Pathway Programs

English Language Preparatory Program
Pre-University Foundation Program
Pre-University Foundation Program Extended
Postgraduate Qualifying Program (Business)
The Singapore campus of James Cook University

Established in 2003

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is fully owned by James Cook University Australia, which is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world. James Cook University Australia established its Singapore campus in 2003 as part of its expressed intent of internationalising its activities and offers a suite of university level programs at the Singapore campus covering the areas of Business, Information Technology, Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Science, Commerce, Accounting, Aquaculture, Environmental Science, Games Design, Tourism and Hospitality.

James Cook University offers Higher Degree by Research programs such as Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy and pathways to a higher degree.

Additionally, the campus offers courses at the pre-university level, specifically designed to provide pathways for students who are unable to immediately meet university entrance standards.

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is located at Sims Drive. The campus provides students with access to a full range of facilities and services to support their learning. These include lecture and seminar rooms, library and associated study facilities, computer laboratories, aquaculture research and teaching facility, financial lab and access to a variety of sporting facilities.

James Cook University Inter-campus Exchange Program*

James Cook University provides the opportunity for students to study in Singapore and in Australia and yet still remain as Singapore based students paying their fees in Singapore currency. This is a unique program designed to ensure that the students get the best possible outcomes from their years of study with the university, which operates across two countries.

EduTrust Star

James Cook University has the highest level of quality assurance in Singapore for Private Education Institutions. This is known as EduTrust Star and is a symbol of recognition for outstanding achievement. EduTrust Star is awarded to those institutions for attaining a commendable level of performance in managing their institutions and providing an outstanding quality of education and welfare for their students.

SQC STAR

James Cook University has also been awarded the Singapore Quality Class STAR (SQC STAR). The SQC STAR recognises SQC organisations that have made further improvement in their business excellence journey.

Tropical Futures Institute

Given that research is a core component of the university, James Cook University established the Tropical Futures Institute to leverage off the university's research capability and strength and that creates substantive value-add to the research ecosystems of Singapore and the ASEAN region. The Tropical Futures Institute is the first research institute established by an Australian university in Singapore.

James Cook Institute

James Cook Institute is a wholly-owned subsidiary of James Cook University in Singapore that offers short courses and training programs in Industry 4.0 and areas that fit the needs of the workforce and community. This includes a wide range of short courses and training programs in information technology, digital marketing, communication, and more.

James Cook Institute is committed to further diversifying and enhancing its short course offerings, as well as delivering customised training programs for corporate clients to provide more people with the opportunity to upgrade their skills and stay relevant and employable in today's ever-changing world.

1 2024 Times Higher Education World University Rankings and 2023 ShanghaiRanking Academic Ranking of World Universities as a percentage of higher education providers in the International Association of Universities (IAU) database

* Terms and conditions apply
Our pathway programs are designed to make university education accessible and achievable for a wide range of students in the region through special entrance schemes.

Note: International students in Singapore on a Student Pass are not permitted to work. For more information please visit www.ica.gov.sg

James Cook University is EduTrust Certified. The EduTrust certification scheme is administered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG). EduTrust requires all students to be covered under a Fee Protection Scheme. In James Cook University, this is provided through Fee Protection Scheme Group Insurance. All students from James Cook University are covered hospitalization, surgery and treatment costs in accordance to insurance policy term and conditions under the Group Hospitalisation and Surgical insurance scheme. James Cook University will advise in the Standard Student Contract the total amount of insurance payable.

For more details please visit the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) website: www.ssg.gov.sg/cpe/pei.html

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Pre-University Foundation Program

The foundation program provides an opportunity for students who do not meet our rigorous entry requirements to a Bachelor’s degree to upgrade their skills through a pre-university entry program.

The objective of the foundation program is to provide an alternative pathway to tertiary education for students who are disadvantaged by their geographical location, family situation, education history or other circumstances. It equips students with the skills and capabilities to enter tertiary study. The program focuses on entry to undergraduate degrees in Business, Business and Environmental Science, Psychology and Information Technology.

