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**The Language Centre of University College Cork, Ireland**  
English as a Foreign Language

# English Language Courses

The **Language Centre** at **University College Cork** offers full-time and part-time courses in English language throughout the year, including a Summer School from June to August. Our students come from all over the world.

English language courses are offered for general, academic, and professional purposes.

Courses are also offered in preparation for examinations: International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Cambridge First Certificate (FCE), Advanced (CAE), and Proficiency (CPE).

The centre offers Cambridge teacher training courses (CELTA and DELTA) and teacher refresher courses.

We have highly qualified and experienced teachers to help you in your language learning.

There is a language laboratory where you can study independently.

You can stay with an Irish family while you are here, or stay in one of the University apartments.

UCC has over 20,000 students. 2,800 are international students (from 100 different countries).

Cork is Ireland's second city and is an excellent place to come and learn English.



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## What does the University offer?



### What does the University Language Centre offer?

As part of University College Cork, the University Language Centre has the best facilities. These include accommodation facilities, restaurants, cafes, banks, shops, an **excellent leisure centre** and an **amazing art gallery**. All of these are available to all Language Centre students. You may also want to join one of the many student clubs and societies. These are free and are a great way to meet new people, improve your English, have fun and **discover more about Irish life and culture**.

Our teachers have the highest qualifications in teaching English and have gathered great experience from teaching in different parts of the world. They will help you to reach your full potential in English.

After your classes, if you want to study and practise English independently, you can use the **Self-Access Language Laboratory**. This is a library and a language laboratory.

Your teachers will advise you how to use this facility to help you to improve your English.

You can continue to learn outside the classroom using Blackboard. This is an Internet technology that allows you to continue your learning outside the classroom. When you log on to Blackboard, you can practise and improve your English with extra course materials. You can also use it to communicate with your classmates and to participate in online language learning projects.

There are **different choices of accommodation available to students**. Very often students prefer to stay with Irish families. This is a great way to see how Irish people live and also to continue to practise your English outside the classroom. If you prefer to stay in an apartment, University College Cork has three campus accommodation centres.

The University's **International Education Office** provides support for international students.



## What is Cork like?



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Cork is Ireland's second city. It is a small city with a population of 123,000 people. In 2010, Cork was voted by **Lonely Planet** as one of the top ten cities to visit. It is a vibrant city with a very young population. There is a lot to do and see in Cork. The city has many fine restaurants, art galleries and shopping centres. Nightlife in Cork is great fun. Visiting Irish pubs is a great way to practise your English and to get to know local people.

Irish people love sports and each weekend it is possible to see live sports, such as

Ireland's national sports of **hurling and gaelic football**.

Ireland is a small country. If you want to visit Dublin, you can get there from Cork in three hours. Cork is also close to some of the most spectacular scenery in Ireland. You can visit our beautiful beaches, see our amazing landscapes, and get to know the local people in small, picturesque villages.

Many major European cities have direct flights to Cork. The **city airport** is a ten-minute drive from the University.

## Summer School



### Summer School Courses

#### Summer School

Each summer, for ten weeks, we have a Summer School. Summer School 2011 runs from Monday 27 June to Friday 2 September. Students come from all over the world to improve their English. While here students can also prepare for and take an internationally recognised examination. You can come for a minimum of one week or a maximum of ten weeks. You have two choices of courses:

- 26 hours per week (mornings and optional courses in the afternoons)
- 20 hours per week (mornings only)

The classes are dynamic and intensive. You will improve in all areas of English and become more confident in communicating in English.

Each week, lectures on topics of Irish culture and history are given by experts. The topics are Irish history, language, art, drama and literature, and sport.

#### Afternoon courses

If you take the 26 hour option (morning and afternoon classes) you can choose a specialised course. These include: Business English, Focus on Fluency, One-to-One classes (an individual class with one teacher to one student).

## Summer School Activities



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We realise that coming to Ireland to study English is an educational holiday, and that while it is important for you to make the most of time here to improve your English, you also want to experience Irish culture, see our spectacular scenery, meet new people, and have fun!

In addition to your courses we also organise cultural activities. Each week,

we have free trips for students to visit interesting places in and around Cork. Evening activities are also organised. Would you like to see an Irish music concert or learn how to do Irish dancing? Would you like to play in an international football competition? How about going to a big hurling match (Ireland's national sport)? Come to Cork to learn English and you can!



