

## Why is Preessional better than an English exam preparation course?

The Preessional course is designed to help you understand the British and UAL University system better. Studying an arts degree in the UK is likely to be very different to the education you have experienced in other countries. By the end of the course you will be a more confident and independent student, well prepared for UAL and life in London.

The table below highlights the differences between the Preessional course at UAL and English exam preparation courses. IELTS is used as an example below; other exam preparation courses are available.

Preessional course & assessments	IELTS courses & exams
<p><b>University studies focused</b> - improving English level and preparing students for study at Higher Education level</p> <p>Assignments during the Preessional course help build a portfolio of work and are designed to improve important skills such as critical thinking, collaboration and interaction with peers through exhibition reviews, group presentations and group discussions</p>	<p><b>Exam focused</b> - improving English level and preparing students for an academic exam in English</p>
<p><b>Final writing assessment:</b> Two writing tasks related directly to students' UAL main course subject area + one timed writing task on an art, design, fashion or communications-related topic</p>	<p><b>Final writing test:</b> Two writing tasks on topics unlikely to be directly linked to students' main course at UAL</p>
<p><b>Final reading assessment:</b> Two timed reading tasks based on an art, design, fashion or communications-related topic</p>	<p><b>Final reading test:</b> Reading of three passages with topics unlikely to be directly linked to students' main course at UAL</p>
<p><b>Final speaking assessment:</b> Presentation to other students on an art, design, fashion or communications-related topic. The presentation takes place at the end of 'the London Project', where students think about the city in the context of their own art, design, fashion or communications work</p>	<p><b>Final speaking test:</b> Talk to IELTS examiner on topics unlikely to be directly linked to students' main course at UAL. No opportunity to get peer feedback</p>
<p><b>Final listening assessment:</b> Two timed listening tasks based on an art, design or communications-related topic</p>	<p><b>Final listening test:</b> Listening of four recorded texts with topics unlikely to be directly linked to students' main course at UAL</p>