



## Vientiane College – IELTS Extender

### Overview

Welcome to IELTS Extender! This course prepares you for all parts of the IELTS Academic exam - the Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking modules. It focuses on the skills and techniques required to sit for the test by helping you acquire test-taking strategies and become familiar with the test format. You will practice different IELTS question types for all four parts of the exam through a variety of class activities including mock tests.

Note: This course is quite different from other General English classes. The main difference is the course focus is not on improving your English language skills but rather preparing you to take the IELTS exam. It is best for students who are planning on taking the IELTS in the near future.

### Key focuses

Through this course you will understand:

- the IELTS test procedure and format
- the actual test-taking conditions so that you become familiar with test situations
- how the test sections are assessed and what you need to do to perform well
- some of the challenges with the test sections and how to overcome them
- your current level in listening, reading, writing and speaking
- how to improve the quality and quantity of what you write under a time pressure
- useful test-taking strategies and skills for listening and reading
- how to maximize your speaking score by speaking naturally and showing off your vocabulary
- the importance of self-confidence, a growth mindset, critical reflection, and time management skills

### Assessment

Throughout the term you will have opportunities for receiving feedback from your teacher and peers. You will also be better equipped to evaluate your own ability to use the recommended skills and strategies.

On completion of the course, if you attend 80% of the classes, you will receive a certificate of participation.

