may vary. Note that the choice of subjects will depend on the student's level of English and the time of year.*

## The SIG Guarantee

Kings guarantees that Special Interest Group always be available in each of the 4 key learning outcomes:

- Fluency and Experience
- Professional Success
- Exam Success
- University Success

## Section 3: Learning excursions

In addition, students on the Intensive 25+ course take regular learning excursions to nearby places of interest in Los Angeles and Oxford in order to discover more about the culture and history of the city. Visits may include museums, exhibitions, and famous landmarks, such as:

### Los Angeles

- Grand Central Market
- Griffith Park Observatory
- Local art museums
- Historic cinema houses

### Oxford:

- Local museums, such as Ashmolean, Pitt Rivers, Modern Art
- City walking tours
- Watch a Shakespeare play
- Port Meadow picnic
- Oxford University visits

Some trips may require an additional fee. Please note these are sample activities only and actual trips may vary.

## Sample timetable

Please note: sample timetable is subject to change.

|  | Mon   | Tues  | Weds   | Thurs  | Fri   |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| <b>09:00 - 10:30 (Lessons 1 &amp; 2)</b> | <b>Vocabulary</b><br>Social behavior:<br>Talking about norms and customs<br><b>Discussion</b><br>Understanding cultural differences | <b>Video</b><br>Phone addiction.<br><b>Role-play</b><br>Asking for and offering help<br><b>Study skills</b><br>Making effective notes | <b>Real English</b><br>People in the newspapers today<br><b>Grammar</b><br>Defining relative clauses<br><b>Vocabulary</b><br>Adjectives of character | <b>Writing</b><br>An email describing a new invention.<br><b>Presentations</b><br>A future without cars. | <b>Vocabulary</b><br>Diplomatic language<br><b>Professional skills</b><br>Giving and receiving feedback<br><b>Discussion</b> —<br>Beyond right and wrong? |
| <b>10:30 - 11:00</b>                     | Break   | Break   | Break  | Break  | Break   |

|  | Mon   | Tues   | Weds   | Thurs  | Fri  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| <b>11:00 - 12:30 (Lessons 3 &amp; 4)</b> | <b>Professional communication</b><br>Becoming more self aware information about media | <b>Professional communication</b><br>Giving feedback | <b>Professional communication</b><br>Reporting information about media | <b>Professional communication</b><br>Preparing and giving a short presentation | <b>Professional communication</b><br>Encouraging the speaker |
| <b>12:30 - 13:30</b>                     | Lunch   | Lunch  | Lunch  | Lunch  | Lunch  |
| <b>13:30 - 15:00 (Lessons 5 &amp; 6)</b> | <b>Special Interest Group (SIG)</b>   | <b>Special Interest Group (SIG)</b>                  | <b>Special Interest Group (SIG)</b>                                    | <b>Special Interest Group (SIG)</b>  | Free time  |