



UIC London

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The great thing about London is its variety.

To learn English and appreciate London's culture, you need a language school which, like London, is international, friendly and relaxed. The school should be flexible in its approach and value the diversity of its students. That is what United International College offers – a mature and fun environment, with staff who are committed to making your time in London an excellent experience. UIC is accredited by the British Council (for both adult English courses and children's courses), is a member of English UK and is on the list of sponsors from the UK Border Agency – part of the Home Office. (Licence Number: FPVW2PXQ3)

"I won a scholarship from the government and I have money to spend. I went to an agency and he looked for a school for me and a residence. I saw that the school was good in the photos. The school is very close to central London. In my country we just do grammar and here we get to speak a lot. You should come to the college because you will learn a lot of English here and the people here are very nice, the receptionist and my classmates. You feel at home here which is good."



Noelia Martinez Llamas, 19 – Spain



Welcome to United International College

The School

UIC is situated in Central London, ideally located for enjoying all the sights of the city. Our main building is in Mortimer Street, just a few minutes from Oxford Circus underground station. In the summer we also hold classes at Westminster University which is minutes away. Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square are all within walking distance of UIC. Our students come from over 50 different countries, including British students studying the many foreign languages that we teach.

The Staff

The teachers at UIC all have qualifications in teaching English as a foreign language and a wide range of teaching experience in the UK and overseas. Only teachers with a background in business or examination preparation work on our specialist programmes.

Our administration team speaks a number of different languages and is available throughout the day if you need any help while you are here, or if you have any questions before you arrive. We pride ourselves on offering outstanding customer service before, during and after your course of study.

Your Welfare

We can arrange your accommodation for you (with families or in residences) and someone to meet you at the airport. We have a busy social programme including sports as well as cultural and social activities.

On your first day, you will receive an introduction to the college and be given information to help you make the most of your time – both studying at UIC and living in London.

We are always here to help you – whatever you need you just have to ask.



All our English courses include:

- ✓ Level check
- ✓ Certificate at the end of the course (subject to satisfactory attendance)
- ✓ Access to IT facilities (internet enabled PCs and wi-fi throughout our school)
- ✓ Access to our e-learning service from the moment you enrol until your course finishes (it is also possible to continue to use this after your course finishes for an additional small charge)
- ✓ Social programme
- ✓ Welfare services
- ✓ Advice on further study



Your progress

Before you arrive you can check your level with our on-line test; and this will help you to choose the right course. With our e-learning programmes you can start to study from the moment you book.

At UIC we take your progress seriously and we monitor your development with regular tests and tutorials. You will have a short test and interview on your first day at UIC so we can place you in the appropriate class.

Your class teacher will give you personal tutorials regularly to make sure you are happy with your lessons and that you are improving as quickly as possible.



General English

- Standard course – 15 lessons a week
- Standard plus – 20 lessons a week
- Intensive – 30 lessons a week
- Intensive plus – 20 lessons plus individual tuition
- Academic Year – 15 lessons plus IELTS
- UIC London Radio – *The Communication Station* – 20 lessons a week

Examination courses

- Cambridge First Certificate – 15 lessons a week
- Cambridge Advanced – 15 lessons a week
- IELTS – 15 lessons a week

Business English & Internships

- Business standard – 15 lessons a week
- Business plus – 20 lessons a week
- Business intensive – 30 lessons a week
- Business Intensive plus – 20 lessons plus individual tuition
- Work Placements & Internships (EU & EEA students only)

Individual tuition

University Foundation Year

Residential summer courses for children and teenagers (7 - 17 years old)

Specialised courses for groups

Modern foreign languages

UIC levels	Beginner	Elementary	Pre Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Advanced	Proficiency
	I can use very basic information and can communicate with the most basic structures	I can understand simple language and survive in basic situations	I can understand and use familiar everyday language and can interact in a simple way	I speak well but not fluently. I can deal with most situations and can read and write simple texts	I can interact with native speakers easily and fluently. I can write easily on a wide range of subjects	I can express myself fluently and spontaneously with writing and speaking and can use English for technical purposes	I can understand virtually everything that is written or said. I can express myself fluently, and precisely in every situation
CEFR		A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
Cambridge ESOL			KET	PET	FCE	CAE	CPE
IELTS			3.0	4.0	5.5	6.5	7.5
TOEFL					450	550	600
TOEIC				400	500	650	750

This table shows approximate comparisons between qualifications.