## Full-time Courses



### Full-time English Language Courses

Our year-round, full-time English Language Courses help students to maximise their language learning potential.

We have full-time courses in General English for all levels; **from elementary (A2) to proficiency (C2)**. The courses run throughout the year. You can come for a minimum of one week, or any number of weeks up to the full year. The number of students in class is from 6 to 15 students. The classes are dynamic, intensive and fun. The teachers are highly qualified and experienced and will help you to improve and become more confident when communicating in English. You will be given homework each day, and there are also class projects to work on. The teachers will give you advice on how to make the most of your learning experience outside the classroom.

The General English courses place an emphasis on developing students' overall ability to communicate confidently in

English. The classes have a balance of reading, writing, listening and speaking, while also focusing on improving students' grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

The University Language Centre has a virtual learning environment, Blackboard. This allows students to access class materials, participate in online learning projects, and to communicate with classmates and teachers via the Internet outside class hours.

We encourage students to take an internationally recognised English language examination, such as the **Cambridge examinations** or **IELTS**. This is a great way to improve in English and you can leave Ireland with a certificate in English. Our teachers are examiners for these examinations. Our students perform very well in these examinations.

When you arrive, you will be given a short test. This test will establish your ability in English and help us to put you in the right class. Classes are for four



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hours each morning, from 09.00 - 13.00, with a coffee break in between. Teachers will give you homework each day. If you want, you can do your homework in our Self-Access Language Laboratory.

You can advance to higher level classes. This depends on your performance in class and in progress tests.

### Teacher Training

The University Language Centre offers two teacher training courses, **CELTA** and **DELTA**. The CELTA course is aimed at those who may or may not have previous English language teaching experience, while the DELTA is aimed at those who have a minimum of two years experience. These courses are prestigious and very well recognised qualifications for teaching English worldwide. CELTA courses can be taken over a full academic term or intensively over four weeks in the summer.

## Part-time Courses



### Part-time Courses

At the University Language Centre we offer part-time, specialised English language courses throughout the year. The classes usually meet two times each week for two hours. Similar to our full-time courses, you will be given a placement test to establish your English level and to place you in the correct class. Students who take part-time courses may use the language laboratory in the Language Centre.

#### Examination Preparation Courses

We specialize in preparing our students for internationally recognized English language examinations. We provide courses in preparation for the Cambridge suite of examinations: First Certificate (FCE), Advanced (CAE), and Proficiency (CPE); and IELTS (International English Language Testing System).

#### Cambridge Suite of Examinations (FCE, CAE, CPE)

These courses focus on preparing students for the requirements of each examination. The courses help students to improve in their overall English language ability and

also to acquire the necessary examination strategies required to pass. The Cambridge examinations take place in the University Language Centre four times a year (March, June, August and December).

#### IELTS Intensive Preparation Course

This is a 24-hour intensive preparation course for the IELTS examination. The course is designed by experienced IELTS examiners. It provides preparation for the four papers of the Academic version of the IELTS examination: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Focus is placed on understanding what is tested in each part of the examination and how to develop successful techniques. Individual feedback on written and spoken performance is provided. Ideas for further study are also given.

This course runs for two weeks before the IELTS examination. Examinations take place in the University Language Centre each month.

#### English for Academic Study

This is a course to help non-native speakers who wish to study through



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English at university. Students will be helped to read, write, listen and speak more effectively in English at B2+ level. Priority is given to full-time UCC students (in particular students visiting UCC through the Erasmus programme). If places remain, other non-UCC students may be admitted. The course runs for one term, with a weekly lesson of three hours duration, plus homework assignments. This course is also offered at C1 level.

### **Focus on Fluency**

This is a dynamic, part-time course which assists students in developing their oral fluency in English. It is expected that students for this course will already have at least B1 - B2 level of English. Using interactive communicative tasks, students have opportunity to practise their speaking and benefit from teacher feedback. The course is aimed at students who wish to improve their spoken English for professional or academic purposes.