Study Program

Students are required to complete 10 subjects:

- English Fundamentals 1
- Communication across cultures
- Statistics
- Critical Thinking
- Introduction to Learning and Development
- Introduction to Mathematics
- Economics
- Introduction to Information Technology
- Human Perspective on World Geography
- Fundamentals of Psychology
- English Fundamentals 2
- Chemistry *

* Currently not offered

Duration:
8 months full-time

Intakes:
January*, May, September
(Commencing in Trimester)

Course Structure:
2 trimesters (5 subjects per trimester)

Total Tuition Fees (2024):
S$17,167.50 (International)
S$15,532.50 (Domestic)**

*In 2024, the intake will commence in February
**Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass).

Note:
- All course fees include the corresponding Singapore Goods and Services Tax (GST), which is 9% in 2024.
- The details of the instalment breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.
Entry Requirements

A secondary education qualification equivalent to Australia Year 11, for example:

**Singapore:** GCE O Levels with Grade C average in 5 subjects and to attain minimum age of 17 years in the year of commencement; or
- Higher NITEC; or
- NITEC with 2 years of work experience + interview; or
- MYP Certificate (IB Middle Years Programme) (Year 10) with at least 32 points

**Sri Lanka:** GCE O Levels with Grade C average in 5 subjects

**Brunei:** GCE O Levels with Grade C average in 5 subjects

**Mauritius:** GCE O Levels with Grade C average in 5 subjects

**Hong Kong:** HKCEE Form 5 with Grade C in four subjects

**Japan:** Kotogakko Year 2 with 2.5 average

**China:** Senior Middle School 2 with 60% average

**Malaysia:** SPM/UEC with passes in 5 academic subjects with C average

**Indonesia:** SMA 2 with GPA 7.0

**India:** Year 11 with 60% average

**Thailand:** Matayom 5 with 60% average

**Korea:** Senior High School leaving certificate Year 2 with C average

**Vietnam:** Year 11 with GPA 6.0

**Myanmar:** Completion of BEHS with 40% average / matriculation (pass in 6 subjects)

**Laos/Cambodia:** High School Year 12 Diploma

**Philippines:** Certificate of Graduation Year 11 with 75% average

**Taiwan:** Senior High School Year 2 with C average

**Kazakhstan:** Certificate of UNT (Unified National Testing) - 11 years of schooling which is comparable to GCE “AS” level. To gain entry with overall final grade of minimum 75%; OR
- Certificate of Basic Secondary Education - 11 years of schooling (without taking UNT). To gain entry with grade average of 4.0 (80%)

Progression Requirement

Students need to successfully complete ten (10) subjects with a minimum pass of 50% per subject and secure an overall 65% to progress to the JCU undergraduate program.

Language Requirement

- Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency requirements of IELTS 5.5 (no component lower than 5.0) / TOEFL (Internet Based) 56 (no component less than 16) / Pearson PTE Academic 46 (no component less than 42); or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University Singapore English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
- Successful completion of other qualifications completed in English Language deemed comparable to Australian standards on a case-by-case basis in accordance to JCU admissions guidelines

*Any advanced standing for recognition for prior learning will be based on a case by case basis*
The objective of the JCU Foundation program, Extended is to provide an alternative pathway into tertiary education programs for those students including international students who are disadvantaged by their geographical location, family situation, educational history or other circumstances whereby they are unable to participate in other entry mechanisms.

It equips students with the knowledge, skills and attitude to enter tertiary study.

**Pre-University Foundation Program Extended**

**Progression Requirement**

Students must pass English Language Preparatory Program Level 3 and Maths in order to progress to Term 2 & Term 3. Students need to successfully complete ten (10) subjects from Term 2 and Term 3 with a minimum pass of 50% per subject and secure an overall 65% to progress to the JCU undergraduate program.

**Duration:** 14 months full-time  
(Commencing in English Study Period)

**Intakes:** March, July, November

**Course Structure:**

3 trimesters

**Total Tuition Fees (2024):**

- International: $23,189.75
- Domestic: $21,282.25

*Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass).

**Note:**

- All course fees include the corresponding Singapore Goods and Services Tax (GST), which is 9% in 2024.
- The details of the instalment breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.

