



ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES



Our Vision

ECS is here to support and equip students with language tools to break down barriers in communication

Our Mission

Situated in the heart of Sliema, Malta's most popular tourist centre, ECS welcomes students of all ages, nationalities and different walks of life to come and learn, improve and master their language skills.

We offer the ideal environment for learning, combining high academic standards with a relaxed friendly atmosphere and a committed team. Individual attention is our hallmark and improvement is guaranteed in whichever course you choose.

This approach, along with a vast experience, and a variety of courses to choose from, is what makes ECS a successful English language organisation, students know and love.

History

Established in 1988,

ECS was one of the first English Language Schools in Malta and an Accredited Founder member of FELTOM. The Federation of English Language Teaching Organisations Malta (FELTOM) is a self-regulating, non-profit accreditation body, dedicated to promoting professionalism within the English language learning industry.

Our language school is located right in the heart of Sliema and is housed in 2 adjacent typical Maltese townhouses, that have been expertly converted into classes, leaving the characteristic features of the old town-houses. Sliema is Malta's most popular tourist town-become-city. We are only a stone's throw away from the sea, with regular ferry crossings to/from Valletta, and close to shops, cafés, restaurants and beaches.

Facilities and Amenities

The School Premises consist of two blocks, with 8 classrooms in the main block (2 of which are used for one-to-one/two-to-one lessons) and 10 in our Seasonal Block (normally used in the busy months of Summer), a games room and disabled restrooms. Our classrooms in the main block are fully air-conditioned whilst the classrooms in the 'Seasonal Block' are used mainly for teenagers and are also supplied with a lift.

Most of our students choose to book their accommodation with host families living in close proximity, such as in Msida, Ta' Xbiex, Gzira and even in Sliema itself. Sliema, where ECS is located, is close to all amenities one might need, during their stay in Malta. It's a walking distance to the regular ferries to Valletta. There's a Pharmacy just around the corner and loads of places where you can dine, wine and dance.

Most students instantly fall in love with the charm of the building that the school is set in, which is a lovely old Sliema town-house with a mature garden where the students love to relax and mingle with other students. Making the most of their acquired communication skills.

Size

Focusing on individual attention

Due to our small operation, we pride ourselves in being able to guarantee that personal touch. At **ECS** we offer a customised curriculum rather than standard courses.

Each student is invited to take our online Placement Test before they arrive. Otherwise students can opt to complete the test on the first day of school. **However, we highly recommend opting for the online test, as opting for a test in the premises could possibly result in loss of some lesson time.** The online Test makes it easier for us to match the students with other students of the same level before they arrive. We keep a close understanding of their progress by individual monitoring, assessment with the collaboration of our teachers and rotational Level tests administered every 4-6 weeks.



Courses offered

General English Language Courses

We offer a range of General English Language courses that we offer to groups with different levels of English language use and knowledge and to groups of different ages.

We tailor everything according to students' levels and needs, to make sure students reach their goal, whether it's learning English for business, career, travel or fun! Our levels are built around the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE) level descriptors, with 7 main levels of English.

At ECS we are committed to helping our learners improve their knowledge and understanding of the English Language as well as building their confidence in expressing themselves. Our students are multi-national, and the environment at the school provides them with the unique opportunity to interact with people of diverse cultural backgrounds.

General English 20

20 sessions of 45minutes each per week

General English Courses (20 sessions of 45minutes each per week) are designed specifically for Adults, Juniors or Teenagers with topics relating to the specific age-groups. Offered from Beginner to Advanced, working on the four language skills of Reading and Writing, Listening and Speaking and focusing on interaction through role-play, problem solving, general discussions and group work. Teenager courses are normally booked with a full Activity programme offering excursions in the afternoons, evenings and on weekends to places of interest and beaches on a supplement basis. This programme provides further interaction for teens of various nationalities and offers a truly profitable stay.

Intensive English 30

30 sessions of 45minutes each per week

Like the General English Courses, Intensive English Courses (30 sessions of 45minutes each per week) are designed specifically for Adults with topics relating to the specific group. The extra 10 sessions focus specifically on conversation. Offered from Beginner to Advanced, working on the four language skills of Reading and Writing, Listening and Speaking and focusing on interaction through role-play, problem solving, general discussions and group work.

Adult/Teen Executive English Course

Designed around the individual needs
of each learner

- **One to One** - One Student per Teacher
- **Two to One** - Two Students per Teacher ((Must be booked by 2 people of the same level together)

These Adult/Teen English courses introduce and enhance English Language learning in an enjoyable way and a strong rapport is usually built between teachers and students so much so that many choose to come again.

Examination Preparation Courses

Executive (one-to-one) Exam Preparation (10,20 or 30 sessions/week)

Mini Group Course + 10 Exam Preparation Group sessions/week
- maximum 6 students *if there is only one student in one level for any particular week, sessions will be reduced to 5 one-to-one Exam Preparation sessions/week

We offer Exam Preparation Courses for:

- All the **Cambridge ESOL** examinations, including:
KET, PET, FCE, CAE, CPE, BEC
- IELTS
- TOEFL
- **Bildungsurlaub**

We offer courses which are qualified for the following states:

Hamburg, Brandenburg, Rheinland-Pfalz, Bremen, Berlin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Sachsen-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein and Hessen Saarland.

English for Specific Purposes (ESP) Courses

Executive (one-to-one) ESP (10,20 or 30 sessions/week)

Mini Group Course + 10 ESP Group sessions/week - maximum 6 students *if there is only one student in one level for any particular week, sessions will be reduced to 5 one-to-one Exam Preparation sessions/week

Apart from our General English programs we also offer English for Specific Purpose courses aimed at complementing the needs of interns following work placements offered in various sectors all over the island.

Our students can also take advantage of our internship placements with job shadowing opportunities, helping them practice the language in the context of the career which they would like to follow or the profession they would like to develop. The language training programme, that comes with an internship placement, aims to develop two main areas of competence: professional communication skills and job-related language knowledge, covering the following six areas: fluency, comprehension, interactions, pronunciation, structure and vocabulary.

Our ESP courses include:

- **Aeronautical – Aviation** for Flight Crew, Cabin Crew and Air-Traffic Controllers.
- **Architecture** for Architects, Civil Engineers, Draughtsmen and Designers.
- **Customer care in iGaming English** for IT & Technology personnel in the i-Gaming industry: Mainly customer care officials.
- **Customer care in General** for customer care officials
- **Medical** for Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers and other medical staff.
- **Business English** for Business People, admin staff, CCs officials etc.

*Anyone wishing to take an ESP course should first take our Online Placement Test to see if they are eligible to join this course. To be eligible for the course one must realistically achieve a level of Intermediate (B1) or higher.

During our courses, whether on an internship or not, all four language skills are addressed, and our approach is practical and experiential. In order to build confidence in our learners, we encourage experimentation and reflection, helping our language learners to express themselves in the way which is most natural to them. Whilst looking forward to welcoming students who choose to take further courses with us, we also encourage them to develop study skills which will help them to continue the learning process, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Staff

DOS, Teachers, etc..

Our Director of Studies (DoS), has over 15 years of teaching English as a Foreign Language and teacher training experience. The DoS adopts an open-door policy, always available to constructive criticism and happy to help our students.

Our teachers are all highly trained and qualified to tailor the lessons according to their students' level and needs, to make sure they reach their goal, whether it's learning English for business, career, travel or fun! All teachers undergo continuous professional development programmes that are based on regular Class observations, to develop better teaching styles and keep up with new classroom techniques and technology tools.



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