

GRIFFITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Guide

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Welcome

Welcome to Griffith English Language Institute (GELI). At GELI, every student's individual goals are important. Our classes are small and our staff will quickly come to know you and identify your learning needs.

With more than 25 years of experience in teaching intensive English courses, GELI provides high quality learning opportunities, excellent resources and a range of specialised support services designed to help you to be successful in achieving excellent outcomes, whatever your purpose for studying English.

GELI provides a positive, vibrant and supportive university campus culture that enables you to immerse yourself in English. Our highly-qualified and experienced teachers will provide you with the very best learning experiences in class. Outside the classroom, you can continue to develop your English through fun social activities, experiences of local Australian culture and adventures exploring our beautiful natural environment. Not only will your English quickly improve, but you will form lifelong friendships with students from all around the world.

Our dedicated and dynamic GELI team is ready to welcome you and work with you to achieve your study goals.

Congratulations on your decision to study abroad, and we look forward to meeting you at GELI!

Kerry Sutcliffe
Director (GELI)

GELI *in numbers*

3 campuses
1000+ students per year
50+ nationalities
10 intakes per year,
every 5 weeks



Remarkable GELI

For over twenty-five years, Griffith English Language Institute (GELI), Griffith University's official English language provider, has been delivering award-winning English language programs to international students.



Award-winning excellence

Multi award-winning institute and recipient of national industry awards.



Direct Entry Program

Gain entry to a Griffith University degree, Study Abroad or Exchange program, or Griffith College diploma.



Students from around the world

GELI provides English language courses to over 1000 students a year, from 50+ different countries.



Independent Learning Centre (ILC)

Enhance your language skills outside class.



Access to Griffith University facilities

Including library, computer labs, sporting facilities, and health and welfare services.



Exciting activities program

Participate in free and low-cost activities to practise your English, make friends and have fun.

Award-winning excellence

Multi award-winning institute and recipient of national industry awards.



2016 English Australia/ETS TOEFL Award for Innovation



2015 Australian Financial Review Higher Education Award



2014 Office of Learning and Teaching Program Award for University Teaching for GELES

Brisbane

Brisbane is a vibrant, expanding city, offering world-class education, a beautiful climate and superb lifestyle. It is an ideal place to study and develop your career.



Average temperature:
15 °C – 26 °C



One of the world's most
liveable cities



Population:
2.27 million people



Culturally diverse population:
28% of Brisbane's residents
were born overseas



283 days of
sunshine a year



State capital of Queensland



Gold Coast

Beautiful beaches, an excellent quality of life and friendly people make the Gold Coast a popular study destination for students.



Average temperature:
15 °C – 25 °C



Host city of the
Gold Coast 2018
Commonwealth Games



Population: More than
500,000 people



100,000 hectares of World
Heritage-listed rainforests



300 days of sunshine a year



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A nighttime photograph of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, illuminated with purple lights, spanning the water. The Sydney city skyline is visible in the background with various skyscrapers lit up.

Life in Queensland

Find out about food, transport, places of worship, shopping, arts and entertainment, sport, and more at griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith/off-campus



Our location

GELI is located across three Griffith University campuses in the cities of Brisbane and the Gold Coast in South East Queensland.



Find out more at griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith



M Mt Gravatt campus

11.7km to Brisbane City

- Car = 15 minutes
- Bus = 20 minutes
- Bicycle = 50 minutes



N Nathan campus

12.9km to Brisbane City

- Car = 15 minutes
- Bus = 20 minutes
- Bicycle = 50 minutes



G Gold Coast campus

4.5km to Southport CBD

- Car = 10 minutes
- Light rail (tram) = 9 minutes
- Bicycle = 20 minutes

60.9km to Brisbane City

- Car = 60 minutes
- Student Guild intercampus bus = 75 minutes

Accommodation

Whether you would like to live on-campus or off-campus, there are a number of options you can explore to find housing to suit your needs. You can also choose homestay and live with a local Australian family while you study.



On-campus

On-campus accommodation is available at all GELI campuses. Living on campus is a fantastic way to meet new people, find out about new cultures, and develop independence. On-campus accommodation is usually fully furnished and provides access to laundry facilities, gym equipment, common rooms, internet and organised student activities.

