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| **NQ Higher ESOL for Study Level 6**  **Course Information** |
| **AIMS** |
| This one-year full-time bursary course aims to prepare you with the language skills needed for academic study in higher education. You will complete the SQA Higher ESOL syllabus and other units as listed in the box above. You will also prepare for the IELTS exam with the aim of increasing your score by a band level on the IELTS scale over a year of study. You will improve your ability to understand and produce spoken and written Academic English discourse through project work and presentations. You will develop independent language learning skills as well as develop your general English language skills. |
| **QUALIFICATIONS** |
| During this 36-week course you will attend college for 16 hours a week. You will work towards achieving **Scottish Qualifications Authority** [SQA]national certificates at level 6 in ESOL and Core Skills and Edinburgh College [EC] units.  **Edinburgh College Units**   * Advanced Language Learning Objectives * Tutorial * Study Skills Level 6 * EAP/IELTS Reading Skills * EAP/IELTS Writing Skills * EAP/IELTS Listening Skills * EAP/IELTS Speaking Skills * EAP/IELTS Study Skills * Academic Project Work * Academic Presentation Skills   **SQA Units Higher**   * ESOL Higher |
| **COURSE CONTENT** |
| You will focus on developing the language skills you need in academic English, across several main language areas and you will develop general language skills for speaking, writing, listening and reading. You will work on grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation and improve all your language skills. You will also learn about Scottish Education to improve your chances of gaining a place on the course you want.  The syllabus will consist of the topics, language points and exam strategies to help you to prepare for both the SQA Higher and the IELTS test.  You will do a lot of learning in pairs and groups. You will also be expected to learn independently through self-directed tasks. |
| **TUTORIALS** |
| Your main teacher will also be your class tutor. You will speak to your tutor individually to agree an individual learning plan (ILP) for you, and at regular times in the course to discuss your progress. |
| **ASSESSMENT AND PROGRESSION** |
| This is a bursary course, and you are expected to attend 100% of the course. There will be regular assessment tasks throughout the course to monitor your progress, including the Higher coursework assessments, which test Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. The Prelim exam in February will prepare you for the final exam in May. You will also do mock IELTS tests.  To take the IELTS test you need to register at a test centre. Your tutor can give you advice on when you are ready to take the test and provide a registration form.  Students from this course can progress to:   * Other college courses or university if you achieve the required score in your SQA Higher ESOL/IELTS and your other qualifications also meet the criteria.   There will not be classes on the days of the exams. |