English Language Courses

Our General English Courses help all levels of learner with the key aspects of English as well as additional skills practice through either group lessons or individual tuition.

General English Standard

Maximum students in class 14

15 lessons per week (*lessons are 60 minutes*)

Start any Monday

Mornings 0900 - 1220

or afternoons 1340 - 1700

Beginners to Advanced

The General English course is for students who want to improve their ability in everyday English.

The course involves practice in speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, together with grammar and pronunciation. The main emphasis of the class is on practical communication to develop fluency and confidence.

The class teacher follows a syllabus for your level but will use additional materials.



General English Intensive

Maximum students in class 14

30 lessons per week

(*30 lessons of 60 minutes*)

Start any Monday

0900 - 1700

Elementary to Advanced

For a truly intensive experience, many students take two parallel General English courses. You are in the same level for both courses and will work with two teachers using different books. This means that you get the expertise of two different teachers on ways to improve and maximise English Language practice.

General English: Academic Year

Maximum students in class 14

15 lessons per week (*lessons are 60 minutes*)

Start any Monday

Mornings 0900 - 1220

or afternoons 1340 - 1700

Beginners to Advanced

This course is designed for students who want to study English for a longer period of time. You will study for 36 weeks which includes an IELTS course at the appropriate time for you. The class tutorials provide the perfect opportunity to discuss with the teacher the best moment to take the IELTS course.

General English Standard Plus

Maximum students in class 14

20 lessons per week (*15 lessons of 60 minutes and 5 lessons of 45 minutes*)

Start any Monday

Mornings 0900 - 1325

or afternoons 1240 - 1700

Elementary to Advanced

This course combines General English with an extra skills class, which will cover a range of different skills including speaking and listening, grammar, vocabulary development and writing.

Many students like to take these additional lessons where the teacher will encourage you to experiment with the language you have learnt and become more confident and more fluent in using it.

General English Intensive Plus

Maximum students in class 14

20 lessons per week (*15 lessons of 60 minutes and 5 lessons of 45 minutes plus 3 or 5 individual lessons – of 60 minutes*)

Start any Monday

Mornings 0900 - 1325 or afternoons

1240 - 1700 and individual tuition will be arranged between 0800 and 1800.

Elementary to Advanced

This course is a combination of class tuition and individual tuition. The lessons are General English Standard plus (20 lessons a week – see above for details) plus either 3 or 5 lessons a week of 1:1 lessons. This gives students the best opportunity to improve their English by offering a general English course for 3 lessons, a skills based lesson and then the opportunity to focus on areas of particular importance for the students – whether pronunciation, preparation for a particular exam, something specialised for work or anything that is a particular problem.

UIC London Radio www.uiclondonradio.com

Maximum students in a class 14

20 lessons per week (*15 lessons of 60 minutes and 5 lessons of 45 minutes*)

Start any Monday

Morning 0900 - 1325

or afternoons 1240 - 1700

Intermediate level plus

The communication station is a brand new course from UIC. It is designed to improve students' spoken and written English communication much faster than classroom based communication classes.

However it is much more than that. During the course you will not only practise your English but also develop valuable skills for your future.

You will:

- Plan a team project
- Give interviews
- Produce and edit radio programmes
- Broadcast across the world on UIC Radio every two weeks



Examination courses

Our examination courses prepare you for internationally recognised examinations you may need for your career or to get into university. We offer a range of courses for different examinations.

Cambridge examination courses

These courses involve practice in writing and speaking skills, reading and listening comprehension, grammar and vocabulary for "Use of English" and examination techniques and practice. These examinations are accepted internationally by employers and universities as evidence of your ability in English. It is important to choose the right examination for your current level of English.

PET – for Intermediate students

FCE – for Upper Intermediate students

CAE – for Advanced students

CPE – for Proficient students

Examination Course – Cambridge First Certificate (FCE)

Maximum students in class 14

15 lessons per week

(15 lessons of 60 minutes)

Start: see Dates and Fees

1340 - 1700

Upper Intermediate

Examination Course – Cambridge Advanced (CAE)

Maximum students in class 14

15 lessons per week

(15 lessons of 60 minutes)

Start: see Dates and Fees

1340 - 1700

Advanced

Examination Course – IELTS

15 lessons per week (15 lessons of 60 minutes)

Start every month

1340 - 1700

This examination is required by British universities and other centres of education as evidence of language ability. The course involves practice in writing and speaking skills, reading and listening comprehension and examination techniques and practice.