Dormitory-style: Nathan campus

Semi-catered: Mt Gravatt campus

Self-catered: Gold Coast, Nathan and Mt Gravatt campuses

griffith.edu.au/accommodation/on-campus

Griffith University Village

Griffith University Village (GUV) is our preferred supplier for on-campus accommodation at the Gold Coast campus, providing affordable, self-catered accommodation options.



griffithuv.com.au



Homestay

Homestay accommodation gives you the option of living with an Australian family while you study. Homestay is available to students at all Griffith campuses. Homestay is a great way to develop your English language skills and experience life in Australia.

griffith.edu.au/homestay

Off-campus

In Australia, share housing – where you share a house or apartment with a number of other students – is the most common form of off-campus accommodation.

When looking for suitable off-campus accommodation you will need to consider:

- the cost of rent (usually advertised weekly)
- if utilities are included in your rent (electricity, water, gas)
- if internet is included in your rent
- if the accommodation is furnished
- how close the accommodation is to your campus
- access to public transport.

Temporary accommodation:

We recommend you organise temporary accommodation for your first few days or weeks in Queensland, as it is important that you inspect your long-term off-campus accommodation before you move in.

Temporary accommodation websites:

Airbnb.com

Lastminute.com

Wotif.com

Off-campus accommodation:

You may wish to organise your long-term off-campus accommodation after you arrive in Australia, to ensure you are choosing a suitable living and study environment.

Off-campus accommodation websites:

realestate.com.au

domain.com.au

flatmates.com.au

studentaccommodationfinder.com.au

semesterinaustralia.com

bedssi.com

studybrisbane.com.au

studygoldcoast.org.au

Student One

Student One is our preferred supplier for off-campus student accommodation in Brisbane. Student One is located within the heart of Brisbane City and provides high quality, flexible accommodation options.



studentone.com



Free airport pickup service

GELI offers a free airport pickup from the Brisbane and Gold Coast airports, to take you from the airport directly to your pre-arranged accommodation. This service is available for all new Direct Entry Program and English Language Program students.

Find out more:

griffith.edu.au/airport-reception



Cost of living

Australia is an affordable and friendly place to study, and offers a combination of quality education and high living standards.

The cost of living in South East Queensland, where our five Griffith University campuses are located, is considered more affordable than other major Australian cities such as Sydney and Melbourne.

The Australian Government requires student visa holders to have access to a minimum of **AU\$20,290 (Australian dollars) per year** to meet their living costs.

Work while you study

Working while you study in Australia can complement your student experience. Australia has a high national minimum wage, and work rights in Australia mean you are entitled to a healthy and safe work environment, regular breaks and rest periods. Student visa holders can work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight (2-week period) during the teaching period, once classes have started.

Weekly cost of living estimate

	Semi-catered on-campus M	Self-catered on-campus G N M L	Share house off-campus G N M S L	Homestay off-campus G N M S L
Campus availability				
Rent	\$254 - \$267	\$170 - \$317	\$160 - \$450	\$255 - \$275 per week
Food	\$30 - \$80	\$80 - \$200	\$80 - \$200	Included
Transport to university	Walking distance	Walking distance	\$20 - \$40	\$20 - \$40
Electricity and gas	Included	Included	\$20 - \$50	Included
Mobile phone and internet	\$20 - \$55	\$20 - \$55	\$20 - \$55	\$20 - \$55
Entertainment	\$80 - \$150	\$80 - \$150	\$80 - \$150	\$80 - \$150

Calculating your total cost of study

Your total cost of studying in Australia could include:

- tuition fees
- visa application fees
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- flights
- cost of living
- other personal and study-related expenses.

Find out more at
griffith.edu.au/international-costs

The information above is based on 2017 costs. Please be advised it is an estimate only and individual differences mean prices will vary.

At a glance



Dinner
\$19.50



Fast food meal
\$9.00



Men's haircut
\$23.00



Movie ticket
\$12.50



Return trip to campus \$4.50



Monthly gym membership \$53.00



Glass of tap beer
\$6.00



Regular coffee
\$4.50



Loaf of bread
\$2.50



Your student experience

Enjoy the advantages of studying on Griffith University's campuses while you learn English at GELI. We have facilities and services that will help you study, meet people, pursue your interests, and practise your English – getting you ready for a smooth transition into university life.



Academic workshops

We offer free after-class workshops to assist students to improve in specific skill areas such as grammar and vocabulary.



