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ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES FOR ADULTS IN MALTA





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Affordable,  
academic quality  
all year round



# WELCOME

Studying English abroad is an unforgettable experience and we are committed to making it a memorable one. We strive to ensure that the ideal environment for learning is provided and design academic programmes to suit your needs. With a new Management team on board, we are sure you will be satisfied with your choice and we look forward to welcoming you to our school.



# 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE MAGISTER ACADEMY



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Over 20 years of academic experience

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Situated in one of the best locations in Malta

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Quality English language courses

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Friendly teachers making learning English fun

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Bright, airy and comfortable premises

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On-site residence

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Exciting social programmes

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Excellent nationality mix

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Various accommodation options to suit every budget

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Best value for money guaranteed

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Dedicated to making studying abroad a life experience!

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# OUR SUNNY ISLAND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Malta, unofficially known as the 'Mediterranean Jewel', is a southern European island country made up of three main islands - namely Malta, Gozo and Comino. It is situated in the heart of the Mediterranean, south of Sicily and above North Africa.

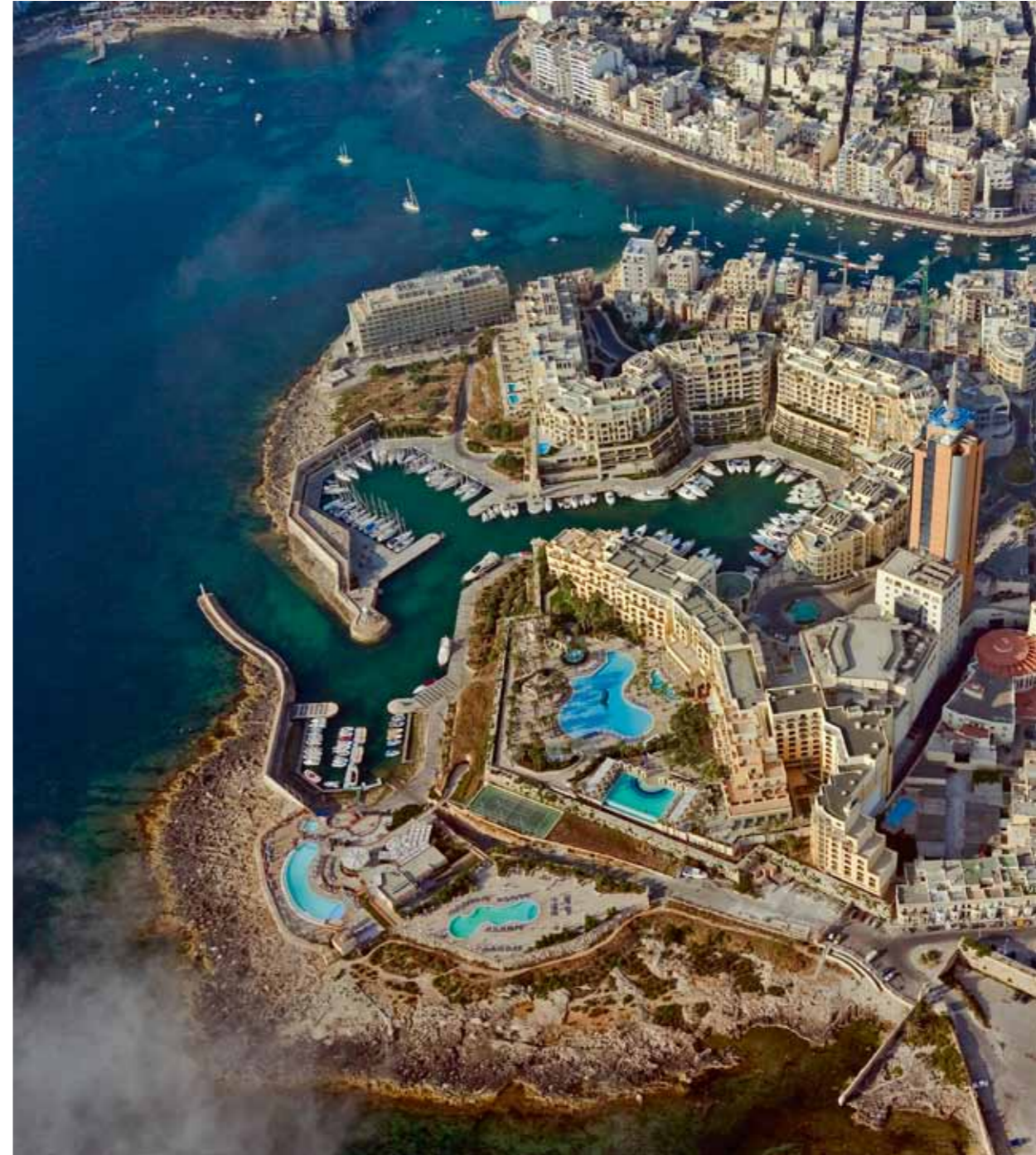
The island's official languages are Maltese and English, the latter being a legacy from Malta's period as a British colony. Gaining its independence in 1964, Malta is currently a member of the EU and has been since 2004.

