

Teaching English CELTA Course



CELTA is one of the most widely recognised initial qualifications for anyone interested in teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL) anywhere in the world. This course is suitable for both University students and members of the general public.

Increase your employment opportunities and see the world!

The [CELTA](#) certificate is awarded by Cambridge English Language Assessment, part of the University of Cambridge. It is recognised by thousands of employers and teaching organisations worldwide. With millions of people all over the world wanting to learn English, job opportunities are plentiful and diverse, from teaching young learners at summer schools in Spain to business executives in Japan.

The University of Worcester Language Centre offers an intensive 4-week CELTA course that can provide you with the skills, knowledge and hands-on practice to follow a rewarding career in TEFL, either in the UK or abroad.

Entry requirements

Applicants must:

- 1 Be aged 18+
- 1 Have an education standard at least equivalent to that required for entry into higher education
- 1 Have an awareness of language and competence in both written and spoken English which will enable them to undertake the course and prepare for teaching a range of levels.

The recommended candidate language level is C2 or high C1 - grade A or B, on the [CEFR](#).

Dates & fees

Course 1: TBC

Course 2: TBC

Fees 2017: £1500* - includes £140 exam fee

*Students and staff at the University of Worcester are eligible for a £200 discount

Content and assessment

Content

The CELTA focuses on

- 1 Understanding the teaching and learning context
- 1 Language awareness and analysis
- 1 Planning and choosing resources for different teaching contexts
- 1 Developing teaching skills and professionalism, including through teaching practice

Group sizes are limited to 18 and sessions will normally take place from Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm, with breaks. You need to allow for independent study at weekends and in the evenings.

Assessment

You will be assessed throughout the course and there is no final examination. Your teaching practice, written assignments and portfolio will be assessed internally by the University of Worcester CELTA trainers and moderated externally by a Cambridge English Language Assessment approved assessor.

To get the CELTA certificate, you must pass both the teaching practice assignments and the written assignments. There are three passing grades: Pass 'A', Pass 'B' and Pass.

Students have told us....

"The tutors were really professional and helpful. The TP classes were of an appropriate size. The feedback was constructive and guided me in the right direction." - **Vie**

"The standard of teaching and tutors is excellent. The course is well organised in general and the trainee teachers are very well supported." - **Paul**

"The teaching was extremely good and I felt that I learned a lot. (...) The tutors had clearly spent a lot of time thinking about how to make things interesting." - **Hannah**

"The tutors have a variety of international experience between them as well as currently teaching English in this country. (...) I liked the group dynamic and in at the deep end nature of the teaching." - **Louisa**

"There was a good support network when we needed it." - **Ryan**

"The quality of the teaching has been extremely high. It has always been consistent, well planned and of value. The non-city centre location has proved important for ease of access. The tutors are of the highest level with practical experience. The quality of the lessons is unlikely to be bettered elsewhere." - **Keith**

"All of the input sessions are really interesting and useful. I loved the collaborative nature of the teaching practice groups and found observing my peers really valuable and a supportive experience. (...) The course is invaluable in developing your skills and knowledge and providing you with a solid foundation for the start of your career. (...) All of the tutors are incredibly helpful, supportive and approachable. The ability to teach frequently and observe and reflect upon the teaching of your colleagues and tutors greatly improved my own teaching skills." - **Amy**

"The teaching in the mornings has always felt a little challenging but was delivered in many varied ways that were a good model for our own practice. (...) Good professional teaching delivered by a team of diverse, knowledgeable staff." - **Vivienne**

"The amount of support the course offers from tutors (...) I have enjoyed being pushed out of my comfort zone. Well organised input sessions. Experienced and supportive tutors and staff." - **Ella**

Career opportunities

Whether you are looking for a new career opportunity or want a short break in your existing career, a CELTA certificate opens up exciting possibilities of living and working all over the world.

Type in **CELTA** in the 'Qualifications' box on [TEFL.com](#) and check where a CELTA might take you. [Read Laura's story...](#)

Progression

After two years' of full-time teaching you can study for a [DELTA](#) qualification, enabling you to progress to more specialist and/or managerial roles.

In addition, CELTA is also the first phase of the [Diploma in Teaching English \(Literacy and ESOL\)](#) in the Lifelong Learning sector. This qualification is required by teachers who wish to work in this sector in England and Wales.

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What is CELTA?

CELTA is the Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults. It is an initial qualification for people who want to become professional teachers of English as a foreign language. CELTA is accepted throughout the world by organisations which employ English language teachers. It is also recognised by the British Council and is accredited by Ofqual (Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Cambridge CELTA course is a validated, internationally recognised teacher training qualification, it will enable you to teach anywhere in the world. Having the CELTA tells potential employers that you are able to identify the needs of your class, plan and deliver effective lessons to further your students' knowledge, and have the professional standards required of an English teacher.

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Why take a CELTA course? Who accepts CELTA?

Because CELTA is awarded by Cambridge English Language Assessment, part of the University of Cambridge, it is:

- 1 internationally recognised
- 1 highly respected
- 1 a benchmark for quality

The CELTA is accepted by organisations which employ English language teachers throughout the world and widely used as a benchmark of basic teaching skills and quality by:

- 1 English language schools
- 1 the voluntary sector
- 1 non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- 1 publishers
- 1 international educational institutions

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What is the difference between CELTA, TEFL, TESOL and EFL?

