

English Language School

Cambridge First Certificate (FCE) Preparation

Cambridge Certificate in Advanced (CAE) Preparation

General English

IELTS



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Welcome to IBAT College Dublin English School



IBAT College Dublin is a well established and highly regarded educational facility which is registered with a number of awarding bodies including the Irish Government body Quality & Qualifications Ireland (QQI) (formerly HETAC), ACELS, TIE, ACCA, University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, The Digital Marketing Institute and Coventry University. The IBAT College Dublin English School is also a member of Marketing English in Ireland (MEI).

The English Language School at IBAT College Dublin offers English language tuition to multinational groups with rich cultural diversity and provides the perfect environment in which to enjoy improving your English skills while learning about Irish culture and other native English-speaking countries.

While the content of each course is carefully designed and prepared, we continuously try to adapt the programme to suit the needs of each group and, more importantly, to each individual learner.

Enrolment is based on a general chat to determine each student's needs, along with a free placement test (written and spoken) to ensure that each student is placed at the most appropriate level. Students who wish to do an exam-specific programme will be required to complete an exam-style placement test.

We look forward to meeting you and helping you to improve your English Language skills while making the most of your time in Dublin!



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English Courses Available:

- General English
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Some of our Teachers

Teresa Hudson

- Having completed her CELT training started teaching English in Canada to foreign students
- Since returning to Ireland in 2013 has taught a variety of levels in Dublin, from beginner General English to FCE exam preparation
- Enjoys teaching and meeting people from different countries and learning about new cultures
- A love of travel has seen her visit Australia, the USA, Canada, the Caribbean and South America
- Prior to training as a language teacher graduated with a degree in Media Arts from the Dublin Institute of Technology and has worked on various film and television productions.



Claire Hawkins

- Graduated with a BSc in Science and Zoology and has held a CELTA qualification since 2002.
- Travelled South-East Asia extensively before settling in Thailand for several years teaching English and working in the tourism sector.
- Since returning to Ireland in 2011 she has been teaching full-time, taking classes from Beginner to Advanced including exam preparation for students taking IELTS and Cambridge exams.
- Claire has been working with IBAT since 2015 and along with teaching General English classes leads the Assisted Study classes which help students with any grammatical and communicative issues they may be facing.
- She is a compassionate teacher who provides individual and group support, using positive encouragement and reinforcement to keep students focused and motivated.
- Claire also leads the weekly Social Activity Programme for IBAT, taking students on cultural excursions and exploring Dublin City and the surrounding areas.



Location and Facilities

IBAT College Dublin English School offers morning or afternoon classes at two city centre locations. Our Wellington Quay Campus is located in the heart of Temple Bar, the city's 'Cultural Quarter'. Our campus on Dawson street is located beside Dublin's main shopping thoroughfare, Grafton Street, and is less than a two minute walk from Saint Stephen's Green.

Student study facilities provided include high speed wireless broadband, IT hubs with printing facilities and student intranet access. Students also have access to hard copy learning materials and can avail of a student breakout areas, study area and dedicated English language learning support at both campuses.



Student Activities

At IBAT College Dublin there is much more to the English Language learning experience than just the classroom. As part of your programme you will be invited to partake in a wide range of organised social activities each month in Dublin and throughout the island of Ireland.

- Malahide Castle
- Phoenix Park Visitors Centre
- War Memorial Gardens
- Cliff of Moher, Co Clare
- Iveagh Gardens
- Skerries Walkabout
- Guinness Storehouse
- Dublinia Viking & Medieval Dublin Tour
- Glendalough, Co Wicklow
- Powerscourt Townhouse & Gardens
- Dalkey Heritage Town
- Day Trip to Belfast

'I visited so many exciting places in Ireland through the trips organized by IBAT College.'

