



Lexical Lab Summer School

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Advanced Language and Culture

All our **Lexical Lab** summer courses take place at London Metropolitan University, Holloway Road campus. It's a two-minute walk from Holloway Road tube station, which is on the Piccadilly Line. From here, you can get to Holborn in central London in eight minutes. The venue is also a ten-minute walk from Highbury and Islington station, which is on the Victoria line and has a range of overground services. We suggest you check <https://citymapper.com/london> for journey times and routes.

Total hours 21/week:

15 classroom hours per week

6 hours cultural tours (minimum 3 visits)

Course dates

1st July – 5th July 2019

8th – 12th July 2019

15th – 19th July 2019*

Course Fees

1 week £360

2 weeks £670

3 weeks £960

Groups

2 5% discount

3-5 10% discount

6+ 15% discount

Pay before Feb 1st 2019 and save 10% on fees. Note that discounts cannot be combined.

*All classes will take place in the afternoon. Other weeks classes alternate between the morning and afternoon.

Registration fee

An **£80** registration fee per person covers admin, materials, entrance to timetabled visits, but *not* transport. There is no additional registration fee when you book two or more courses together.

Accommodation

We can offer you a basic single room in a student residence (pdf attached) two minutes from Wood Green underground station (zone 3) and a 10-minute tube journey to our training venue. You will have an individual bedroom but share a bathroom and kitchen. You will usually share these with other participants on the course. The cost is: **£190 / week** plus a **£40 fee** per booking.

Peak travel to our venue £1.70.

Oyster card / Contactless payment for zones 1-3 costs is a maximum £40.00 / week.

If this accommodation does not suit your needs you can try [London Homestays](#) or [the Londonist](#) who are British Council accredited. In the past, we have found they had very limited availability for one and two-week stays and generally offered more student residences. Otherwise you may try websites such as [homestay.com](#), [airbnb](#) and [student.com](#). Prices will vary from £180-£450/week including fees.

Course Outline

This course is aimed at teachers and language learners with a level of English of C1 or C2. It will give you the confidence and familiarity with current issues, media representations, stereotypes, cultural and political figures and recent events in Britain. The focus is largely on modern culture although there is also some historical content too. Material and tasks are more adult and appropriate for university-level students or simply for your own pleasure and language learning! The course combines discussions, lectures, different media and visits within London on the connected themes

Content



Course content is divided by week. There are some additional topics which provide some flexibility and we will provide a questionnaire for participants before they arrive to express preferences or make requests which we will try to incorporate into the course where there is agreement between participants.

Week 1

Common UK cultural stereotypes
Regions and cities
Nostalgia and myths
Windrush and immigration
The law and crime
Sport and society
Royal family and influence
Education

Week 2

Class
Housing and regeneration
Family
Literature
Health and the Health service
Drinking and drug culture
Youth issues
Food - people and influences

Week 3

Religion and multiculturalism
Gay culture and influence
Comedy and Stand-up
UK economy and business trends
Women in UK society
UK Media and Music
Politics and people
Art and UK history

Outcomes

After this course participants will:

- be more comfortable in their knowledge of contemporary UK culture
- be better able to deal with cultural references in conversation
- be more able to understand colloquial language
- be aware of a variety of internet resources and writers for study beyond the course
- go away with some material they can use in adult or university classes
- know London better

Sample week 1 Timetable

Note that teaching will alternate between morning and afternoon. Group visits with teacher are in bold below. The timetable is a sample only and open to change.

	9-10.30	11.15-12.45	14.00-15.30	16.00-17.30	Social
Mon	UK Regions		Kings Cross and British Library		
Tues	Blackheath, Greenwich and Museum of London		Nostalgia and Myths		Comedy night
Weds	Windrush and immigration		Brixton		
Thurs	Royal Courts and Old Bailey		Law and the crime		Pub visit
Fri	Education		Free		
Sat	Oxford tour + swimming!				
Sun	Free				Day Dinner

Certification

All participants can receive a **Lexical Lab** attendance certificate with title of course and number of hours.

Check it's the course for you:

- I am a teacher or learner with English at C1 – C2 level
- I am primarily interested in learning more about UK culture and some related language
- I am happy to get some tips and materials for my class but that's not my main goal
- I am happy to have lectures and workshops – not a pure language focus.

If it's not for you:

- If you want a pure language course at B2 or C1 level, try **English Boost Advanced**.
- If you are more interested in teaching or writing materials, try **Teaching Lexically** or **Developing Material**
- If you are a group who want a tailored course, contact **Andrew Walkley**

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