**Career Prospects:**

It’s a pathway program giving students the opportunity to pursue an undergraduate program. There is no exit certificate.
Study Program

Students are required to complete 3 trimesters/terms namely:

Term 1:
- English Language Preparatory Program Level 3
- Maths

Term 2 and 3:
Students are required to complete 10 of the following subjects:
- English Fundamentals 1
- Communication across cultures
- Statistics
- Critical Thinking
- Introduction to Learning and Development
- Introduction to Mathematics
- Economics
- Introduction to Information Technology
- English Fundamentals 2
- Human Perspectives on World Geography
- Fundamentals of Psychology
- Chemistry *

* Currently not offered

Entry Requirements

Singapore: GCE ‘O’ level or IGCSE qualification with a minimum FOUR O level passes with a minimum 11 points aggregate score
- NITEC + Interview
- MYP Certificate with at least 28 points

Hong Kong: HKCEE Form 5 with grade C in 3 subjects

Malaysia: SPM/UEC with passes in 4 academic subjects with C average

Korea: Senior High School leaving certificate Year 2 with D average

Vietnam: Year 11 with GPA 5.0

Indonesia: SMA Year 2 with GPA 6.5

India: Year 11 with 55% average

Thailand: Matayom 5 with 50% average

Kazakhstan: Certificate of UNT (Unified National Testing) -11 years of schooling which is comparable to GCE “AS” level. To gain entry with overall final grade of minimum 70%; or
- Certificate of Basic Secondary Education -11 years of schooling (without taking UNT). To gain entry with grade average of 3.5 (70%)

English Requirements

- Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency requirements of IELTS 5.5 (no component lower than 5.0) / TOEFL (Internet Based) 56 (no component less than 16) / Pearson PTE Academic 46 (no component less than 42); or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University Singapore English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
- Successful completion of other qualifications completed in English Language deemed comparable to Australian standards on a case-by-case basis in accordance to JCU admissions guidelines
Postgraduate Qualifying Program (Business)

In the context of a JCU graduate on successful completion of the Postgraduate Qualifying Program (Business) graduates will be able to demonstrate essential knowledge and key critical necessary for a career in business related professions.

Study Program

Core Subject

Professional and Academic Skills for Business

Option A (General Stream)

Select this option if the destination degree is the Master of Business Administration, or the Master of International Tourism and Hospitality

Select 3 subjects from the following list

- Project Management
- Evidence Based Business Decision-Making
- Business Negotiation
- Managing People
- Destination Management and Planning

Option B (Information Technology Stream)

Select this option if the destination degree is the Master of Information Technology or the Master of Information Technology – Master of Business Administration

Select 1 subject of level 2 Business or IT subjects as approved by the Course Coordinator

Select 2 subjects of level 3 Business or IT subjects as approved by Course Coordinator

Career Prospects:
Successful students can progress through the Bachelor or Master Degree program cited above.

Entry Requirements

Completion of minimum qualification equivalent to post-Year 12, Associate degree GPA 4.0, Bachelor degree GPA 3.5, or 3 years full time work experience.

English Requirements

- Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency requirements of IELTS 6 (no component lower than 6.0) / TOEFL (Internet Based) 74 (no component less than 18) / Pearson PTE Academic 52 (no component less than 52); or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University Singapore English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
- Successful completion of other qualifications completed in English Language deemed comparable to Australian standards on a case-by-case basis in accordance to JCU admissions guidelines

Duration:
4 months full-time or 8 months part time (Commencing in Trimester)

Intakes:
Trimester: January*, May, September

Course Structure: 4 subjects in Trimester

Total Tuition Fees (2024):
- S$10,791 (International)
- S$10,355 (Domestic)**

*In 2024, the intake will commence in February
**Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass).

Note:
- All course fees include the corresponding Singapore Goods and Services Tax (GST), which is 9% in 2024
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“With my qualification, I was recommended to start with the Pre-University Foundation Program. After finding out that the curriculum prepares one more than adequately for the undergraduate program my desire to attend this program became stronger. This program has prepared me to start my life’s journey. The subjects have exposed me to diverse cultures and have given me a deeper insight and understanding of them. Subjects like Learning and Development taught me to develop and enhance my learning skills and techniques.

The subject Critical Thinking has enriched my analytical skills and I’m more mindful of the thinking processes and decision making. The Foundation curriculum is well designed, interesting and helps to broaden your skills and outlook on life. Moreover, the teaching staff are experts in their field and are most motivating and inspiring. They are friendly and readily approachable.

The James Cook University Foundation program paves the way for a seamless transition to the undergraduate program.”
English Language Preparatory Program

This program has been specifically designed to enable students to develop their language skills for study at James Cook University. It also aims to develop the critical individual learning capabilities required for successful university study.

