



## **English Language and Professional Development**

*For*

**Students of Università Degli Studi Di Torino,  
Scuola di Scienze Giuridiche, Politiche ed  
Economico-Sociali**

**wishing to develop their English Language skills**

*At*

**The International Academy  
The University of Wolverhampton**

Accredited by the



## 1 Background

The University of Wolverhampton is a vibrant, modern institution with innovative courses and iconic buildings that benefit a student body of circa 24,000 including upwards of 2000 International students studying in UK and in our partner institutions worldwide, and staff levels of circa 2000. The University works closely with partners and employers to develop courses they really value and as a learning community by working in this way the university promotes knowledge, innovation and enterprise with an unrivalled reputation for widening participation.

The university is the leading new university in the region through its business engagement initiatives that provide businesses with consultancy skills development and research worth £25m. A key area of activity is through the Knowledge Transfer Partnership scheme where graduates join businesses on paid placements to improve the bottom line of business performance whilst allowing the business to tap into our ground breaking research, the latest thinking in management and organisational practice, and the knowledge of a high quality graduate.

“The University is a place of **knowledge, innovation and enterprise**. We pride ourselves on these three tenets.

They underpin our strategies in **learning and teaching**, in **research**, and help us to engage with the **business** world.

That is why we have come to play a vital role in the region's economic and cultural development.

Our vision for higher education goes beyond opening minds and widening individual horizons.

We want our graduates to be valuable assets to the global economies they will come to serve; businesses come back to us because we provide them with solutions that help them to sustain their future. Our research focuses on aspects of life that affect us all.

The University of Wolverhampton has a long and cherished history dating back to the Mechanics Institute and the College of Art in the mid-1800s. Later, teacher training colleges and colleges of health were incorporated, all of which helped to develop our rich heritage and a tradition of academic excellence in vocational higher education. Indeed our coat of arms carries the motto: ‘Innovation and Opportunity’ - something which is as true today as when we were first established all those years ago.

We are now a leading university and a major player in the UK higher education sector, contributing to knowledge transfer, economic development, wealth creation and social justice.

Times may have changed but our ethos has not; we remain a beacon for widening participation in education.”

(extract from University of Wolverhampton 2013 Strategic plan)

### **The International Academy aims:**

...” to meet the language and communication training needs of our academic, regional and international community.”

The academy has the advantage of being part of a UK Higher Education Institution, coming under its Quality Control measures as well as being accredited by the British Council (Accreditation UK) for the quality of its English Language provision. Both accreditation agencies run a stringent inspection regime to which all the products are submitted regularly.

- ✓ We develop, design and deliver language and communication courses for existing University students; those wishing to come to UK to study; international clients; and the local business community.
- ✓ We offer a range of language and communication/ cross cultural communication training courses to suit the participants.
- ✓ Short courses can be tailor made according to the needs of particular groups, or learners can enrol on a ready made credit bearing programme of one month to one academic year. Subjects covered include English as a Foreign Language; English for Business and Professional Purposes; Intercultural Communication; Language and Study Skills; English for Academic Purposes; Pedagogic and language development for in-service teachers.
- ✓ We provide English language and Academic Language skills development support for all international students at the University
- ✓ We have developed innovative short programmes designed e.g. to embed the competences necessary for Masters level study; a module based around work experience in a volunteering work placement; Intercultural Communication module for business students.
- ✓ We offer refresher/ enrichment courses throughout the year for English teachers from all over the world, including a current project with the Government of Punjab, India, Ajou University in South Korea, and Zhengzhou Education Bureau, China.
- ✓ We are experienced in the area of international project management, leading and participating in projects funded by the European Commission and government agencies as well as other international funding bodies.

## **2 Course outline**

**Tuition:** Students will be officially enrolled and registered within the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Wolverhampton for the duration of their stay. The group will be coordinated via the International Academy. **Turin students will not be treated as a “special group” in their classes, but will join in with other international students in their English classes and predominantly British students in their non-language modules.**

At the end of the course students will sit a short examination on their English. The results of this will constitute **3 credits** towards the Prova Finale of Turin University.

### **Academic and Social Support:**

The course will be organised by Eleanor Andrews. She will meet the students on their arrival. Induction will take place on the first day (Friday) and will

include enrolment and IT registration as well as finalising timetables before the semester teaching begins on the following Monday. Students will receive tutorial and pastoral support throughout their stay.

**Accommodation:** This will be in single ensuite rooms with shared kitchen in University halls of residence.

**Social Programme:** Turin students will be able to join any ongoing social programmes provided by the Students' Union. In addition Turin students will be able to take advantage of the excursions on certain weekends to other places of interest which are arranged by the International Centre.

**Airport Service:** University of Wolverhampton will provide a minibuss or small coach service to pick the group of Turin students up from Birmingham, East Midlands or Manchester airport on arrival and return them for departure. This service will be accompanied by one of the University's social assistants. Please note that the most convenient airports are Birmingham and Manchester. Other airports are a long distance from the university and will incur a surcharge. Dr. Caimotto in Turin will assist students who will travel together to the same airport.

**Access to Facilities:** Students will be able to use the resources of the main Learning Centre (library), Computing Rooms, Student Union and student refectories. After enrolment each student will have an official e-mail number and free access to e-mail and internet facilities.

**English Test:** The Turin students will undertake an English language test as part of their induction. This will allow individual student timetables to be arranged in time for a start directly on the Monday morning. The level each student achieves on this test will determine which level General English and Business English classes they will attend.

**Certificate:** This will be awarded at the end of the course to mark good progress and attendance.

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## TUITION DETAILS

The course will coincide with the first four weeks of Semester One.

The non-language modules which students may follow will normally be at University of Wolverhampton levels 5 or 6 (equivalent to the second or third years of undergraduate awards), depending on students' previous study in Turin and the number of successfully completed years there.

## **WEEKLY PROGRAMME (CONTACT HOURS per week)\***

3 modules to be selected from any subject area on agreement with the course mentor.

**= 12 hours**

1 module of English for Business

**= 4 hours**

1 module of General English

**= 4 hours**

Weekly intercultural communication session

The course will consist of 22 hrs tuition per week in small communicative classes.

## **Facilities**

### **These will include:**

Enrolment as Associate students .  
Issue of student ID card

Free access to all Library/Learning Centre online and e-resources  
Access to and use of the Online Learning Framework

Free e-mail and internet access on campus

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