



**Semester 2
2017/2018**

**29 January 2018 -
23 March 2018**

University Language Centre

In-sessional Academic Support Classes

<http://www.languagecentre.manchester.ac.uk/>



"Helps a lot with my understanding of English which is spoken in different accents by different speakers from all over the world"

Manchester Business School Student - Dec 2011

Speaking and Listening

This course will help you to develop your confidence and effectiveness in using spoken English in a range of academic situations, and you will also be able to develop your academic listening skills. The course covers the language and strategies you need to obtain complex information, to negotiate and persuade in 'conflict' situations, to structure and deliver short informative talks and to take part in small group discussions. Throughout the course, time will be made available for evaluation, comment and language analysis. Some of the sessions may be devoted to individual tutorials.

Semester 2 Timetable

Monday - 16.30-18.00*

Tuesday - 16.30-18.00*

Wednesday - 15.00-16.30*

Thursday - 17.00-18.30*

Friday - 14.00-15.30*

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PRONUNCIATION

These classes aim to help you improve your pronunciation of English. The sessions will explore the features of natural spoken English at word level, at sentence level and in longer discourse. The outline below shows the main focus for each session. Some sessions include listening, for ear training, and the extracts may be used to explore a wider variety of pronunciation features. You will also learn to understand the phonetic transcription of English.

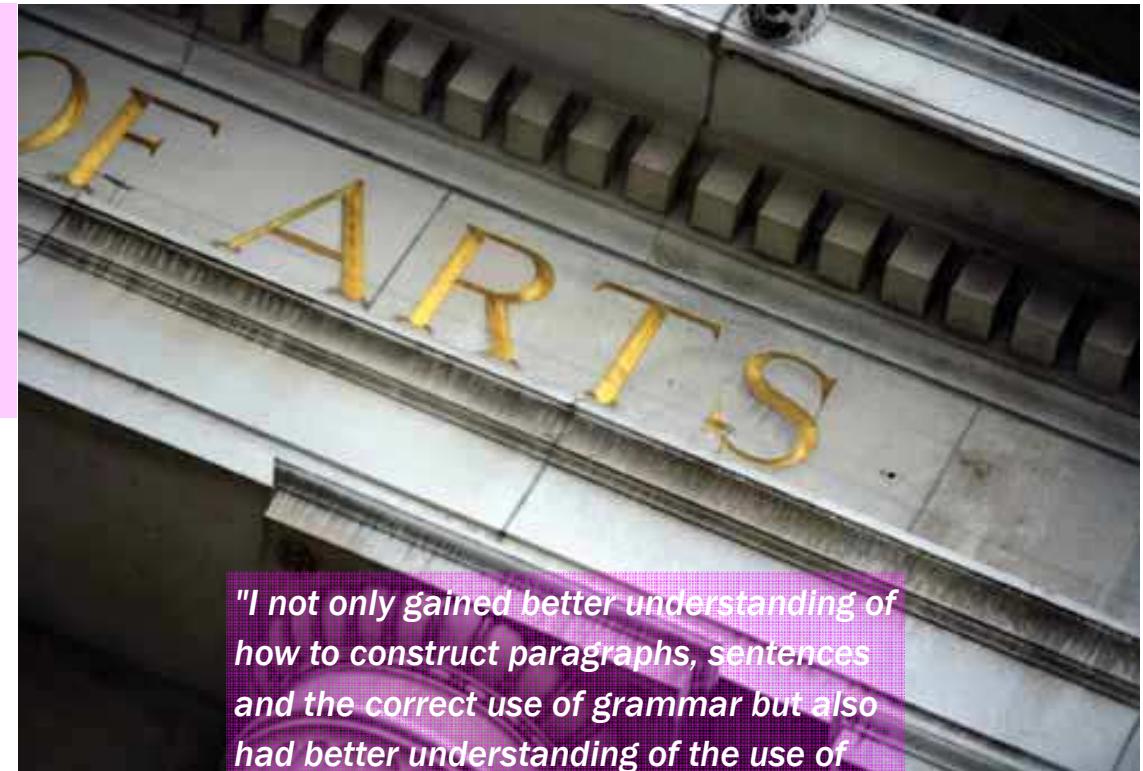
Semester 2 Timetable - Pronunciation

Tuesday - 13.00-14.00*

Wednesday - 14.00-15.00*

Thursday - 13.00-14.00*

Friday - 14.00-15.00*



"I not only gained better understanding of how to construct paragraphs, sentences and the correct use of grammar but also had better understanding of the use of punctuation as well as good referencing. The session renewed my confidence."

