

MY STUDY PLAN

The IELTS challenge is not only about knowing English as it is. It is about being able to use this language in a wide range of contexts: from science to arts, from psychology to politics. Likewise, our course presents tasks on various topics to expose you to a larger scope of language.

Use this study plan to organise and guide your IELTS Academic preparation process. All tasks and practice exercises from IELTS Grade course can be found here: grade-online.com/ielts

Steps and topics mentioned in this study plan are named in the same way as parts of the course, so once you open the course, you can find them easily.

How much time before the test?

1 WEEK

1 MONTH

2 MONTH

1 WEEK

If you have only one week, there are still lots of ways you can benefit from the course and improve your chances of scoring higher in the IELTS test. **Email us about this at online@grade.ua. We will then check your writing and speaking tests more quickly.**

Day 1

Time: ≈4 hours

Step 1: Academic Writing About Writing (≈ 1 hour).

If you are familiar with IELTS, do only **Academic style** from this part.

Step 2: Academic Writing Visuals_ Understanding visuals (≈ 1 hour)

Get acquainted with tasks better, look at types, learn basic strategies, try writing (evaluation + advice).

Step 3: Academic Writing Essays_ Understanding essays (≈ 1 hour)

Get acquainted with tasks better,

1 MONTH

If you have a month before the test, find out what areas need improvement the most. Use this plan to guide you through the parts of the course.

Every single day of this month

Update language, broaden outlook

Take 15 minutes to read and watch the news on a wide range of topics: oil prices change, a new vaccine is invented, architectural styles clash in a city, and people protest against violations... The wider the range, the better.

Week 1

Step 1: Academic Writing About Writing (≈ 1 hour). If you are familiar with IELTS

2 MONTH

If you have two months before the test, take a balanced approach to prepare: develop your skills gradually using the suggested study plan that provides detailed guidance throughout all parts of the course.

Every single day of these 2 months

Update language, broaden outlook

Take 15 minutes to read and watch the news on a wide range of topics: oil prices change, a new vaccine is invented, architectural styles clash in a city, and people protest against violations... The wider the range, the better.

Week 1

Step 1: Academic Writing About Writing (≈ 1 hour).

unpack essay tasks, learn basic strategies, try writing (evaluation + advice).

Step 4: Speaking

Videos 1-3

Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

Day 2

Time: ≈4 hours

Step 1: Academic Writing

Line graph (≈ 50 min)

Watch the video, study the model (Four cafes, Electricity production), write your description + model (Practice).

Step 2: Academic Writing

Bar chart (≈ 50 min)

Watch the video, study the models (Let's organise it), write your description + model (Practice).

Step 3: Academic Writing

and how it's assessed, do only **Academic style** from this part.

Step 2: Visuals_Understanding visuals (≈ 1 hour)

Get acquainted with tasks better, look at types, learn basic strategies, try writing (evaluation + advice).

Step 3: Academic Writing Essays_Understanding essays

(≈ 1 hour)

Get acquainted with tasks better, unpack essay tasks, learn basic strategies, try writing (evaluation + advice).

Step 4: Academic Writing

Line graph (≈ 1 hour)

Watch the video, study the model (Four cafes, Electricity production), learn strategies (How to build it), write your description + model (Practice).

Step 5: Academic Writing-Cause-and-effect essay

(≈ 1h 30 min)

If you are familiar with IELTS and how it's assessed, do only **Academic style** from this part.

Step 2: Academic Writing

Visuals_Understanding visuals (≈ 1 hour)

Get acquainted with tasks better, look at types, learn basic strategies, try writing (evaluation + advice).

Step 3: Academic Writing

Essays_Understanding essays (≈ 1 hour)

Get acquainted with tasks better, unpack essay tasks, learn basic strategies, try writing (evaluation + advice).

Step 4: Reading

Videos 1-3

Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

Cause-and-effect essay

(≈ 1h 20 min)

Watch the video, study the model (The essay), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 4: Speaking

Practice and test with feedback

Do one speaking test as training and listen to sample answers. Do another test as a mock test and submit your answers to get feedback.

Day 3

Time: ≈4 hours

Step 1: Academic Writing

Table (≈ 40 min)

Watch the video, study the model (Smartphone apps: description), write your description + model (Practice).