### **Developing Academic and Professional English Writing Skills**

The course is aimed at helping B2 and C1 level students overcome the challenges they

face when having to write academic and professional texts in English. Students comprehensively cover the basics in academic writing; from sentence and paragraph structure to the development and composition of argumentative essays and theses. The course teaches writing in a student-friendly and practical way. Relevant authentic texts are chosen to guide learners on how to write effective and successful academic texts. Students are set assignments, and detailed constructive feedback is given on their work. At the end of the course learners will have developed the skills necessary to write in an academic context. This course is also targeted at those taking the Academic version of IELTS.

### **Business English**

The focus is on learning and using vocabulary in the areas of Sales and Marketing, Finance & Economics and Human Resources. The course also focuses on how to handle telephone calls and commercial correspondence effectively (letters, fax messages, email and reports) as well as writing a job application and a curriculum vitae. The course is suitable for

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students at B2 and C1 levels or students who have studied Business English before. Students are also prepared for the Cambridge Business English Certificate (BEC Vantage) which is offered at UCC Language Centre.

BEC Vantage is an internationally recognised certificate of Business English skills. It is at B2 level - equivalent to the First Certificate in English (FCE). It tests students' ability to understand and use spoken and written Business English.

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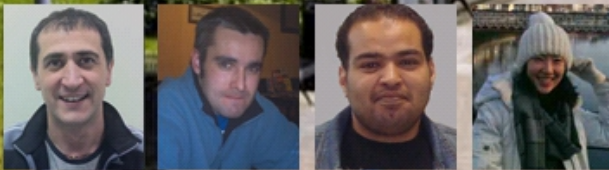


# Ten reasons why you should

1. You will have highly qualified teachers.
2. You will have enjoyable and dynamic classes which place an emphasis on communicating in English.
3. You will improve in all areas of English language.
4. You can prepare for and take an internationally recognized English examination at our centre.
5. You have full access to the fantastic study facilities of one of the top 200 universities in the world.
6. You can use our fantastic sports and leisure facilities after class.
7. You can join one of the many university clubs and societies.
8. You can make new friends with people from all over the world.
9. You can live with an Irish family or stay in one of the university's apartments.
10. You will have a great time in Cork, which is a small, friendly and safe city.



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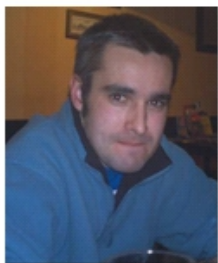
## Francisco - Spain

Hi, my name is Francisco. I come from Spain and I was learning English at the University Language Centre here at UCC. I

did an intensive English Language course of 20 hours per week. Learning English here was an enriching experience for me.

One of the best things about studying here was the opportunity to participate online through Blackboard, a supplementary tool to help us learn English. We could keep in touch with classmates and continue to study outside the classroom. I loved UCC. I improved my English and made many new friends.





## **Carlos - Spain**

I was in the UCC Language Centre from January to July 2009.

I had a wonderful time there. I met people from

all over the world, which made me more open-minded, and I really had fun. Besides, I improved my English a lot in a short period of time. Not only were teachers good because they had a lot of experience and they knew how to teach, but also because they were very nice and funny. Furthermore, I was able to do many things outside the Language Centre, like using the computers room, having lunch with my classmates in the campus restaurant, or taking advantage of the sport facilities. I really enjoyed the Summer School when we had opportunities to visit different parts of Ireland.



## **Hazzaa - Saudi Arabia**

I studied at UCC Language Centre for one year and it was an amazing experience. Not only I improved my English but I also made lots of friends from different countries. In fact, the atmosphere in the class was like a big family! On top of that, I attended many of the different activities the school organizes, like trips to see new places, and all of them were great experiences to get to know Irish culture. I really enjoyed the Summer School activities.

It is difficult to include everything about my one year studying at the UCC Language Centre in a few words but I would say: efficient preparation for some well-known exams like IELTS and Cambridge, learning English in an enjoyable way, getting immersed in the Irish culture, and making unforgettable friends from all over the world. And all of this in such a wonderful city as Cork.

Last but not least, the teachers were very friendly, highly educated and experts in teaching English as a second language. I would like to thank them for their help.



## Hayoung - South Korea

I was studying English on the 20 - hour per week intensive course. I think, here is a great place to not only make international

friends, but the teachers also improve my English with interesting activities. During the class, the teachers made students participate in the class with passion and always gave us encouragement. Moreover, Blackboard, which is an online communication board for sharing course information and opinion, helps students to improve their English more effectively. I was very satisfied with this course.