Examination Course – TOEIC

By arrangement - TOEIC is usually offered by special arrangement or as a 1:1 class

15 lessons per week (15 lessons of 60 minutes)

Intermediate to Advanced levels

"To be graduated in my engineering school I needed to get the minimum of 750 points in the TOEIC test.

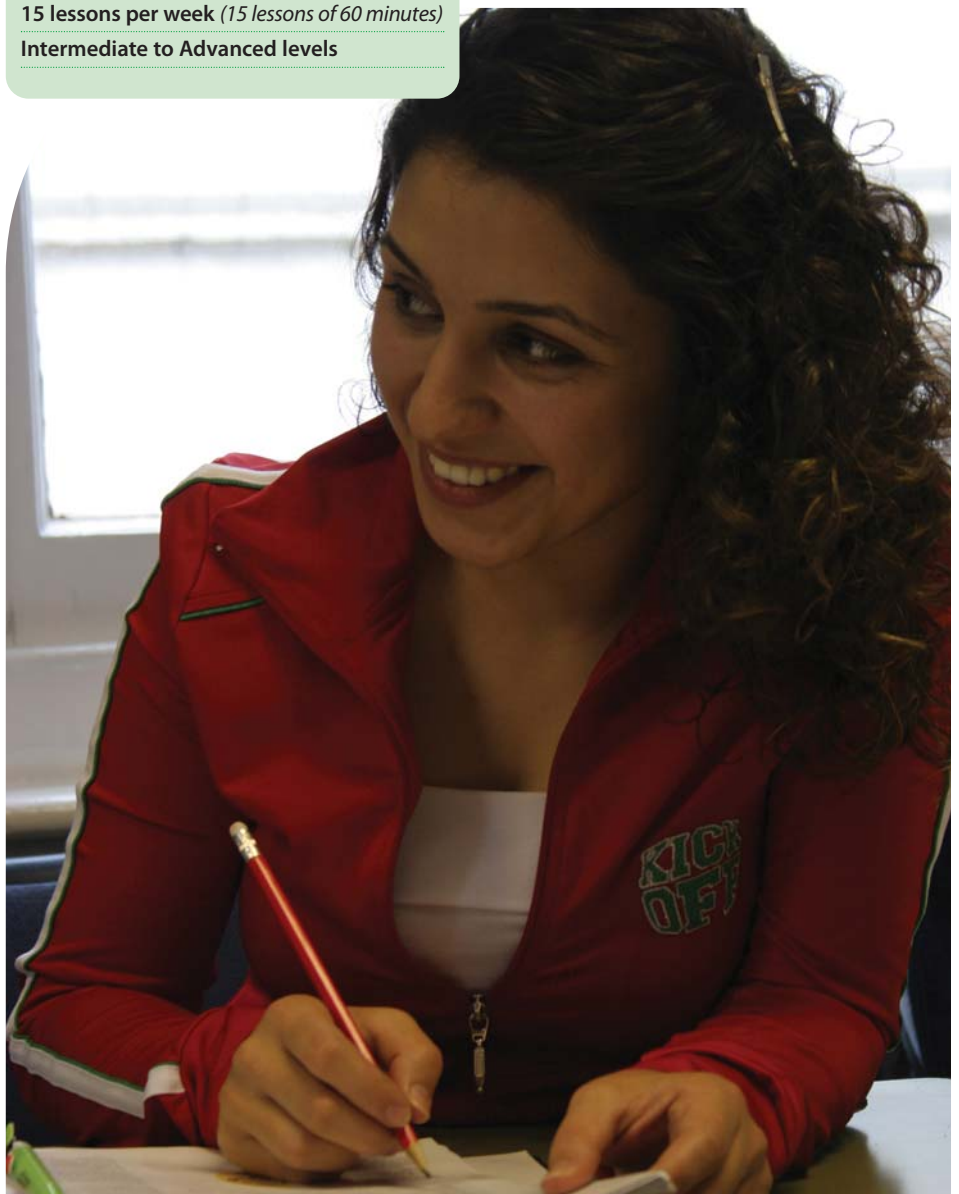
When I passed my TOEIC test in June I got 735 points.

I decided to find a good school in England which was a TOEIC test center. I selected UIC school in London.

After only 4 weeks of interesting and well adapted courses I passed TOEIC test.

And the result was 850 points!!! So I increased my result by 115 points. It's very amazing when you know that you need one school year to get 100 more points!"