Step 2: Academic Writing

Multiple chart (≈ 1h 20 min)

Watch the video, study the model and strategies (School

Watch the video, study the model (The essay), learn strategies (Staying on topic), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 6: Reading

Videos 1-3

Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

Week 2

Step 1: Academic Writing

Bar chart (≈ 1 hour)

Watch the video, study the models and strategies (Let's organise it), write your description + model (Practice).

Step 2: Academic Writing

Table (≈ 1 hour)

Watch the video, study the model and strategies (Smartphone apps: description), write your description + model (Practice).

Week 2

Step 1: Academic Writing

Line graph (≈ 3 hours)

Watch the video, study the model (Four cafes, Electricity production), learn strategies (How to build it) and language (Changes over time, Future predictions, Extending ideas, More language about change), write your description + model (Practice).

Step 2: Academic Writing

Language for essays

Learn how to link ideas, practice using a range of complex grammar and phrases for essays.

Step 3: Academic Writing

Cause-and-effect essay

(≈ 1.5 hour)

Watch the video, study the model (The essay), learn strategies (Staying on topic) and language (cause and effect,

grades: description, multiple charts: another type), write your descriptions + models (Practice: similar elements, different elements).

Step 3: Academic Writing Opinion essay (≈ 1 hour) Watch the video, study the model (Rich and poor: essay, partially agree), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 4: Reading Videos 1-3
Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

Day 4
Time: ≈4 hours

Step 1: Academic Writing Process (≈ 1h 20 min)
Watch the video, study the models (Natural process, Hydrological cycle, Artificial process), write your description + model

Step 3: Academic Writing Multiple chart (≈ 2 hours)
Watch the video, study the model and strategies (School grades: description, Multiple charts: another type), write your descriptions + models (Practice: similar elements, different elements).

Step 4: Academic Writing Opinion essay (≈ 1 hour) Watch the video, study the model and strategies (Rich and poor: essay, Partially agree), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 5: Speaking Videos 1-3
Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

Step 6: Reading Videos 4-6
Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

solutions), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 4: Reading Videos 1-3
Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

Week 3

Step 1: Academic Writing Bar chart (≈ 3 hours)
Watch the video, study the models, learn strategies (Let's organise it) and language (Language, Linkers, How we compare), write your description + model (Practice).

Step 2: Academic Writing Table (≈ 1.5 hours) Watch the video, study the model and strategies (Smartphone apps: description) and language (Comparing figures, paraphrasing age ranges), write your description +

(Practice: natural, artificial).

Step 2: Academic Writing

Mixed essay (≈ 50 min)

Watch the video, study the model (To what extent + question), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 3: Academic Writing Advantages-disadvantages essay (≈ 50 min)

Watch the video, study the model (Newspapers vs online), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 4: Reading

Videos 4-6

Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

Day 5

Time: ≈3 hours

Step 1: Academic Writing Maps (≈ 40 min)

Week 3

Step 1: Academic Writing Process (≈ 2 hours)

Watch the video, study the models and strategies (Natural process, Hydrological cycle, Artificial process), write your descriptions + models (Practice (natural, artificial)).

Step 2: Academic Writing Mixed essay (≈ 1 hour)

Watch the video, study the model and strategies (To what extent + question), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 3: Academic Writing Advantages-disadvantages essay (≈ 1 hour)

Watch the video, study the model and strategies (Newspapers vs online, Another type), write your essay + model (Practice).

model (Practice).

Step 3: Academic Writing Opinion essay (≈ 1.5 hour)

Watch the video, study the models, strategies (Rich and poor: essay, Partially agree, Body paragraphs) and language (Writing about your opinion), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 4: Listening

Videos 1-4

Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

Week 4

Step 1: Academic Writing Multiple charts (≈ 3 hours)

Watch the video, study the models, strategies (School grades: description, Multiple charts: another type) and language (Percentages and shares), write your descriptions + models

Watch the video, study the model (A village, coastal town), write your description + model (Practice).

**Step 2: Academic Writing
Two-views-and-opinion**

(≈ 50 min)

Watch the video, study the model (School subjects: the essay), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 3: Listening

Videos 1-4

Watch the videos to learn strategies and practice answering questions.