The Maltese culture is a reflection of the various cultures that ruled Malta throughout the centuries, prior to its independence, as well as neighboring Mediterranean cultures. This resulted in a marriage of style and traditions, giving the country a fascinating eclectic culture. Malta has over 7,000 years of history; From Neolithic remains to fortified walled cities, this small island boasts a colourful and intriguing past and is often described as an open-air museum. Malta's strategic position established it as the prized jewel of many empires. Besides its history, Malta is also known for its breath-taking scenery.

Malta's climate is typical of the Mediterranean and is strongly influenced by the sea. The Maltese Islands have a pleasantly sunny climate with plenty of tourists from all over the world flocking to enjoy the many rocky and sandy beaches. Summers are hot and very sunny and day-time temperatures are often welcomed by cooling sea breezes in the evenings. Winters are mild, with the occasional short cold spells brought about by north and north-easterly winds from central Europe. Bathing in the sea is quite possible well into the 'winter' months, and the peak beach season can last until mid- to late October.

The waters around the islands are widely regarded to be among the clearest in the Mediterranean. The islands offer various sandy and rocky beaches all around and snorkelling and scuba diving are popular water sports which are highly recommended as the array of fish and coral is breath-taking.

The Maltese people are well known for their generous and friendly hospitality as well as their warm-hearted Mediterranean nature. This also contributes to making this archipelago one of the most sought after travel destination.



# OUR LOCATION

Magister Academy was founded in 1993 and was one of the first English Language schools to open in Malta as well as the first school to be accredited by FELTOM.

The school is located in a modern building in the residential area of St. Julians, also known as San Giljan to locals. This idyllic, touristic harbour town is situated along the coast, north of the country's capital city Valletta, and is known for its abundance of seaside mouth-watering restaurants, ice cream parlours, souvenir and coffee shops, luxury hotels and throbbing nightclubs which are located mainly in a central area of this town known as Paceville.

The school is just down the road from Spinola Bay, a picturesque fishing bay surrounded by numerous restaurants which light up the bay creating quite a spectacular sight at night. The popular St. George's bay is the nearest sandy beach and is just a ten-minute walk from the school. Malta's longest promenade, which connects the two towns of St. Julians and Sliema, is another popular destination and is only 5 minutes away from the school.





# OUR COURSES

**General English:** This course is ideal for students wanting to improve and perfect their everyday English. Whether you are at beginner or advanced level, the General English programme will enhance and improve your skills through reading, writing, listening and speaking. By using real-life situations, you will gain a better understanding of the language and its grammar, and will give you more confidence during conversations.

**Intensive English:** If you have limited time, or simply want to have additional lessons each day, the Intensive English programme adds an extra 10 lessons per week to your General English course. These afternoon lessons focus on speaking practice, and will allow you to gain confidence and increase your vocabulary in a shorter period of time.

**Business English:** Business English is your guarantee to widening your horizons in the business world by building your confidence when communicating in English, also the small classes allow focused topics to suit individual needs. Our highly qualified and experienced business teachers will guide you through your course, ensuring that you are getting the maximum benefit out of each and every class.