"Ich besuchte so viele spannende orte in Irland durch die fahrten durch IBAT organisiert College. "

Alejandro Schilling, Germany



General English Course

Course Overview

This course is delivered to non-native speakers of English to improve their English language skills. Its main purpose is to give learners recognition of their standard of English for general purposes. The course teaches English as a foreign language. General courses will increase your competence and confidence when communicating in English.

Academic Progression

These courses are designed for students at all levels of English and our aim is to improve students' fluency and accuracy, whatever their starting level. Our written and spoken placement test ensures accurate placement and we offer a wide range of levels. Class tutors continuously monitor students' progress and regular progress tests allow us to verify that students are studying at the appropriate level.

Course Levels

Beginners (Below A1 on the CEFR*)
Elementary (A1 on the CEFR)
Pre-intermediate (B1 on the CEFR)
Intermediate (B1 on the CEFR)
Upper-intermediate (B2 on the CEFR)
Advanced (C1 on the CEFR)

General English classes are offered at all levels in groups of a maximum of 15 students. Timetables are flexible, students may study in the mornings or afternoons.

You can enrol in our General English programme every Monday. The timetable is as follows:

Morning classes: 09.00-12.15 Monday to Friday
Afternoon classes: 13.30-16.45 Monday to Thursday + 13.15-16.30 Friday

Social Activities run on Fridays
(morning and afternoon)
and Saturdays



Classes

Teachers use a personal approach to ensure that students develop at their own pace, while focusing on the key elements of language learning such as grammar, vocabulary, receptive, productive skills and basic practical language functions, such as:

- Dealing with daily problems and life situations:
- Going to the bank and opening an account
- Asking for directions
- Visiting a doctor/dentist and describing symptoms
- Telephone skills
- Letter-writing skills – cover letters, complaint letters, emails etc
- Curriculum Vitae – structure and content
- Classes also include specifically designed cultural lessons which focus on different aspects of Irish culture. Some of these lessons are also linked to trips which are taken during class-time to museums and historical areas around the city.



Tests and examinations

Every week, students will be tested on what they have covered in class. These tests may be communicative or written and focus on all the skills.

Every four weeks, students will take a more detailed test which is based on all the material covered in the course book and extra exercises.

Note: All visa-required students must take the Test of Interactive English (TIE) at the end of their course of study. Other examinations (e.g Cambridge exams – FCE, CAE and IELTS) can also be arranged for students.

We offer a range of TIE General English (GE) courses at all levels within a TIE exam format which focuses on three main communicative tasks:

- A short project on a subject of interest to the student
- A book of the student's choice
- A news story from a newspaper and/or TV or radio

Results are graded according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR):

	TIE
Proficient User	C1, C1+ and C2
Independent User	B1, B1+, B2 and B2+
Basic User	A1, A1+, A2 and A2+

English Level	Common European Framework (CEF) of Reference for Language Qualifications
Advanced	C1 Effective Operational Proficiency
Upper Intermediate	B2 Vantage
Intermediate	Threshold
Pre-Intermediate	A2 Waystage
Elementary	A1 Breakthrough
Beginners	Below A1



Intensive General English

The Intensive General English course is designed for students who want to make optimum use of their time studying English in Dublin. On the Intensive General English course, you will follow the same programme as the Standard General English course in the mornings, but also attend afternoon classes, which gives the students the opportunity to improve their communicative proficiency through discussions, topical debates, authentic materials and video.

The main objective of the Intensive General English course is to develop communication skills at an accelerated rate and to improve your competence in using English in everyday situations. The course covers all aspects of the English language and aims to develop the students' communicative ability in the shortest time possible. Our modern teaching methods and use of supplementary materials give the student the best opportunity to build their language skills and maximise the benefits of the time they spend with us.



teachers have a working knowledge of at least one other foreign language, we place a lot of emphasis on dealing with translation and pronunciation issues students may experience.

Assisted Study

For students who may be finding it difficult to keep up in class or who might just wish to focus more on certain grammar points, extra help is available one day every week when students can sit with a teacher and work on particular areas in more detail. A programme can be scheduled between the teacher and the student, and homework may also be given to ensure that the student gets as much practice as possible.