In terms of language skills, the core texts have a focus on macro-skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking, and these are supplemented by academic literacy skills. For example, in all levels students must carry out presentations on a regular basis, ending up with an academic presentation on Level 3.

The students’ ability to learn independently is developed over the program, with students being asked to complete greater amounts of coursework on an autonomous basis as they move through the program. For example, Level 3 students will spend 12 weeks honing their academic and language skills through classwork, individual tutorials and self-directed study, culminating in a 1500 word essay and academic presentation on the topic.

Critical thinking is also strongly encouraged, with students being required to form opinions on a range of subjects and express these arguments in both written and spoken form.

Students intending to do a Master’s degree develop their academic language skills in level 4, which is designed to enable students to advanced their level of English language proficiency to an equivalent of IELTS 6.5.

In class, students will engage with contemporary topics of importance to the globalised world, attend lectures, and read and carry out tasks in relation to these topics. Students who successfully complete all their Level 4 assignments, will also be able to apply for 3 credits exemption for their university course.
This program helps students in the following ways:

- Prepares students for full degree programs at the Singapore campus of James Cook University
- Enhances students’ abilities in reading, writing, speaking and listening in English
- Equips students to present information, concepts and ideas on a variety of topics
- Enables students to express feelings and emotions, exchange opinions and make observations in English
- Improves students’ writing and research skills

Duration: 4 months full-time for each level
Intakes: March, July, November
Total Tuition Fees (2024): S$4,305.50 (International)
S$4,196.50 (Domestic)*

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Note:
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- The details of the instalment breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is quality assured by the National English Accreditation Scheme (NEAS), a global leader in quality assurance of English language teaching. NEAS endorses English language programs, making certain that they adhere to a broad set of standards covering both teaching and the overall student experience. James Cook University is the only institution in Singapore to have achieved this quality mark.
English Language Preparatory Program Learning Outcomes

Introductory

- Understand simple reading texts on familiar topics
- Produce short texts on familiar topics using simple sentence structures
- Understand short listening texts on familiar topics
- Talk about familiar topics using simple language

Level 1

- Describe familiar topics such as, origin, families, likes and dislikes and hobbies
- Engage in everyday situations independently and comfortably in English
- Understand and use a range of grammatical forms and be able to logically connect ideas to create basic cohesive texts
- Derive meaning from and perform simple analysis of short reading and listening passages

Level 2

- Speak logically and clearly on a variety of topics in an organised and confident manner
- Summarise and paraphrase texts using complex and compound sentences
- Understand and synthesise spoken and written input
- Produce cohesive written work on relevant topics using appropriate academic vocabulary
- Read extensively and critically on general and academic topics

Level 3

- Demonstrate understanding of a variety of spoken discourse
- Display critical thinking of academic topics through speech and writing
- Derive meaning of specific details from different types of discourse
- Produce academic essays, following Australian university conventions
- Read academic texts, using appropriate reading techniques

Level 4

- Demonstrate understanding of key issues of importance in the globalised world
- Demonstrate practical oral skills through presentations
- Locate and analyse information from a range of resources
- Understand, analyse and present arguments on a range of issues
- Demonstrate understanding of spoken academic discourse
- Produce academic essays and reports, using appropriate style and format
- Select and use contemporary technologies to access, organise, share and communicate information from a broad range of sources, appropriately, efficiently, effectively, ethically and legally
Entry Requirements

- The academic requirement differ from country to country but in general applicants must have satisfactorily completed 11 years of schoolings or equivalent.

English Entry Requirements

- IELTS equivalent of 4.0 as per our placement test or an IELTS test result

Exit Requirement

- Completion of this course with a satisfactory result is a pathway to tertiary programs
- Successful completion of Level 2 of the ELPP – Pre University Foundation Program
- Successful completion of Level 2 of the ELPP with a score of 75% - Diploma Programs
- Completion of Level 3 of the ELPP with a score of 55% - Diploma Programs
- Successful completion of Level 3 of the ELPP - Band 1 tertiary courses
- Successful completion of Level 4 of the ELPP - Band 2 tertiary courses
“The English Language Preparatory Program helped me to improve my English quickly. The program trained my listening, speaking and writing skills. I learned how to write a good essay, create PowerPoint slides and prepare for presentations.

The English program equipped me with the ability to understand and speak English very well. I am now confident to further my studies at James Cook University by taking the Master’s Degree program.”