**Long Term academic courses:** The Academic Long Stay programme allows you to study English while experiencing the Maltese culture and way of life. This course can be taken up to a maximum of 48 weeks, and the extended immersion into an English-only environment will help you achieve real fluency in everyday interaction. With the Academic Long Stay Intensive Programme, you may choose to upgrade to the combined IELTS Exam Preparation course at no extra cost.

**IELTS Exam preparation (combined):** If you intend on attending university or college in an English speaking country, IELTS is an entry requirement for non-native English speakers. Our Exam Preparation course comprises of 30 lessons in total per week; 20 lessons of General English and 10 lessons focused on preparing you for the exam. Regular practice tests will gauge your growth and areas of development. The IELTS qualification is recognised by more than 6,000 institutions across 135 countries.

**One-to-one lessons:** Private lessons are ideal if you want individual attention and support, and want to make significant progress in the shortest time possible. Each lesson is tailor-made to meet your needs, and can focus on anything from exam preparation through to presentations and public speaking.

**Two-to-one lessons:** As with one-to-one lessons, private lessons for two enables you and your student partner to study and grow your language skills at the same time. Whether for personal use or for specific occupation language skills, two-to-one lessons focus on your needs and requirements.

**Our Methodology:** We keep abreast of innovations in English Language Teaching methodology and constantly adapt our approach to maintain excellent standards. Our lessons are student-centred which means that courses are tailored towards the students and their needs. We take into consideration interests, strengths and weaknesses as well as short and long term goals. Our classes are communicative and interactive to make sure you are challenged to reach your full potential.

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# OUR SCHOOL

Open all year round, Magister Academy provides courses in general, intensive, communicative and business English for Adult students (18+).

The School consists of 10 bright and airy classrooms. All classrooms are fully air-conditioned and comfortably furnished. School facilities also include a lending library, computers with internet access, a self-study centre and sun terrace. Vending machines with snacks and drinks are available on the premises.



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## OUR RESIDENCE

Our Magister Academy Residence is conveniently situated in the same building as the school, on the top floors, and consists of 16 bright and spacious rooms, the majority with en-suite facilities. All rooms are fully air-conditioned, newly refurbished and comfortably finished. The students can opt for Single, Twin or Triple shared accommodation.



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The Residence also has a communal kitchen and dining area on the top floor of the building, which lead to a lounge area and sunroof terrace. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

The rooms are cleaned once a week, but we expect our students to be considerate to one another by keeping the apartments tidy. Bed linen and towels are provided and laundered every week by the school.







# HOST FAMILIES

YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Carefully selected and regularly monitored, our host families offer a comfortable and friendly environment



Maltese families are known for their warm and generous hospitality, which makes our students feel right at home.

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directly, host families normally wash a reasonable amount of clothes once a week. Living with an English-speaking family will help you to practice your English daily, and is a great opportunity to learn about the local culture and traditions.

Staying with a host family means you live as they live and eat what they eat - immersing you into their way of life and making you a member of a close-knit unit. This extra feeling of security is what most students love about this accommodation option.

# HOTELS



## ROKNA ★★★

The Rokna Hotel, Pizzeria & Restaurant is a family-run 3-star hotel which offers comfortable rooms overlooking the Hilton Portomaso grounds. Some of the rooms have balconies, and each room is pleasantly decorated and has private facilities. All rooms are air-conditioned and have cable/satellite TV and telephone direct dialling. Wi-Fi connection is available throughout the hotel at no extra cost.



## HOTEL VALENTINA ★★★

This family owned-and-run superior boutique hotel is centrally located in the heart of St. Julians and is close to public transport services and well as beaches, fine restaurants, clubs and bars.

This lavish hotel offers a rooftop pool, air-conditioned rooms and free Wi-Fi connections, iPod/Pad docking station and electronic safe in all rooms.



## GOLDEN TULIP VIVALDI HOTEL ★★★★★

Situated very close to the sparkling sea, the hotel promises stunning views and a genuine Mediterranean atmosphere. It is also very close to a number of amenities including the casino, cinema, bowling alley, shops, restaurants and banks. The hotel has 263 elegant rooms – many with panoramic sea views.