TEFL/ESOL is an umbrella term that refers to 'Teaching English as a Foreign Language' or 'Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages' and is not a qualification but a description of the subject matter. Some organisations may offer 'TEFL' or 'EFL' qualifications but you should be careful that the qualification is accredited by a reputable external body (CELTA is accredited by the University of Cambridge ESOL). Make sure you choose a programme which includes actual teaching practice with real students – on the Cambridge CELTA you get a minimum of 6 hours' classroom teaching observed and assessed by highly qualified trainers.

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Who is CELTA for?

CELTA is suitable for those with little or no teaching experience. It is suitable for anyone who wishes to teach English as a foreign language to adults or work in ELT within the UK or overseas. A typical CELTA course will have candidates of all ages and from a variety of backgrounds. Most candidates see CELTA as the starting point of a long-term career in English language teaching. For students working on their gap year, CELTA is a passport to teaching overseas and an ideal way to travel the world whilst developing new skills.

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How long is the CELTA course?

At the University of Worcester you can do CELTA as a full-time intensive course lasting 4 weeks or as an undergraduate module taken over 24 weeks (two semesters). An online CELTA will be offered from 2017 - more details to follow soon. Course content and assessments are the same for all options.

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What is the timetable?

Full-time courses run in June and July from 09:00 to 17:30, Monday to Friday - please see the fees and dates below for more details. The timetable for the undergraduate CELTA module varies and is made available towards the end of the previous academic year. Details for the online CELTA will be confirmed soon.

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What does the CELTA course cover?

The University of Worcester CELTA course is designed for people with little or no previous teaching experience. The aim of the course is to introduce you to the principles of effective language teaching and a range of practical skills for teaching English to adult learners.

The course includes assessed teaching practice, observation of experienced teachers in the classroom and the completion of written assignments which focus on language learners, skills, language awareness and teaching. You will receive training and support from fully qualified and experienced ELT professionals. You will also have access to library resources including professional books, publications, multimedia titles and Internet access.

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How will I be assessed on the course?

Assessment on the course is continuous and integrated, taking into account teaching skills, the written assignments and professionalism, with each assessed component contributing to the overall grade. Trainees are given feedback by the tutors on their teaching and have at least two tutorials during the course at which they discuss their progress. All tutors working on the course discuss each trainee's progress before deciding on the final grade.

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Is the CELTA very intensive?

The full-time CELTA is an intensive but very rewarding course of study. You should be prepared to devote five days a week (including evenings) to the course, and to spend time at the weekend on course-related work. It is advisable that you have no other commitments or distractions while studying on the full-time CELTA. The part-time options (including the online CELTA) are ideal for combining with other study and/or work commitments.

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How many trainees are there on the course?

Courses run with a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 18 participants.

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Are there any age limits?

You need to be 18 or over to start the course. We welcome applicants of any age and background. There is no upper age limit.

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Can non-native speakers of English complete your CELTA programs?

Yes, they can. They would need a [CEFR](#) C2, high C1 (A or B) level qualification plus good writing skills for the assignments. Documentary evidence will be required. All candidates, regardless of nationality, are required to undertake an assessed interview task.

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What level of English grammar is expected prior to the course?

As a teacher of English, it is essential that you are able to provide correct models for the students. We do not expect you to know all the terminology at the start of your teaching career, but you are expected to have a very strong command of the language, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

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Do I need to have teaching experience before I start the course?

No previous teaching experience is required as this is an initial qualification for those who want to go into teaching.

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Do I need to have a degree to do the course?

No. It is recommended that you have educational qualifications that would allow entry to Higher Education but your previous work experience will also be taken into consideration. Please note however that in some countries a degree is required in order to get a work permit. You are advised to consult individual embassies for accurate information and advice.

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Do I need to have knowledge of any languages other than English?

It is not a requirement that you have any other languages. Having experience of studying another language does help you understand the needs of language students a little better which is why we will give you a little taster of a foreign language lesson on the course.

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What is the application/interview procedure?

We ask all candidates to complete an application form, with a writing task. Once the application has been assessed we will contact candidates for an interview.

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Can I interview over the phone or via Skype?

While we prefer face to face interviews we appreciate that this is not always possible, therefore we can conduct a Skype interview when required.

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What happens in the interview?

It is important that we accept candidates who we feel have a good chance of completing the course successfully, therefore we insist that all applicants are interviewed by one of our CELTA trainers. We will want to check that you understand what is involved on the course and that you have realistic expectations of the course outcomes. We also would need to check and that your skills are adequate and so you will be asked questions to get an idea of how well you can explain the things you know about language and how you would interact with students.

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What are the deadlines for registration for the course?

Ideally the registration deadline is two weeks before the course begins. This should be adequate time for you to complete the pre-course grammar and phonology task which will give you a head start on the course.

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What is the pre-course activity?

The pre-course task is designed to get you up to speed on the terminology of English grammar and to help you to recognise the phonemic symbols which help your students to understand the complexities of English pronunciation. We will ask you to identify tenses, parts of speech (adverbs and adjectives, for example) and vocabulary meaning, as well as phonology.

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Why should I choose the University of Worcester?

The University of Worcester has been a centre of teacher training activity since 1946. Ultimately we value each learner's experience and so endeavour to ensure that our courses meet the needs of the individual in preparation for a career in English language teaching. You will be taught by very friendly, fully qualified and experienced ELT professionals. We have all undergone extensive teacher trainer courses and so we empathise with the needs of CELTA trainee teachers. We are a well-equipped modern University and you will have access to library resources including professional books, publications, multimedia titles and Internet access.

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How to apply

If you are interested in applying for the University of Worcester CELTA course, please download and complete the [application form](#) and email it to celta@worc.ac.uk. In your email, please indicate which course option you are interested in (CELTA 17-S01 or CELTA 17-S02). We will then contact you as soon as possible.

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