Who is the Scheme for?

Are you a Chinese student preparing to study for a postgraduate degree in:

- Business or Management?
- Engineering (Electrical, Computing and Mechanical)?
- Chemistry, Mathematics, Food Sciences or Physics?
- Linguistic, Professional Language and Intercultural Studies?
- Design, Fine Art, History of Art and Museum Studies or communication?

Selected departments in certain Faculties have joined with the Language Centre to offer the Special Postgraduate Entry Scheme to Chinese students intending to study in Leeds.

What programmes are available?

Please contact us to find out what programmes are available.

Who can apply to the Scheme?

- Chinese students from high-ranking Universities all over China who intend to study at the University of Leeds at selected departments
- Chinese students who are eligible to study for a Masters degree at the University of Leeds at selected departments
- Chinese students who have already received unconditional or conditional offers from selected departments at the University of Leeds.
- Chinese students who have met the IELTS requirements of the Scheme

What is the Special Postgraduate Entry Scheme?

SPES offers Chinese students going to selected departments another way to enter the University of Leeds and gives you the chance, through the Pre-Masters Programme, to prepare for your time in Leeds while you are still in China. The PMP forms part of the Language Centre’s portfolio of pre-sessional language and study skills programmes for international students intending to study at the University of Leeds and the aims and content of the programme are the same as pre-sessional programmes in Leeds. However, it is unique in that it is run in Shanghai in conjunction with a partner University, East China University of Political Science and Law.

When is the programme offered?

You can study on the Pre-masters Programme full-time, 21 hours per week beginning in June.

Programme dates for 2013 are 17th June to 23rd August.
How can I apply?

Please fill in an application form, which you can find at:
http://www.leeds.ac.uk/arts/downloads/file/1407/application_form

Please send your application to:
Admissions Secretary, The Language Centre, University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9JT, UK
T: +44 (0) 113 343 3251 F: +44 (0) 113 343 3252
E: Enquiries: llcshang@leeds.ac.uk
Applications: elapplications@leeds.ac.uk
http://www.leeds.ac.uk/arts/info/125008/english_language/1330/applications

What are the aims of the PMP?

- Academic and Linguistic skills development

The main focus is the acquisition of the linguistic and academic skills through engagement with the knowledge and information presented in the varied subject matter of the programme, designed to reflect the needs of your destination departments.

- Practical and Cultural orientation to life in Leeds

However, an important element of the programme is preparation for your progression to Leeds, so practical and cultural orientation to Leeds is a key focus of the course as well.

- Social and practical support in your transition to Leeds

You will prepare your visa application and make the practical arrangements for your time in Leeds within a supportive group environment. There will be constant contact with University of Leeds staff to make sure your transition to Leeds is as smooth as possible. You can travel to Leeds with friends you have made on the course so that you will know people when you get there!

How will I be taught on the programme?

- Methodology

The teaching methodology is intended to be in line with current pedagogical best practice within the field of English for Academic Purposes (EAP). To this end, teaching will be interactive, communicative and academic in tone, with constant reference to the experience you will have once you are on your degree programme.

- How is it different?

The most innovative aspect of the teaching and learning experience is the fact that the teaching is shared between staff from the University of Leeds and ECUPL. The ECUPL team has undergone a Recognised Teacher Development programme in Leeds and have shared their experience of teaching Chinese students and knowledge of their educational background with colleagues in the Language Centre. The PMP Course Director will be from the Language Centre and will gain valuable first-hand experience of working and living in China.
So the staff on this programme have a unique insight into your background and the system you are entering, so they can help you make the transition from one environment to another!

How will I be assessed?

During the Pre-Masters Programme you will be expected to satisfactorily complete all of the coursework and attend at least 90% attendance of the course.

Assessed tasks may include the following:
- Academic writing project of between 800 and 1,200 words
- A timed essay
- Oral Presentations
- Seminars
- Overall Participation

For information and practice on how to prepare yourself for assessment in UK, please look at the following website
http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/preparing_for_course_work_and_exams.html

What will I be taught? What are the course components?

- Language Development

This component will help you to work on certain areas of language which you feel you need to improve. Although the teachers will help you and do a needs analysis to check what they think you need, a key emphasis of the course is for each person to think about their own personal strategy for learning English.

For more activities about learner independence, please look at:
http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/studying_independently.html

We also focus on developing your vocabulary using the Academic Wordlist:
http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/~alzsh3/acvocab/

- Academic Writing

This module is designed to develop writing skills so that you can communicate effectively in writing in your subject areas. The aims of this module are to enable you to:

- Communicate in writing using an appropriate level of grammatical accuracy and lexical appropriateness
- Write continuous texts on academic topics under timed conditions, selecting and organising relevant information
- Write logical, coherent arguments on academic topics
- Write long academic essays using appropriate source material effectively and referencing these sources correctly
How prepared are you for academic writing in a UK University? Do this quiz to find out!

http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/academic_writing_at_university.html

- **Reading**
  - Extract information from a variety of texts in English on both general and academic topics with confidence in their lexical and grammatical knowledge
  - Select and access appropriate material for academic
  - Read and make notes on authentic academic material, such as textbooks and articles and use the information effectively in producing their own work
  - Analyse critically, synthesise and integrate information from appropriate source material

http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/using_what_you_read_in_your_academic_writing.html

http://skills.library.leeds.ac.uk/online_tutorials.php

http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/index.htm

- **Listening to Lectures**

This component will help you to improve your listening skills by listening to a range of lectures on interesting themes. This also provides effective practice in note-taking and coping with different accents.

- **Oral Presentations**

Delivering a presentation, whether as an individual or as part of a team, is a useful skill not only for your future academic life but also for your career afterwards. This component aims to give you the techniques and confidence to give an effective presentation.

- **Seminar Skills**

This involves academic discussion and critical thinking around a relevant academic topic. You will learn how to engage effectively and gain confidence in voicing your opinions.

- **Critical thinking**

This component will encourage you to apply the critical thinking in everyday life to the academic context. This is a vital academic skill and you will be expected to demonstrate it at Masters level.

http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/critical_thinking.html
• **Research Skills**

This component aims to equip you with the skills necessary to investigate a topic of your choice

**What Course materials will I have?**

The course has been specially designed for you by the teaching team at the Language Centre, University of Leeds and ECUPL. Some of the material will come from published works, but much of it will have been produced in-house.