Melanie Accard – France



Business English and Work placements

We offer a range of courses designed specifically for students wanting to improve their English for professional reasons. Some of our courses are for professionals – for example our Business English class – where students can take an intensive course for a short time. Others are for people at the beginning of their careers – we also offer work placements and internships for students from within the European Union.

Business English Standard

Maximum students in class 14

15 lessons per week (15 lessons of 60 minutes)

Start any Monday

1340 - 1700

Intermediate to Advanced levels

The Business English class involves practice in speaking skills (eg telephone language, negotiations, presentations) and writing (eg reports, emails and letters) as well as listening and reading comprehension using newspapers and television reports and business English materials. It is designed to help 2 kinds of students:

- Professionals who need to improve their English to reach the next position in their career
- People who are studying Economics or Business Administration related subjects and want to improve their English to help find a job

This course may be combined in part with the English for Work (Workskills) course (below) where the school feels the content will be of advantage to the students.

Business English Standard Plus

Maximum students in class 14

20 lessons per week (15 lessons of 60 minutes and 5 lessons of 45 minutes)

Start any Monday

1240 - 1700

Intermediate to Advanced level

Business English Standard course but combined with a skills lesson which will give additional practice in speaking, listening, grammar, writing and vocabulary development.



Business English Intensive

Maximum students in class 14

30 lessons per week (30 lessons of 60 minutes)

Start any Monday

0900 - 1700

Intermediate to Advanced level

Business English Standard course combined with General English in the mornings.



Business English Intensive Plus

Maximum students in class 14

20 lessons per week (15 lessons of 60 minutes and 5 lessons of 45 minutes plus 3 or 5 individual lessons – of 60 minutes)

Start any Monday

Lessons 1240 - 1700 and individual tuition will be arranged between 0800 and 1800.

Elementary to Advanced

This course is a combination of class tuition and individual tuition. The lessons are Business English Standard Plus (20 lessons a week – see above for details) plus either 3 or 5 lessons a week of 1:1 lessons. This gives students the best opportunity to improve their English by offering a Business English course for 3 lessons, a skills based lesson and then the opportunity to focus on areas of particular importance for the students – whether pronunciation, preparation for a meeting or presentation, something specialised for work or anything that is a particular problem.

Work Placements & Internships (EU & EEA students only)

Many students find doing a work placement or internship a valuable addition to their CV and a great way to improve their communication skills.

UIC can arrange paid work placements in the hospitality industry for those students who want the opportunity to improve their language in an English speaking working environment.

We also arrange professional internships in a wide range of different industries from architecture to theatre. A professional internship can enhance your CV at the start of your career and help you explore future job opportunities.



Foundation Course

We have been running courses to prepare students for study at university for many years with great success. We succeed by helping students make the transition into the right degree course, with the skills and resources they will need.

Course details

Maximum students in class 14

18 lessons per week (12 General English, 2 Academic English, 2 Cultural Studies and 2 of either Business or humanities background studies plus 3 hours every 2 weeks of Study Skills)

Start September and January

Intermediate to Advanced level



St Mary's
University College
Twickenham
London

In our experience students taking a university foundation year course want 4 things from their course:

1. a level of English good enough to study at university
2. a range of study skills and a vocabulary which will make study at university successful
3. a guaranteed pathway into university – and sensible fair advice on the best university to study in
4. experience of a university environment and a study of British culture to make fitting in at university successful

Our Foundation year course is delivered in conjunction with one of the highest ranking universities in London, St Mary's University College. This course is unique in that a part of it (the module in Study Skills) is delivered by the University staff and is delivered on their campus in Twickenham. Additionally success in the module taught by St Mary's carries degree credits – 30 first year credits. This means that if you decide to go onto study a degree at St Mary's you will have completed 25% of the first year.

While you are on the course you are able to take advantage of all the facilities at St Mary's – library, internet, IT facilities, restaurants, bar and sports facilities.

St Mary's offers guaranteed places to successful FY students, with guaranteed on campus accommodation and we can also provide joint offer letters for visa purposes.

Focus on Context

Language

At university you will be studying in English – so you need to be proficient in all the four skills: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. We make sure you can read quickly and accurately, that your pronunciation and grammar are strong, and that your written work is clear and correct.

There are regular modules of IELTS preparation right from the start of the course, so that you gain confidence and experience.

Later you learn how to apply your language skills in an academic context as we work with longer and more complex texts and tapes. You will learn how to write longer essays, take lecture notes, and read university style texts.