## INTERCONTINENTAL ★★★★★

Located in the heart of St. Julian's, the Intercontinental Malta Hotel is a luxurious 5-star hotel offering a private beach and water sports. Enjoy Mediterranean sunsets and take advantage of a wide range of wellness and leisure facilities.

Unwind and indulge in a panoramic pool, or pamper yourself at the spa. Take in the scenic views of St. George's Bay, or enjoy a meal at Paranga; one of Malta's finest seafood restaurants. The hotel is perfectly located for shopping, entertainment and visiting the island's historic sites, including Valletta and Mdina, which are all within easy reach.





# LEISURE

This tiny archipelago in the Mediterranean sea offers a surprisingly overwhelming choice of things to do and exciting places to visit!

Whether you are interested in history, ancient fortifications and megalithic temples, or perhaps you prefer to take it easy and just enjoy the sun and fun on the beach, and later dance the night away, or maybe you are more adventurous and prefer sport activities, then Malta has it all and we are here to help you explore it!

**Soak in the history!** – Valletta and Mdina are breath-taking examples of medieval and renaissance architecture. Don't forget to check out the Hypogeum and other pre-historic temples!

**Get a tan to die for!** – Malta boasts around 300 sunny days a year and its three islands of Malta, Gozo and Comino are surrounded by some of the clearest sea waters. In combination with the lovely rocky and sandy beaches, Malta is the perfect setting for all sun lovers.

**Try the fresh catch-of-the-day!** - Maltese cuisine is well renowned for its delicious dishes of fresh fish and fantastic sea food! Most restaurants offer mouth-watering menus that are a must for everyone to try!

**Dance till dawn!** – The Malta nightlife is very much well-known! Paceville is in the heart of St Julians, and is the place that never sleeps! The vast choice of bars, clubs, discos, casinos, diners, cinemas make this popular spot one of the most sought after on the island.



**Go back in time!** – Visit Malta's sister island, Gozo and literally feel the pace of life slow down. No big city rush means you can relax and enjoy the scenery, the nature and lifestyle untouched by modern anxieties! The idyllic landscape of Gozo is often used as filming locations for Hollywood blockbusters and prime TV-series'.

**Join the colourful village festas!** – Malta is one of the most Catholic countries in Europe, and its religious traditions are awe-inspiring! Beautifully decorated streets and houses, fireworks, and marching bands; complemented with street parties dedicated to village Saints, stalls selling traditional local delicacies, and tasty food and drink stalls is an experience not to be missed!

**Discover St. Julians town** - Take a romantic boat ride in a traditional gondola-style boat along the enchanting Spinola harbour, shop-until-you-drop in the many colourful shops scattered all over the town, enjoy mouth-watering artisan ice creams, dine lavishly by the sea, take a tour around the ancient Spinola Palace and its gardens, and chill out with the friendly locals.



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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL BOOKINGS FOR MAGISTER ACADEMY COURSES STARTING ON OR AFTER 1ST JANUARY 2015

**1. Definitions.** In these terms and conditions, the following terms have the meanings set out next to them (and references to the singular include the plural and vice-versa):

**Agreement:** These terms and conditions together with the Application Form and the Price List which are supplied by Magister Academy.

**Application Form:** The form you complete and send to Magister Academy in connection with applying for a place on a Course which shall be considered to form an integral part of this Agreement.

**Confirmation Form:** The form Magister Academy sends you to confirm acceptance of your application.

**Course:** The Course of study you have applied for on your Application Form offered by Magister Academy.

**Departure Date:** The date on which your Course ends.

**Magister Academy:** The language centre in Malta identified in the Price List.

**Price List:** The document entitled 'Price List' which incorporates these terms and conditions and which is also downloadable from the Website and which shall be considered to form an integral part of this Agreement.

