



Lexical Lab Summer School

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Advanced Language and Culture

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 24 per week:

17.5 classroom hours per week

6.5 hours of cultural tours (spread over a minimum of three visits)

Course dates

10th July – 14th July 2023

17th July – 21st July 2023

Course fees

Initially, we are only taking bookings for the whole two weeks. This will cost £660.

If we still have places available by the end of the year, we'll split this into two one-week courses at a cost of £370 per week.

Registration fee

A **£80** registration fee covers admin, materials, entrance to timetabled visits, but *not* transport.

Accommodation

In general, we recommend attendees sort out their own accommodation, but we are happy to advise and help out. We may, though, be able to offer some basic single rooms in a student residence two minutes from Wood Green underground station (Zone 3), which is a ten-minute tube ride from our training venue. If we are able to block-book this, you'd have an individual bedroom, but share a bathroom and kitchen. You'd usually share these with other participants on the course. The cost is around **£200 / week** plus a **£40 booking fee**.

We will wait to see how many people are interested in this option before booking. If you want to be considered for this, please let us know ASAP so by the end of the year, we can make an informed decision on whether or not to block-book rooms.

Peak travel to our venue **£2.50**.

Oyster card / Contactless payment for zones 1-3 costs is a maximum **£45.20 / week**.

If this does not suit your needs, you can try [London Homestays](#) or The Londonist, who are both British Council accredited. In the past, we have found they had very limited availability for one and two-week stays and generally offered student residences. Otherwise, you may try websites such as [Homestay.com](#), [AirBnbB](#) and [Student.com](#). Prices will vary from £200 – £450/week including fees.

Course Outline

This course is aimed at teachers and language learners with a level of English between B2 and 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. We offer a choice of topics each week to provide some flexibility, and we will provide a questionnaire for participants before you arrive so you can express preferences or make requests, which we will try to incorporate into the course where there is agreement between participants.

Week 1	Women in UK society
Common UK cultural stereotypes	Comedy and Stand-up
Regions and cities	UK Media and Music
Brexit: nostalgia and myths	Housing and regeneration
Windrush and immigration	Family
The law and crime	Literature
Sport and society	Health and the Health service
Royal family and influence	Drinking and drug culture
Education	Youth issues
Class	
Week 2	
Family	Food – people and influences

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

The timetable is a sample only and open to change.

Group visits with teacher are in bold below.

	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	Brexit: nostalgia and Myths		Blackheath, Greenwich & Museum of London		Comedy night
Weds	Windrush and immigration		Brixton		
Thurs	Law and the crime		Royal Courts and Old Bailey		Pub visit
Fri	Education		Free		
Sat	Oxford tour + swimming!				
Sun	Free				Dinner in Haringay

Certification



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

Check it's the course for you:

- I am a teacher or learner with English between B2 and 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

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