Study Skills

There are techniques which can make studying easier! We will teach you techniques for learning, revising and organising yourself, and ensure that you will be able to do what is expected of you in higher education.

Focus on Content

You need to put your language and study skills into practice! You need to be able to read, listen to lectures, write and talk about your subject in English!

Business option

The syllabus includes: Influences on Business, Organisation of Business, Functions of Business, The Role of Management, Business Values, and Culture and Communication in Business.

Humanities option

This option is suitable for students who are planning to study subjects within the humanities, e.g. Art, Sociology, or sciences. The syllabus is based on the British 'General Studies' Advanced Level exam syllabus. This option gives you an insight into your chosen subject and a chance to 'taste' some others, as well as improving your vocabulary and language skills.

Cultural Studies

We put your increasing skills into practice with a syllabus covering British History and Geography and modern British society.

"UIC is one of the best places in London to improve your English. The teachers are so friendly and I really enjoy my lessons. The most important thing is they prepare us strongly for the IELTS exam and almost all students got good marks so they all got places in university. I recommend it to all students"

Dilara Lokman – Turkey



Junior Vacation Courses

UIC vacation courses are designed to maximize our students' potential during their time with us. We provide a structured programme within a secure environment in order for our students to learn to live with other children from all over the world in an international community. It is our belief that such an environment will not only allow our students to better their English skills but also to acquire a range of skills that will benefit them in later life.

For many years, we have ensured the welfare, safety and happiness of young people in our care and with our carefully designed and structured programme we aim to maximise a student's potential. We are proud of our mix of different nationalities and our facilities where the quality of food and cleanliness is guaranteed.

This full time programme provides 15 - 20 lessons a week (depending on the age of the students) of English language teaching in a high quality learning environment with teachers dedicated to working with children. Our dynamic social programme includes exciting leisure activities (afternoon), recreational and entertainment options (evening) and two excursions each week. St Mary's programme is designed for young people from the age of 7 years to 17 years and at St George's from 11 years to 17 years. The schools are in Ascot, Berkshire: St George's is in the centre of Ascot and St Mary's is just 15 minutes walk away.

We take care of all aspects of the stay from airport collections, lessons, activities, sports, trips and excursions!



Specialised Courses for Groups

Tailor made programmes for groups are one of our specialities. We can organise specialised courses from a few days to several weeks and are able to fit in exactly with whatever requirements the group has. Mixed nationality lessons or closed groups, accommodation in families or in hostels (depending on availability), single rooms or shared, meals included or not. Lessons can be mornings or afternoons, every day or just some days and for closed groups we can start lessons on any day of the week. We can also arrange lessons on weekends. Activities range from guided tours of London sights (these can include 'free' places – museums, galleries and so on or we can arrange tickets for attractions such as Madame Tussauds or the Tower of London) or visits out of London to places such as Oxford or Brighton.

Examples of courses we have delivered are: Courses on Fashion with the London College of Fashion lecturers in preparation for London Fashion Week, a course on Politics and Immigration with a series of relevant visits and talks; such as the Houses of Commons and the Police. We have also delivered specialised teacher training courses and arranged integration days in UK schools.

Foreign Language Courses

At UIC we teach a number of modern foreign languages. The best way to learn a language without travelling to the country where it's spoken is to do so in a specialist language school, where the facilities and teachers can help you achieve your goals. UIC is able to provide this and offers small group lessons (average class size of 6) throughout the year as well as private lessons and corporate training.

We regularly offer courses in Spanish, French, Italian, German, Chinese and Japanese and other languages on request. Lessons are held at our central London premises in the evenings – one evening 2 hours a week. All our teachers are native speakers.



Accommodation

At UIC we offer a wide range of accommodation options to suit different lifestyles and budgets. You can choose a student residence in Central London or a student house in zone 2, sharing your overseas experience with other international students, or the security of a homestay away from the lively city centre.

We know that your accommodation is one of the most important parts of your stay in London and we take special care to make sure that all the homes we use are top quality, and are all visited regularly. We are always checking the hostels and taking on more as we find new ones which match our required standards.

Homestay Accommodation

In order to offer students the best possible service and choice of homestays we work with Hosts International for the placing of students. Finding the best family based accommodation is a specialist job.

We have chosen to work with an organisation which can give us the service you need. Hosts International have been separately inspected by the British Council as a provider of homestay and family accommodation and are probably the biggest specialist in this field in the UK with several thousand families!



