



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

17.5 classroom hours / week

* please note that in addition, there will be a minimum of three cultural / social programme tours each week.

Course dates

8st July – 19^h July 2024

Course Fees

£800

The course fee include all teaching materials and afternoon / evening tours and a non-refundable £80 registration fee which covers admin costs. It does **not** include travel or applicable entrance fees.

Accommodation

We are not currently organising accommodation. Previously we have used Optivo student accommodation at Wood Green Hall. You may try them [here](#). However, they are currently undergoing a refurbishment programme, so it is uncertain whether there will be availability. You may also 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 student residences. Otherwise, you may try websites such as [homestay.com](#), [Airbnb](#) and [student.com](#).

Our advice would be always to book accommodation with a free cancellation policy up to a late date before the course starts or take out insurance.

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 – as well as a better grasp of the language often used to discuss them. The focus is largely on modern culture although there is also some historical content too.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

There are many different topics we could cover during the two weeks and all participants will receive a questionnaire in advance to express preferences or make requests. We will try to incorporate these into the course where there is agreement between participants. Here are some of the topics we've covered before.

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

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

Religion and multiculturalism
Gay culture and its 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. The timetable is a sample only and open to change.

Day	Morning (9:00-13:00)	Afternoon	Evening
Mon	UK Regions	Kings Cross and British Library	Muswell Hill and Apply Pally pub
Tues	Nostalgia and Myths	Blackheath, Greenwich and Museum of London	Comedy night
Weds	Windrush and immigration	Brixton	
Thurs	The law and crime	Royal Courts and Old Bailey	Pub visit
Fri	Education	Free	
Sat	Oxford (swimming in the Thames – weather permitting!)		
Sun	Free		Local restaurant

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 some lectures and workshops – not a pure language focus.

If it's not for you:

- If you are more interested in teaching, try the **Teaching Lexically** course
- If you're a group who want to study together or want a tailored course, contact **Andrew Walkley**

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