

Pathways to achieving aspirations



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 world¹. 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, Cybersecurity, Economics, 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. This is a unique program designed to ensure that students get the best possible outcomes from their years of study with the university, which operates across two countries. Students will get to experience international study environments within one study journey, with exposure to diverse cultures, communities, and ways of life.

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.

James Cook University is the first organisation with EduTrust Star. By obtaining this award for the third time in 2023, James Cook University has displayed its commitment and focus as a student centric educational institution.

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 2026 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings and 2024 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 (EduTrust) is a quality assurance scheme administered and governed by Skills and Workforce Development Agency (SWDA) for Private Education Institutions (PEIs) in Singapore. The EduTrust Certification Scheme requires all students to be covered under the Fee Protection Scheme (FPS). 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 Skills and Workforce Development Agency (SWDA) website: <https://www.swda.gov.sg/>

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*: S\$18,312 (International)
S\$16,023 (Domestic)**

** Effective for students commencing from Trimester 2, 2026. Tuition fees are subject to change in following years.*

*** 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 9% Singapore Goods and Services Tax (GST).
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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.

**Please note that some JCU Bachelor programs require higher GPA and not all programs are available for this Foundation pathway.*

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
- Completing a course of study delivered in English or experience in an English-speaking workplace may help you demonstrate the English language skills you need at JCU.

Any advanced standing for recognition for prior learning will be based on a case by case basis





"The James Cook University experience has prepared me for my psychology degree with its well-rounded foundation program. This Pre-University Foundation Program enables students to explore a wide range of subjects like Economics, IT and Psychology. Our teachers are not only highly qualified but also friendly and helpful, creating a safe and fun environment to study in."

Laelle Chng En Xuan
Pre-University Foundation Program, 2025

Pre-University Foundation Program Extended

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.

Career Prospects:

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

Progression Requirement

Students need to successfully complete twelve (12) subjects with a minimum pass of 50% per subject and secures an overall 65%* to progress to the JCU undergraduate program.

**Please note that some JCU Bachelor programs require higher GPA and not all programs are available for this Foundation pathway.*

Duration: 12 months full-time

Intakes: January, May, September

Course Structure: 3 trimesters

Total Tuition Fees*: S\$24,721.20 (International)
S\$21,952.60 (Domestic)**

** Effective for students commencing from Trimester 2, 2026. Tuition fees are subject to change in following years.*

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

Note:

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Study Program

Students are required to complete 3 trimesters/ terms namely:

Term 1:

- English Language Preparatory Program Level 3
- Introduction to Learning and Development *or* 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 *or* Maths
- Introduction to Mathematics
- Economics
- Introduction to Information Technology
- English Fundamentals 2
- Human Perspectives on World Geography*
- Fundamentals of Psychology
- Chemistry*

**Currently not offered*

English Requirements

- 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
- C1 Advanced/C2 Proficiency 162 (no component less than 154) or ISLPR At least 2 in each skill area or AEMG English for Academic Purposes Direct Entry Program (AEAP DEP) Final Exam Overall 60% with no exam sub-score below 60%; or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University Singapore English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
- Completing a course of study delivered in English or experience in an English-speaking workplace may help you demonstrate the English language skills you need at JCU

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%)



"Through its foundational program, James Cook University gave me the opportunity and environment to grow and to be well prepared for academic challenges that I would face in the future and briefed me on cultural norms and why cues and body gestures play a huge role when working in a multicultural environment. The concept of culture shock that was foreign to me gave me more understanding and helped me engage better with people from different countries."

Shaun Wong Zheng Kai
Pre-University Foundation Program, 2025

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 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

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- 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

Applicants must hold or demonstrate one (1) of the following pre-requisite requirements:

- A three-year post-secondary (post-Year 12 equivalent) qualification; or
- An Associate Degree* or higher in any discipline, with a minimum GPA of 4.0; or
- A Bachelor Degree (or equivalent)

** With a minimum GPA of 3.5; or a minimum of three (3) years full-time equivalent managerial or professional 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
- Completing a course of study delivered in English or experience in an English-speaking workplace may help you demonstrate the English language skills you need at JCU.

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*: S\$11,379.60 (International)
S\$10,682 (Domestic)**

** Effective for students commencing from Trimester 2, 2026. Tuition fees are subject to change in following years.*

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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 their time honing their academic and language skills through classwork, individual tutorials and self-directed study, culminating in an essay and academic presentation on the topic.

Critical thinking is strongly encouraged; students must form opinions on various subjects and express their arguments in both written and spoken forms.

Students intending to do a Master's degree develop their academic language skills in level 4, which is designed to enable students to advance their English language proficiency to an IELTS-equivalent level of 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 Level 4 assignments may also apply for a three-credit exemption in their university degree.





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: January, May, September

Total Tuition Fees*: S\$4,578 (International)
S\$4,327.30 (Domestic)**

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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

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.

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

English Entry Requirements

Admission to this course at ELPP Level 2 requires:

- Placement Test – 55-68
- IELTS – 5.0 (no component less than 4.5)
- TOEFL IBT – 35 (no component less than 12)
- PTE Academic - 42 (No component less than 36)
- C1 Advanced/C2 Proficiency - 154 (no sub score less than 140)
- Versant Placement Test - 43 (no component less than 38)
- Duolingo - 75 (no component less than 65)

Admission to this course at ELPP Level 3 requires:

- Placement Test – 69-79
- IELTS – 5.5 (no component less than 5.0)
- TOEFL IBT – 56 (no component less than 16)
- PTE Academic - 46 (No component less than 42)
- C1 Advanced/C2 Proficiency - 162 (no sub score less than 154)
- Versant Placement Test - 47 (no component less than 43)
- Duolingo - 85 (no component less than 75)

Admission to this course at ELPP Level 4 requires:

- Placement Test – 80+
- IELTS – 6.0 (no component less than 6.0)
- TOEFL IBT – 74 (no component less than 18)
- PTE Academic - 52 (No component less than 52)
- C1 Advanced/C2 Proficiency - 169 (no sub score less than 169)
- Versant Placement Test - 53 (no component less than 53)
- Duolingo - 95 (no component less than 95)



English Language Preparatory Program
Pre-University Foundation Program
Pre-University Foundation Program Extended
Postgraduate Qualifying Program (Business)

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