**Relevant Account:** Magister Academy bank account identified in the Proforma Invoice.

**Start Date:** The first day of the Course for which you are applying.

**Website:** The Website at [www.magisteracademy.com](http://www.magisteracademy.com)

**You/Your:** The applicant for a Course at Magister Academy.

**2. Accommodation.** Magister Academy will advise you on a variety of accommodation options. You should book accommodation for the Start Date until the day before your Departure Date unless you are informed to the contrary by Magister Academy. Accommodation arrangements are your responsibility unless you indicate that you wish to book accommodation with Magister Academy on your Application Form.

**3. Agreement.** This Agreement shall be legally binding between you and Magister Academy once Magister Academy has received a completed Application Form from you, whether by e-mail or otherwise, and has confirmed your place by sending you a Confirmation Form. This Agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its validity or its subject matter or formation is governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the legal jurisdiction in which Magister Academy is situated.

**4. Cancellations.** You may cancel your booking provided you do so by written notice to Magister Academy, which it must receive not less than 14 days before the Start Date. In such an event, any fees you have paid will be refunded except for registration fees and one week's tuition and (where applicable) accommodation fees (such fees being specified in the Price List). If you cancel your booking less than 14 days before the Start Date, any refunds are entirely at Magister Academy General Manager's discretion. A full refund of all fees paid (less delivery charges) will be made in the event of visa refusal provided you send written notice to Magister Academy and documentary evidence of such refusal.

If a Course is terminated after the Start Date, or if you fail to present yourself at the school on the Start Date without having previously cancelled your Course, no refunds will be given on tuition and accommodation.

**5. Changes and Amendments.** Once you have started a Course, no changes may be made to it other than by written agreement from Magister Academy. If Magister Academy opts to approve a change, the additional charge which is specified in the Price List will be incurred by you, and no change can be effected until full payment has been received.

**6. Conduct.** You are expected to behave in a courteous manner and to respect fellow students and staff at Magister Academy. The illegal use of drugs, alcohol abuse and inconsiderate behaviour is unacceptable as is any failure by you to abide by the law and custom of Magister Academy's location. Magister Academy reserves the right to withhold Courses and accommodation from any student who fails to meet such standards and to terminate any Course or part thereof without refund in appropriate circumstances.

**7. Courses.** Start Dates are detailed in the Price List. In the event of an insufficient number of students booking for a particular Course, Magister Academy reserves the right to cancel the Course or provide you with an alternative Course which Magister Academy, in its sole discretion, considers suitable. Magister Academy reserves the right for classes to take place in alternative premises of a similar standard to the school.

**8. Competency Levels.** Courses are offered at five levels of language learning: Elementary/ Pre-intermediate/ Intermediate/Upper Intermediate and Advanced. Other teaching levels may be available by arrangement.



**9. Certification & Attendance.** You must attend a minimum of 80% of lessons scheduled for the Course in order to receive a certificate of attendance at its conclusion. Students whose attendance falls below this level may be asked to leave the programme. Students who require visas who fall below the required attendance level will always be reported to the appropriate government immigration authority.

**10. Descriptions.** Magister Academy honestly believes that all statements made in promotional material are factual and correct. Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure such accuracy. Magister Academy is not responsible for any changes that become known after promotional material is produced (up to date information can be found on the Website). Magister Academy will advise you of any material changes which become known to it prior to the Start Date.

**11. Entrance Test.** Where a course requires a minimum level, you will be required to complete and submit an approved test. Failure to do so may result in you being unable to take the course requested. A suitable alternative will be offered.

**12. Expulsion.** Committing a criminal offence, insufficient attendance, the provision of false information in your Application Form, in correspondence and dealings with Magister Academy prior to the Start Date or on enrolment, disorderly, drunken, aggressive or threatening behaviour or any other actions which could bring Magister Academy into disrepute may result in expulsion from Magister Academy without refund. In such case, immigration and other authorities will be informed where appropriate.

**13. Health.** You must be in good physical and mental health at the Start Date and Magister Academy reserves the right to require you to leave any Course at your own expense in the event that you fail to declare any material matters relating to your health on the Application Form.

**14. Immigration Regulations.** You must ensure that you fully understand immigration regulations in Magister Academy's location. It is your responsibility to ensure that you meet and comply with any such regulations and Magister Academy will not refund any fees paid due to your having been refused entry into Magister Academy's location by immigration authorities.