Special attention is placed on pronunciation from the early stages, with particular emphasis on individual sounds and specific problem areas for students of varying language backgrounds.

Through our years of experience of teaching multinational groups here in Ireland and abroad, coupled with the fact that all of our teachers have a working knowledge of at least one other foreign language, we place a lot of emphasis on dealing with translation and pronunciation issues students may experience.

Self Study

We also encourage students to work on their own, with guidance from the teachers. There is free wi-fi access throughout the building and the College also has two fully-equipped computer laboratories, as well as computer points located in the student areas.

Students may also use the library computers to access online materials. Our librarian is also happy to meet students and talk to them about the resources that are available in the library. These include access to online English-language activities and other exam-specific materials.

Cambridge First Certificate (FCE) Preparation/Certificate in Advanced (CAE) Preparation



CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH
Language Assessment
Part of the University of Cambridge

Course Description

Students seeking a general qualification as a proof of language proficiency may opt for one of our general Cambridge exam programmes. These are among the most popular and widely-recognised English examinations in the world, accepted by both employers and many educational institutions alike.

FCE - First Certificate English

As the basic formal certificate recognised by public institutions, this examination equates to a B2 level on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching and Assessment (CEFR). It is generally taken by students who have achieved an upper-intermediate level of English.

CAE - Certificate in Advanced English

For students at an advanced level of English language learning, this examination equates to a C1 on the CEFR. Along with IELTS, certain educational institutions accept this certificate for entry to college courses.

Help and guidance is provided to each student wishing to enrol for an official Cambridge Examination. For more details on educational institutions and bodies that accept both CAE and CPE for entry to their courses, please refer to the official Cambridge website www.cambridgeenglish.org.

Our programmes focus on the five main exam areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Speaking
- Use of English (vocabulary and grammar)

The courses begin with a general introduction to the overall structure of the examination, followed by a gradual development of the sub-skills:

Reading

- Reading for detailed and specific information
- Deducing unknown vocabulary from context
- Justifying an answer
- Interpreting an author's overall opinion of a given topic
- Focus on the specific text-related task types:
 - Multiple-choice (FCE complete text – CAE 3 theme-related short texts + complete text)
 - Gapped text (FCE sentence insertion- CAE – paragraph insertion)
 - Multiple-matching

Writing

- Part 1 – Compulsory task: Formal and informal letter and e-mail writing
- Part 2 – Choice of 1 out of 4 – emphasis on writing essays, proposals, reports, short stories, reviews, articles, letters and e-mails (formal and informal)
- Text organisation (introduction and conclusion)
- General coherence – linking ideas and sentences appropriately



Listening

- Listening for gist and specific information – dates, times, prices etc. Task types: sentence completion, multiple-choice and multiple matching
- Constant exposure to exam-style recordings e.g. monologues, two-way conversations, group discussions etc.
- Emphasis is placed on the different native English-speaking accents
- Recording scripts are subsequently analysed for vocabulary content

Speaking

- Examination of academic vocabulary and expressions for recurring discussion topics
- Part 2: Focus on analysis and description of visual prompts (photographs)
- Part 3: Focus on interactive skills while collaborating and discussing visual aids, with the aim of responding to a given situation
- Engaging in certain language functions such as speculating, justifying an opinion, negotiating and reaching consensus
- Particular focus is placed on language accuracy and fluency
- Regular simulations of the complete speaking exam in student pairs

Use of English

- Familiarisation with and regular practice of each of the task types: Multiple-choice cloze, Open cloze, Word formation, Gapped sentences, Key word transformations, summary writing

- Particular attention is paid to the following:
 - Analysis of parts of speech and parts of a sentence
 - Lexical-grammatical focus– idioms, collocations, word semantics, synonyms, varying registers
 - Attention placed on language etymology – affixation (prefixes and suffixes) for word formation
 - Grammar – tenses and articles are among the most common issues for speakers of certain languages
 - Summary writing skills (for CPE level)

Students will be carefully trained to complete each exam task in the specific allotted time and will practice transferring answers from exam booklets to the official exam answer sheet.