Careers and Employment Service

The Careers and Employment Service can help you find part-time work while you are studying and provide you with advice on how to get your first graduate job. You will learn about the importance of professional networking and using social media in your job search, as well as the latest information on job vacancies, recruitment trends and career options related to your degree. This service will also help you with your resume, cover letters and interview preparation techniques.

griffith.edu.au/careers



Religion

Each Griffith campus provides access to prayer facilities as well as multi-faith chaplains.

griffith.edu.au/chaplaincy



Independent Learning Centre

Each GELI centre has its own dedicated Independent Learning Centre (ILC). You can use these centres and their resources to undertake additional English study. We encourage you to follow your weekly independent learning plans provided by GELI to guide your independent study.



Clubs and societies

Griffith has over 120 clubs in cultural, religious, political, educational, sporting, professional and special interest areas. There are also international student societies from the following countries: Africa, Bangladesh, China, Europe, Philippines, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Latin America, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

griffith.edu.au/clubs



Health and wellbeing

If you need a doctor, there are health and medical services located on the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses, as well as medical centres and hospitals near each campus.

If you need someone to talk to about personal issues, we offer free, confidential student counselling on all our campuses.

griffith.edu.au/student-services



GELI Student Advisor

If you need some extra personal support, make an appointment with our GELI Student Advisor at the GELI Student Centre. The GELI Student Advisor provides advice and information on issues that can affect your life in Australia and your studies at GELI.



Sport and fitness

Griffith offers a variety of sporting facilities and competitions.

- ◆ Join Griffith Sport for social sport competitions.
- ◆ Enjoy discount student memberships for facilities including:
 - on-campus gyms
 - Mt Gravatt Tennis Centre
 - swimming pools at Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses.

griffith.edu.au/sport



Library and computer labs

GELI students have access to Griffith University libraries across all campuses, which have computers available for study and a free WIFI connection.

griffith.edu.au/library



Yo Sugawara, Japan

GELI Excellence Award

The GELI Excellence Award is presented ten times a year. It is designed to reward outstanding GELI students who progress well in their studies and embrace the GELI experience. Winners receive \$1,000 cash, and all current GELI Direct Entry Program and English Language Program students are able to apply.

griffith.edu.au/geli-excellence-award

Activities

At GELI, learning English does not stop when you leave the classroom. Through our activities you can meet new people, make friends, enjoy the Australian lifestyle, and most importantly, have fun!



"I really enjoyed learning in class and in my own time at the Independent Learning Centre. My favourite thing to do after class was to go to any of the GELI activities; they are fun and helped me practise my English as well as make new friends. Since studying at GELI I have been able to successfully continue my studies at Griffith University."

Thuy Ngoc Tran Nguyen, Vietnam
Former GELI student

Direct Entry Program

Your direct English pathway to a Griffith University degree, Study Abroad or Exchange program, or Griffith College diploma.

Direct Entry Program

The highly popular Direct Entry Program is for students wanting to gain entry to a Griffith University degree, Study Abroad or Exchange program, or Griffith College diploma. When you successfully complete the Direct Entry Program at the equivalent IELTS level needed for your degree or diploma, you can enter your program directly without needing to submit a proficiency test result.

As you progress through the Direct Entry Program, you will build your English language skills in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking, and at the higher levels you will practise academic skills that will help you to be successful in your studies at diploma, bachelor, master or PhD level. A highlight of the pathway for Griffith University degree students includes the final 10 weeks, where you will attend lectures, participate in class tutorials, and complete essays and a research assignment to prepare you for your studies.

You will be placed in the Direct Entry Program according to your English level, based either on your recognised proficiency test results or a placement test on arrival. You can enter most Griffith University degrees if you have IELTS 6.5 with no sub-score below 6.0 (or equivalent), the Study Abroad or Exchange program if you have an IELTS 6.0 with no sub-score below 5.5 (or equivalent), and most Griffith College diplomas if you have IELTS 5.5 with no sub-score below 5.0 (or equivalent). Some degrees and diplomas require a higher score, so please check the English language entry requirements for your program.

Students may opt to take an English proficiency test to determine their readiness for Griffith University at any stage of their English studies.

griffith.edu.au/geli/dep

Fees

Your tuition fees for the Direct Entry Program will vary depending on the number of weeks you are enrolled. All students will also be required to pay an enrolment fee of \$225.

Up to 25 weeks: \$440 per week

26+ weeks: \$410 per week

GELI classes

Class sizes at GELI are small so you receive personal attention from your teachers and progress quickly through your studies.

There are 25 hours of study per week: 20 hours of face-to-face learning in class and an additional 5 hours of independent learning each week using GELI's independent learning plans.

We have classes in the morning (8.15am – 12.45pm) and afternoon where necessary (1.00 – 5.30pm). A class time will be selected for you based on availability, with special circumstances taken into account where possible.

