

## 0-3 months (full-timers) / 0-6 months (part-timers)

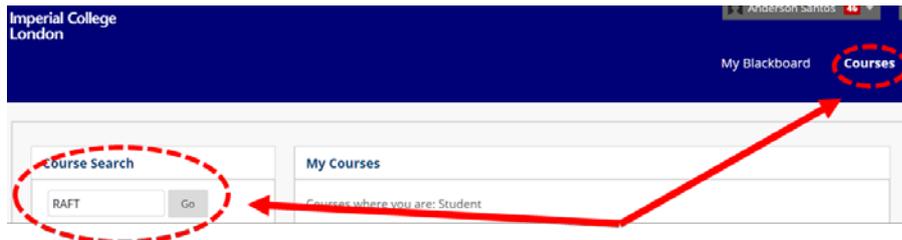
- **RAFT online course on Blackboard**

Log in to Blackboard in the link below

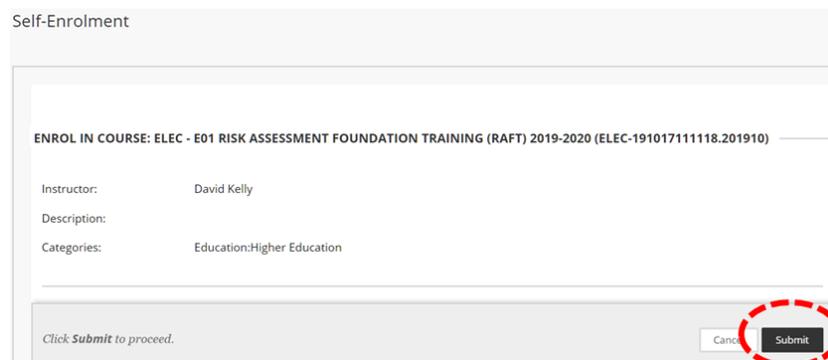
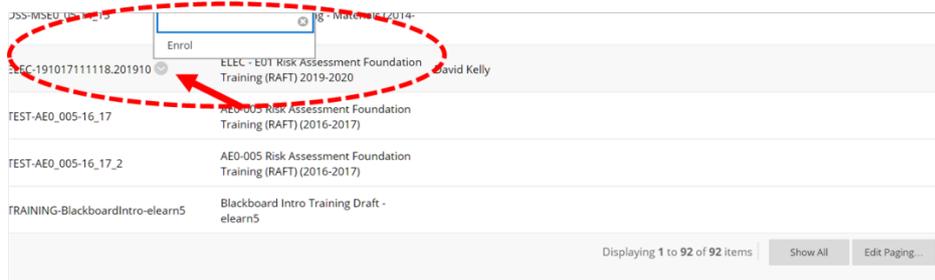
 <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/admin-services/ict/self-service/teaching-learning/elearning-services/blackboard/>

Click on “Courses” on the top-right-corner

“Search” for RAFT



It will show all academic years → hover over the arrow by the course ID, for the current academic year → then self-enrol → submit



- **PhD academic English assessments**

In addition to fulfilling the English language entry requirement to gain admission to their programme of study, doctoral (PhD) students who are not native speakers of English must also fulfil the Imperial College London Doctoral Academic Communication Requirement via an initial **DACR Assessment** and possibly a later progress check.

The Centre for Academic English can grant exemption in some cases; please contact them directly if you think you might be eligible for exemption.

 <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/academic-english/current-students/doctoral/academic-communication-requirement/>

- **Further English language support**

The Centre for Academic English provides free in-sessional English courses for international students while they are studying. These include classes and workshops on academic language, social language, the four skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking, 1-1 consultations with a tutor to work on a piece of academic writing or an oral presentation, self-study resources in the VLE Blackboard, and the Conversation Project, which partners students with a native-speaker volunteer to practise social and conversational English.

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- **Professional Development by the Graduate School**

All doctoral students are expected to complete at least four Professional Development courses as part of their doctoral degree registration.

The Graduate School's Professional Development attendance requirement exists in order to ensure that all students receive some professional development training while at Imperial and have the opportunity to engage with the programme, alongside their research work.

See the Graduate School website for details:

 <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/students/doctoral/>

- **Ensuring Integrity: Plagiarism Awareness (Mandatory Online Course)**

This online course was developed by the Graduate School, in conjunction with the Library. It aims to equip Imperial PhD students with a working knowledge of the concept of plagiarism and how to avoid it. This enables students to use and share information ethically, with academic integrity and in accordance with Imperial College's Examination & Assessment: Academic Integrity Policy.

Master's students who complete the course during their master's registration at Imperial College London will not be expected to take the course again should they progress to a doctorate award with the College. However, students are encouraged to engage with the doctoral version of the course 6 months prior to submission of their thesis so that they can refresh their knowledge.

You will find self-enrolment instruction on the Graduate School webpage below:

 <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/students/doctoral/professional-development/digital-literacies/>

- **Recommended taught courses**

Students are normally required to take relevant lecture courses during their first year, as determined by their supervisor, and to pass the courses' examinations where appropriate. If you are undertaking any taught modules and examinations please inform Lina Brazinskate - [l.brazinskaite@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:l.brazinskaite@imperial.ac.uk) - Education Support Officer, as soon as possible.

You will find the full list of Programme and Modules on webpage below:

 [http://intranet.ee.ic.ac.uk/electricalengineering/eecourses\\_t4/index.asp](http://intranet.ee.ic.ac.uk/electricalengineering/eecourses_t4/index.asp)

## Initial Research Plan (IRP) 3 months (full-timers) / 6 months (part-timers)

Your first task, which can be well under way before arriving at College, is to prepare a research plan in collaboration with the supervisor by seeking guidance on appropriate preparatory reading.

The research plan should not exceed 6 pages.

**Submission** → You should submit the report as per instructed in the IRP form itself (found on the [EEE PhD Milestones Guidelines](#) page). The IRP will be graded by the supervisor on a pass/fail basis.

The research plan should not exceed 6 pages and it must be submitted not later than the end of the 3rd month for full-time students (6th month for part-time students) after initial registration. The IRP should include:

- a statement of the general topic area
- an initial formulation of the specific research questions or issues to be addressed
- a list of the principal references on which the work will draw
- a list of objectives for the first year
- a list of taught courses to be taken