Day 6

Time: ≈4 hours

Step 1: Clear the backlog

Do what you haven't managed to do in the previous days (as long as you can afford)

Step 2: Academic Writing

**Step 4: Academic Writing
Maps (≈ 1 hour)**

Watch the video, study the model and strategies (A village, coastal town), write your description + model (Practice).

Step 5: Speaking

Practice and test with feedback

Do one speaking test as training and listen to sample answers. Do another test as a mock test and submit your answers to get feedback.

Step 6: Listening

Videos 1-4

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Week 3

**Step 1: Academic Writing
Two-views-and-opinion**

(≈ 1 hour)

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(Practice: similar elements, different elements).

**Step 2: Academic Writing
Mixed essay (≈ 1.5 hour)**

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Step 3: Speaking

Videos 1-3

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Week 5

**Step 1: Academic Writing
Process (≈ 3 hours)**

Watch the video, study the models, strategies (Natural process, Hydrological cycle, Artificial process) and language (Paraphrasing, extending ideas, passives), write your descriptions + models (Practice

Full Timed Writing_Practice Test (with Feedback) (≈ 1 hour)

A full imitation of the test: practice writing both tasks under exam-like conditions (plus detailed feedback from the tutor)

Step 3: Speaking

Feedback and more practice

Analyse the feedback and practice more with the list of topics and questions (pdf).

Day 7

Time: ≈1.5+ hours

If your test is tomorrow, it's better to revise key things you have learned. Follow recommendations from self-checks and tutor's feedback (points to work on).

Step 1: Academic Writing Full Timed Writing_Writing with instant score (≈ 40 min)

Practice writing IELTS essays further (they weigh more than

model and strategies (School subjects: the essay), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 2: Clear the backlog

Do what you haven't managed to do in the previous weeks (as long as you can afford the time).

Step 3: Academic Writing Full Timed Writing_Practice Test (with Feedback) (≈ 1 hour)

A full imitation of the test: practice writing both tasks under exam-like conditions (plus detailed feedback from the tutor)

Step 4: Academic Writing and Speaking Revise

Follow recommendations from self-checks and tutor's feedback (points to work on) to revise course materials.

Step 5: Academic Writing Full Timed Writing_Writing with instant score (≈ 50 min)

Practice writing IELTS essays further (they weigh more than

(natural, artificial).

Step 2: Academic Writing Two-views-and-opinion (≈ 1.5 hour)

Watch the video, study the model, strategies and language (School subjects: the task, the essay, Useful language), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 3: Speaking

Practice and test with feedback

Do one speaking test as training and listen to sample answers. Do another test as a mock test and submit your answers to get feedback.

Week 6

Step 1: Academic Writing Maps (≈ 3 hours)

Watch the video, study the model, strategies (A village, coastal town) and language (Language for maps), write your

visuals in terms of the overall band) and get immediate evaluation.

Rest before the test

Relax and watch a couple of videos and read several articles (areas of your interest) in English. You need to stay tuned, but also enjoy learning and take some rest before the test.

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Rest before the test

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Note:

If you have more time to devote during this month, do the tasks for learning and practicing new language as well. You will find them in each unit, for example How to link it, Useful language, Future predictions, Prepositions, More useful language in Line

description + model (Practice).

Step 2: Academic Writing Advantages-disadvantages essay (≈ 1.5 hour)

Watch the video, study the model, strategies and language (Newspapers vs online, Another type, Structure and language), write your essay + model (Practice).

Step 3: Speaking

Feedback and more practice

Analyse the feedback and practice more with the list of topics and questions (pdf).

Week 7

Step 1: Clear the backlog

Do what you haven't managed to do in the previous weeks (as long as you can afford the time).

Step 2: Academic Writing Full Timed Writing_Practice Test

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All the language and strategies are collected in the Knowledge Bank for you to revise.

(with Feedback) (≈ 1 hour)

A full imitation of the test: practice writing both tasks under exam-like conditions (plus detailed feedback from the tutor).

Week 8

Step 1: Academic Writing and Speaking

Revise


Follow recommendations from self-checks and tutor's feedback (points to work on) to revise course materials.

Step 2: Full Timed Writing_ Writing with instant score (≈ 50 min)

Practice writing IELTS essays further (they weigh more than visuals in terms of the overall band) and get immediate evaluation.

Rest before the test

Take some time to relax and



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Note:

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