How long will I need to study at GELI?

Griffith University degree (requiring IELTS 6.5*)	WEEKS	ENTRY SCORES			
		IELTS Academic	PTE Academic	TOEFL iBT	ISLPR
Direct Entry Program	10	6.5 (no sub-score <6.0)	58 (no Comm Skill <50)	79 (no sub-score <19)	3+ (all sub-scores)
	20	6.0 (no sub-score <5.5)	50 (no Comm Skill <42)	71 (W 19, L,R,S 17)	W3 (2 scores 3, 1 score 2+)
	25	5.5 (no sub-score <5.0, W 5.5)	42 (no Comm Skill <36, W 42)	52 (no sub-score <14, W 18)	2+ (all sub-scores)
	30	5.5 (no sub-score <5.0)	42 (no Comm Skill <36)	52 (no sub-score <14)	W2+ (2 scores 2+, 1 score 2)
	35	5.0 (no sub-score <4.5, W 5.0)	36 (no Comm Skill <30, W 36)	40 (no sub-score <13, W 14)	2 (all sub-scores)
	40	5.0 (no sub-score <4.5)	36 (no Comm Skill <30)	40 (no sub-score <13)	W2 (2 scores 2, 1 score 1+)
	45	4.5 (no sub-score <4.0, W 4.5)	30 (no Comm Skill <29, W 30)	33 (no sub-score <12, W 13)	1+ (all sub-scores)
	over 45	4.5 (no sub-score <4.0)	30 (no Comm Skill <29)	33 (no sub-score <12)	W1+ (2 scores 1+, 1 score 1)
10 - 50 weeks	over 45	4.0 or lower	29 or lower	32 or lower	1 or lower

Key: W = Writing, L = Listening, R = Reading, S = Speaking, < = less than, Comm Skill = Communicative Skill.

*Check the English language entry requirements for your degree at griffith.edu.au/international-study

Please note: it normally takes 10–15 weeks to progress to the next level of English study. This table indicates expected course length for students requiring IELTS 6.5.



"GELI's study environment is very positive for international students, it has helped me improve my English and has set a great foundation for university studies. The teachers are very professional and the campus has great facilities. I love living in Australia, it is so multicultural, I have met people from many different backgrounds, learnt about diverse cultures and also shared my customs with others."

Yiwen Zhang, China

Former GELI student

English language support at university

Griffith University provides academic and English language assistance to help you succeed in your Griffith University degree. Most of our support services are free.

English Language Enhancement Course (ELEC)

This 10-credit point language and communication course is compulsory for undergraduate students in your first trimester if you have an IELTS score below 7.0*. This course is specific to your degree area and will help you throughout your studies.

*subject to certain exemptions.

EnglishHELP (English Higher Education Language Program)

Free individual consultations with an academic language specialist, and workshops such as Find Your Voice (speaking and listening), Academic Grammar & Vocabulary, Pronunciation Power, Scientific Writing (undergraduate and postgraduate coursework only). You can access free Help Yourself Resources wherever and whenever you need to. We also offer personalised support for research students.

griffith.edu.au/englishhelp

Library self-help resources

You can refresh your learning in areas such as computing, researching, writing, presenting and analysing, strategies for academic success, referencing, and numeracy and maths.

griffith.edu.au/library/study

Postgraduate English Language Enhancement (PELE)[†]

Extra weekly English and Academic Skills tutorials for postgraduate coursework students that develop your discipline-specific language skills to help you succeed in your studies.

[†]available in selected degrees and courses

Griffith Mates

The Mates are a diverse peer-support network for international students, with members who speak over 30 languages. Griffith Mates will help you make the most of university, develop friendships and practise your English.

griffith.edu.au/mates

Postgraduate Research Information Skills Modules (PRISMS)

Advanced online training for HDR candidates and research students in the following areas: managing your research, reviewing literature, writing and presenting, managing research data, getting published and measuring impact.

griffith.edu.au/library/research-publishing

English4grads

Take a subsidised IELTS (Academic) or PTE Academic test as evidence of your English language proficiency for future employers, professional registration, visa applications or for personal reasons.

griffith.edu.au/english4grads



Other programs

GELI offers a range of other English language programs, courses and services depending on your study needs.

English for work, travel or personal reasons

Our English courses are not just for people wanting to go to university. We know there are lots of reasons why you may want to improve your English. No matter whether you are a beginner or advanced, we will help you achieve your English goals through our English Language Program. Learn at our award-winning institute whilst meeting new people and joining in fun activities, and have the additional support and services that come with being part of Griffith University.