**15. Insurance and Limitation of Liability.** You must arrange suitable insurance in respect of travel and medical risks and may be required to provide evidence to Magister Academy of adequate insurance at least seven days before the Start Date or at any point in time thereafter throughout the duration of your Course.

It is always the responsibility of students to satisfy themselves that the provision of insurance is adequate to meet their individual needs. This also applies to students who are supplied insurance whether paid or unpaid as a consequence of booking a course at Magister Academy.

Magister Academy shall not have any liability to you for any loss of possessions, injury, death, costs related to medical or dental treatment, or costs related to repatriation or for any other losses, damages (whether direct or indirect), compensation, costs or expenses unless negligence can be proved in a court of law in the jurisdiction of Magister Academy.

Magister Academy shall not have any liability to you for any loss, damage, costs, expenses or other claims for compensation arising from any information or instructions supplied by you which is, or are incomplete, incorrect or inaccurate.

Nothing in any agreement you have with Magister Academy affects any liability for death or personal injury caused by Magister Academy's negligence or for fraudulent misrepresentation, or your statutory rights as a consumer.

**16. Lesson Times.** Indicative lesson times are set out in the Price List. Magister Academy reserves the right to alter such lesson times at its discretion.

**17. Matters Beyond Magister Academy's Control.** Magister Academy will endeavour to provide you with the Course and service you book. However, we do not take responsibility for disruptions to the Course and arrangements associated with it resulting from forces out of Magister Academy's control, such as (but not limited to) earthquakes, other natural disasters, war, governmental action and the like. Refunds in respect of the curtailment of the Course or the period of your stay in Magister Academy's location will not be made in such circumstances. Students are responsible for their own personal belongings. Magister Academy will not be held responsible for stolen, lost or damaged items belonging to students.





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**18. Payment.** Full payment must be received by Magister Academy not less than 14 days before your Start Date. You will not be allowed to commence your Course if payment is not made by that time. Payment may be made by bank transfer, credit or debit card or in person to the Relevant Account. Additional charges may apply depending on the choice of payment medium and such charges are identified on the Price List.

**19. Photography, Filming & Sound Recording.** During the course of a student's stay, Magister Academy may arrange to record, photograph or shoot video footage for its promotional purposes only, both printed and online. Any student who does not wish to participate should indicate this on their application form and state at the time of the recording, photographing or video shooting the wish not to participate.

**20. Prices.** All prices stated on the Price List are valid from 03 January 2015 to 31 December 2015. Magister Academy reserve the right to unilaterally change prices as a result of governmental regulations, tax increases, exchange rate variations or other events. 2015 prices apply to bookings received for courses which start and take place in 2016 provided the booking is received by 31 October 2015.

**21. School Closures.** National holidays and school closure dates may vary according to location and are detailed in the Price List. No reductions are made to prices in respect of closures on such dates. Lessons will not be made up except where Private Tuition has been booked.

**22. School Rules.** School rules and regulations are provided at Course inductions by Magister Academy, in literature provide to you and/or on the School notice boards and on [www.magisteracademy.com](http://www.magisteracademy.com). You must comply with such rules and regulations.

**23. Travel & Transfers.** Course fees do not include flights or other transport to Magister Academy, except where specified. You must make your own travel arrangements. Magister Academy will be pleased to provide information to help you with your arrangements. Magister Academy will offer transfers from your airport of arrival to your accommodation ("Transfers") subject to the payment of an additional charge. You must indicate whether you wish to reserve a Transfer on your Application Form and provide Magister Academy with full details of your flight and arrival time at least 21 days before your Start Date (failure to do so or any extra costs incurred by Magister Academy as a result of incorrect, delayed or inadequate information provided by you or your delayed arrival at the relevant airport may result in your incurring further charges).

**24. Visas.** Depending upon the location of Magister Academy, you may require a visa to study in such location. Magister Academy will assist you in connection with your initial application for a visa but in all other respects it is your responsibility to apply for and obtain a visa where necessary.

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