



# Lexical Lab Summer School

**PIC: 931866585**

## Advanced Language and Culture

Our **Lexical Lab** summer courses take place at London Metropolitan University, Holloway Road campus. It's a two-minute walk from Holloway Road tube station, which is on the Piccadilly Line. From here, you can get to Holborn in central London in eight minutes. The venue is also a ten-minute walk from Highbury and Islington station, which is on the Victoria line and has a range of overground services. We suggest you check <https://citymapper.com/london> for journey times and routes.

**Total hours** 24 per week:

17.5 classroom hours per week

6.5 hours of cultural tours (spread over a minimum of three visits)

### Course dates

7<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Course Fees

£800

### Registration fee

The course fee includes an £80 registration fee that covers admin, materials, entrance to timetabled visits, but *not* transport.

### Accommodation

In general, we recommend attendees sort out their own accommodation, but we are happy to advise and help out. We may, though, be able to offer some basic single rooms in a student residence two minutes from Wood Green underground station (Zone 3), which is a ten-minute tube ride from our training venue. If we are able to block-book this, you'd have an individual bedroom, but share a bathroom and kitchen. You'd usually share these with other participants on the course. The cost is around **£200 / week** plus a **£40 booking fee**.

We will wait to see how many people are interested in this option before booking. If you want to be considered for this, please let us know ASAP so by the end of the year, we can make an informed decision on whether or not to block-book rooms.

Peak travel to our venue **£2.50**.

Oyster card / Contactless payment for zones 1-3 costs is a maximum **£45.20 / week**.

If this does not suit your needs, you can try [London Homestays](#) or [Londonist](#), which are both British Council accredited. In the past, we have found they had very limited availability for one and two-week stays and generally offered student residences. Otherwise, you may try websites such as [Homestay.com](#), [AirBnbB](#) and [Student.com](#). Prices will vary from around £200 – £450/week including fees.

### Course Outline

This course is aimed at anyone with a level of English between B2 and C2. It will give you confidence and familiarity with current issues, media representations, stereotypes, cultural and political figures and recent events in Britain. The focus is largely on modern culture, although there is also some historical content too. Material and tasks are more adult and appropriate for university-level students or simply for your own pleasure and language learning! The course combines discussions, lectures, different media and visits within London on the connected themes

### Content

Course content is divided by week. We offer a choice of topics each week to provide some flexibility, and we will provide a questionnaire for participants before you arrive so you can express preferences or make requests, which we will try to incorporate into the course where there is agreement between participants.



### Week 1

Common UK cultural stereotypes  
 Regions and cities  
 Brexit: nostalgia and myths  
 Windrush and immigration  
 The law and crime  
 Sport and society  
 Royal family and influence  
 Education  
 Class  
 Family

### Week 2

Women in UK society  
 Comedy and Stand-up  
 UK Media and Music  
 Housing and regeneration  
 Family  
 Literature  
 Health and the Health service  
 Drinking and drug culture  
 Youth issues  
 Food – people and influences

### Outcomes

After this course, participants will:

- be more comfortable in their knowledge of contemporary UK culture
- be better able to deal with cultural references in conversation
- be more able to understand colloquial language
- be aware of a variety of internet resources and writers for study beyond the course
- go away with some material they can use in adult or university classes
- know London better

### Sample week 1 Timetable

The timetable is a sample only and open to change.

Group visits with teacher are in bold below.

	9-10.30	11.15-12.45	14.00-15.30	16.00-17.30	Social
<b>Mon</b>	UK Regions		Kings Cross and the British Library		
<b>Tues</b>	Brexit: nostalgia and Myths		Blackheath, Greenwich & Museum of London		Comedy night
<b>Weds</b>	Windrush and immigration		Brixton		
<b>Thurs</b>	Law and the crime		Royal Courts and Old Bailey		Pub visit
<b>Fri</b>	Education		Free		
<b>Sat</b>	Oxford tour + swimming!				
<b>Sun</b>	Free				Dinner in Haringay

### Certification

All participants can receive a **Lexical Lab** attendance certificate stating title of course and number of hours.

### Check it's the course for you:

- I am a teacher or learner with English between B2 and C2 level
- I am primarily interested in learning more about UK culture and some related language
- I am happy to get some tips and materials for my class, but that's not my main goal
- I am happy to have lectures and workshops – not a pure language focus

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