If you change your study preferences and decide that you would like to apply for a Griffith University degree, Study Abroad or Exchange program, or Griffith College diploma at a later date, you will already be on the pathway to undertake further study.

Succeeding at Griffith

Succeeding at Griffith is a compulsory 3-day intensive short course designed specifically for international partner university students transitioning to Griffith University. The course aims to highlight university expectations and to enhance the language, academic and study skills required to succeed at Griffith.

English Test Preparation

English Test Preparation is designed for students who are planning to take an external English language test such as IELTS, PTE Academic or ISLPR. English Test Preparation is available post-arrival only.

This course provides an overview of the main English language proficiency tests and introduces you to a range of helpful test-taking strategies. The course introduces practice in the four skills areas of the tests including:

- Reading: understanding information from academic and general texts
- Writing: writing essays under exam conditions
- Listening: understanding information presented in academic and general settings
- Speaking: participating in academic/general discussions and presenting information.



High School Preparation (HSP)

High School Preparation (HSP) is a specialised program for international students aged between 13 and 18 years entering an Australian secondary school. The program combines English language studies with school subject studies to improve your English as well as general knowledge, academic skills and cultural information. Upon successful completion of the program, you will have achieved the English language proficiency level to enter an Australian high school.

You will be placed in the HSP program according to your English level, which will be determined by your recognised proficiency test results or a placement test on arrival. Students are generally required to study in the HSP program for a minimum of 20 weeks.

griffith.edu.au/geli/hsp

Find out more: griffith.edu.au/english-programs

IELTS™

IELTS Test Centre

The Griffith IELTS Test Centre is on Mt Gravatt campus. Regular tests are held on Saturdays for both the Academic and General Training modules.

griffith.edu.au/ielts



PTE ACADEMIC™

PTE Academic Test Centre

Griffith's PTE Academic Test Centre is located at the Gold Coast campus. PTE Academic is a computer-based test of English language proficiency for study, migration and professional registration. Tests results are typically available within five business days.

pearsonpte.com



How to apply

Applying to study at GELI is easy. With applications open all year round, you can complete your application in 5 simple steps.

griffith.edu.au/geli/apply

Step 1

Choose the degree, program or diploma you want to study (if relevant)

Find the Griffith University program or Griffith College diploma which meets your career and study goals at griffith.edu.au/international-study or griffith.edu.au/college.

Step 2

Choose the English program you want to study

If you are on a pathway to a degree or diploma, you will study in the Direct Entry Program. Discover other English language program options at griffith.edu.au/english-programs.

Step 3

Prepare supporting documentation

Include certified copies of any required documentation (translated into English if applicable).

Step 4

Apply online

Apply online or via a registered recruitment representative. We will let you know how many weeks of English you need to complete to achieve your study goals in your Letter of Offer.

If you are also applying for a Griffith University degree or Study Abroad or Exchange program, you will receive a packaged offer.

griffith.edu.au/geli/apply

Step 5

Accept your offer

Once you have received a Letter of Offer, you must return evidence of meeting any outstanding conditions, formally accept your offer and pay your total deposit fee.

After you accept your offer

Once you have accepted your offer, GELI will:

- send you a GELI Welcome Letter confirming your enrolment
- send you an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE), if you are applying for a student visa
- provide information about Orientation Day including what time you need to arrive on campus and what you need to bring
- provide you with a computing login letter so you are able to update your contact details prior to departure.

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Key dates

2018	Orientation	Start date	Finish date
ELI 1	2 January	2 January	2 February
ELI 2	1/2 February	5 February	9 March
ELI 3	8/9 March	12 March	13 April
ELI 4	12/13 April	16 April	18 May
ELI 5	17/18 May	21 May	22 June
ELI 6	21/22 June	25 June	27 July
ELI 7	26/27 July	30 July	31 August
ELI 8	30/31 August*	3 September	5 October
ELI 9	4/5 October	8 October	9 November
ELI 10	8/9 November	12 November	14 December

*30 August (Brisbane & Gold Coast campuses) / 31 August (Brisbane only)

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The provision of education services to international students by Australian educational institutions is governed by the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Regulations 2001 under this Act. Griffith, in providing education services to overseas students, complies with the National Code of Practice 2007 through the Department of Education. Visit: internationaleducation.gov.au and education.gov.au

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griffith.edu.au/sustainability