Standard

These families are situated in a suburban location mainly in Zones 3 and 4, usually within walking distance of a tube stop. Options are bed & breakfast or half board (breakfast and an evening meal). The student has the use of the house and facilities as a family member with their own room with a desk and chair for study.

Superior

These homes offer facilities of a higher calibre in Zones 2 and 3. Locations are closer to the city centre and offer the same meal options as standard homes.

Executive

These homes are situated close to the city centre in Zone 1 and 2, within easy access of the school. Many have en suite bathrooms, some have a private lounge and even a kitchen. Bathroom facilities are sometimes shared with one other student. Again these homes offer the same meal options as standard homes.

Student Residences Summer Only

Summer accommodation is available in university student halls. Some halls offer half board (breakfast and evening meal). The summer student halls are very popular and you should book in advance to avoid disappointment. The halls are available from mid/late June to late August/mid September.



Student Houses

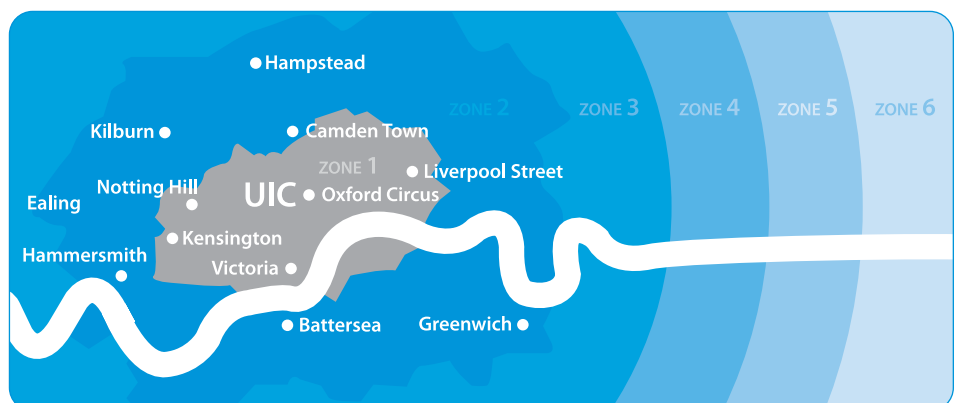
In addition to student residences, we can also arrange accommodation in student houses. Student houses are completely self-sufficient. Students share the kitchen and bathroom facilities. Student houses are generally located in Zone 2.

Travelling from the Airport

UIC can arrange for you to be met at the airport if you wish and be taken by taxi to your chosen accommodation. The driver will be waiting for you with a sign with the UIC logo.

Hostel Accommodation Year Round

All the hostel accommodation offers self-catering facilities, usually sharing a kitchen and bathroom with other students. All residences have TVs and some have internet connections and entry phones in the rooms. The majority of the residences we use are located in travel Zone 1. En-suite accommodation is available in a number of the residences.





Outside the Classroom

In your free time you may want to use the facilities UIC has to offer:

- A student common room where you can
 - Watch TV, DVD
 - Listen to music
 - Relax and read magazines / newspapers
 - Have tea, coffee, snacks
- Computers and internet
 - A computer room with modern facilities
 - Wi-fi access in UIC classrooms
 - Additional PCs in classrooms with internet access which can be used outside class times

We provide a full on-line learning facility which you can use in the school or through any computer with internet access. As a UIC student you will be given a special code for logging into this service. In fact you can begin to use the on line course as soon as you book with us – even before you arrive in the UK.

You can borrow graded reading books from us as well.

We also share some of the facilities in the building with Millennium College (a private higher education College offering degree and masters programmes). This gives different advantages to our students, enabling us to offer a very broad range of social activities. It is also possible for our students with prior arrangement to take some lectures on the Millennium business programmes.



As a student at UIC you will also be able to access our own student community where you will find details of all the different activities we organise, information about how to make the most of your stay in London and the opportunity to meet British students studying foreign languages. We organise 'exchange' lessons where you can meet a student studying the language you speak.

Why London?

People choose to come to London because it is one of the most exciting and busy cities in the world. There are literally hundreds of clubs and music venues, world famous art galleries and museums, some of the most amazing culture and buildings in the world as well as shops, parks, sports... and so on and so on. It may also surprise you to know that many of the things you can do in London are free! – for example all the major museums and galleries are free. The only real problem with coming to London is finding enough time to do everything.

How to find us



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