Law Student - March 2011

GRAMMAR

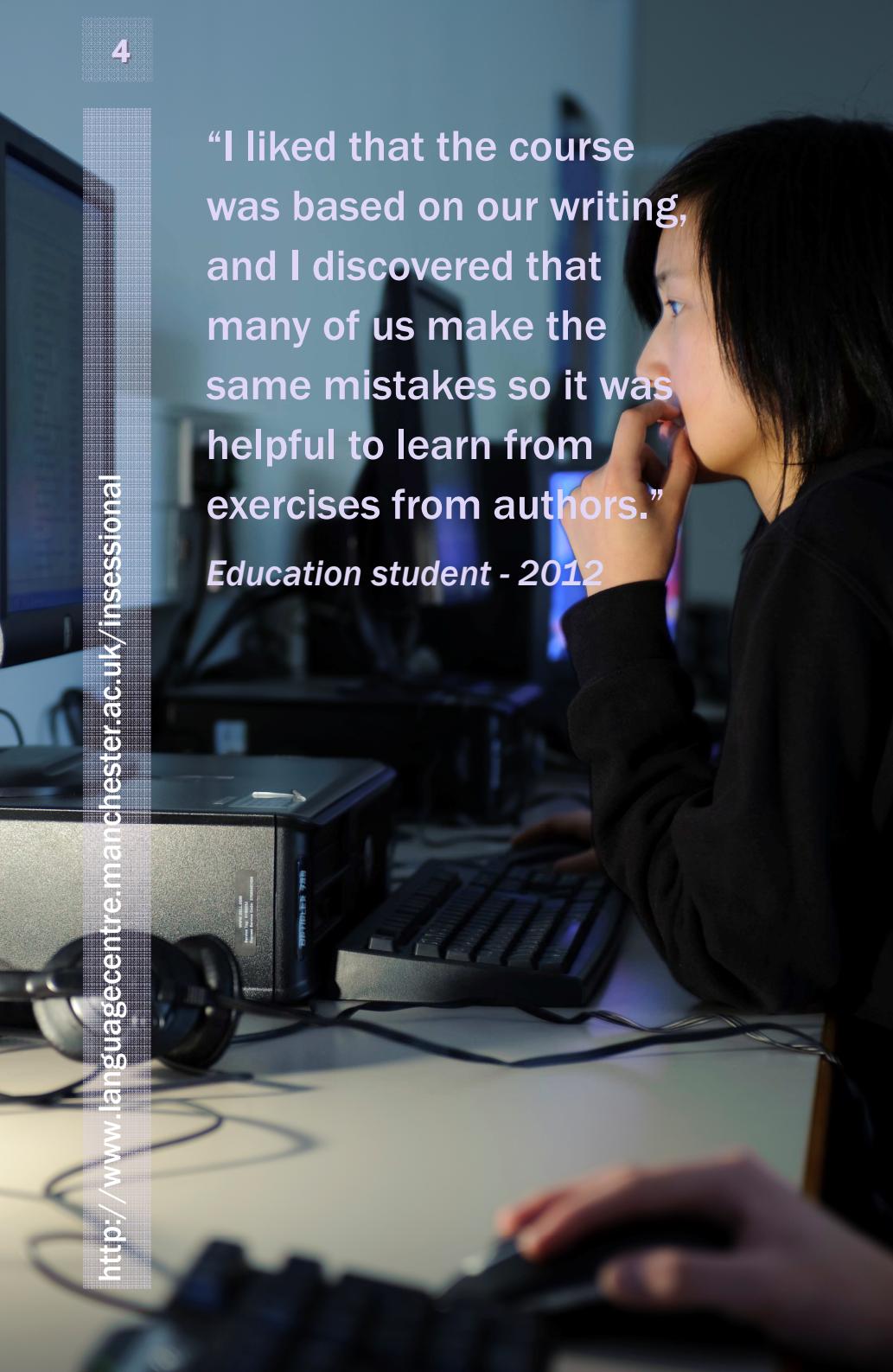
This course aims to examine areas of English grammar which are particularly useful for academic writing but which are not easily found in standard grammar textbooks. You are expected to participate actively in class by completing grammatical exercises and discussing answers with the class. Topics to be covered include: error analysis, complex noun phrases, using verb forms effectively, modal auxiliaries, sentence patterns, information focus, concision, and article use. Although the same topics are covered again in the second semester, different materials and exercises are used.

Semester 2 Timetable - Grammar

Wednesday - 14.00-15.00*

Friday - 14.00-15.00*

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"I liked that the course was based on our writing, and I discovered that many of us make the same mistakes so it was helpful to learn from exercises from authors."

Education student - 2012

This course aims to help you to write clear, grammatically accurate and well-organised academic English. A major focus of the course will be on the language used to express the main communicative functions used at all levels of academic discourse (e.g. defining, comparing, describing cause and effect). In addition, some sessions will cover certain common features of academic texts (style, conventions and phraseological patterns). Examples of different types of texts and the language used in them will be examined and discussed, and you will have a chance to practise a series of writing tasks, both individually and, where possible, collaboratively in groups.

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Faculty of Science and Engineering

Tuesday - 16.30-18.00*

Wednesday - 14.30-16.00*

Faculty of Humanities

Tuesday - 16.30-18.00*

Wednesday - 14.00-15.30*

Thursday - 16.30-18.00*

Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health

Tuesday - 16.30-18.00*

Wednesday - 14.00-15.30*

Business

Wednesday - 16.30-18.00*

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ACADEMIC WRITING TUTORIAL SERVICE

The University Language Centre offers international students a one-to-one tutorial service to support them in their written academic work. Home students may also be referred for an appointment if they are experiencing particular difficulties.

Each academic writing tutorial is based around a sample of the your own writing - submitted at the time of making the appointment - allowing the tutor's advice to be tailored to the your specific needs. Feedback will focus on areas such as structure, referencing and appropriate use of English.

The academic writing tutorial service is available during term-time throughout the academic session (between October and June, excluding the Christmas, Easter and summer vacation periods).

For further information and booking details please see the ULC website.



"I particularly liked the tutor's approach. The in-depth discussion of my work exceeded my original expectation when I requested a one-to-one appointment with the University Language Centre. The practical advice and guidance I was given to use available resources online are assets that I will use actively during my studies at Manchester."

Medical Student - November 2010

Further information...

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