All our exam programmes are structured in a way that builds students' confidence through continual practice of exam-specific tasks, combined with regular designated exam practice days followed by detailed feedback provided to each student.

Individual logs are kept of each student's scores to highlight stronger skills and pinpoint weaker areas for further development. The aim of this is to show progression and to form the basis for assigning supplementary work to improve on these areas.

What will students achieve at the end of the programme?

Upon successful completion of the IBAT English programme:

- A general IBAT College certificate of achievement (student name, course level, number of hours attended and the teacher's reference on the student's progression)

Upon successful completion of the official Cambridge examination:

- An internationally-recognised Cambridge FCE or CAE Certificate which confirms the student's level and does not expire

Cambridge Certificates are recognised by employers worldwide and are accepted by many educational institutions as a proof of level of English. Students could decide that they wish to progress further to try the next level of the exam.



IELTS 6.0/6.5 Preparation Course

Course Description

Most universities in English-speaking countries require students to have a minimum of 6 or 6.5 in the IELTS examination to gain entry. This may vary according to the university and the specific course.

Here at IBAT College Dublin, we aim to ensure that all students who undertake our IELTS programmes achieve the exact grade they require. An advanced level of English is required to join this programme (CEFR B2/C1 or equivalent).

Our programmes focus on all four skills:

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Speaking

The courses begin with a general introduction to the overall structure of the examination, followed by a gradual development of the sub-skills:

Reading

- Reading for detailed and specific information
- Deducing unknown vocabulary from context
- Justifying an answer
- Interpreting an author's overall opinion of a given topic

Writing

- Exam task 1: Description of visual information – interpreting and comparing data in the form of graphs, bar charts, pie charts, tables, process diagrams, maps, cycles e.g. water cycle, carbon cycle etc.
- Exam task 2: Essay writing – structuring an argument while providing evidence, presenting and supporting points, comparing and contrasting, showing cause and effect, outlining advantages and disadvantages, justifying an opinion.
- Text organisation (introduction and conclusion)
- General coherence – linking ideas and sentences appropriately

Listening

- Listening for gist and specific information – dates, times, prices etc.
- Repeated exposure to exam-style recordings e.g. monologues, two-way conversations, group discussions, lecture-style tutorials etc.
- Emphasis is placed on the different native English-speaking accents
- Recording scripts are subsequently analysed for vocabulary content

Speaking

- Examination of academic vocabulary and expressions for recurring discussion topics
- Particular focus is placed on language accuracy and fluency
- Regular simulations of the complete speaking exam in student pairs
- Students will be carefully trained to complete each exam task in the specific allotted time and will practice transferring answers from exam booklets to the official exam answer sheet.

All our exam programmes are structured in a way that builds students' confidence through continual practice of exam-specific tasks, combined with regular designated exam practice days followed by detailed feedback provided to each student.

Individual logs are kept of each student's scores to highlight stronger skills and pinpoint weaker areas for further development. The aim of this is to show progression and to form the basis for assigning supplementary work to improve on these areas.

What will students achieve at the end of the programme?

Upon successful completion of the IBAT College IELTS preparation programme:

- General IBAT College Dublin certificate of achievement (includes student name, course level, number of hours attended and the teacher's reference on the student's progression)

Upon successful completion of the official IELTS examination:

- An internationally-recognised IELTS Certificate which confirms the student's level (Please note that this certificate is valid for two years only)

IELTS is recognised by employers worldwide and is accepted by many educational institutions as a proof of level of English.

Further Information

Progression

Student can progress from Beginner to Advanced level on our General English Courses. IBAT College Dublin also offers Undergraduate Degrees and Masters programmes, which students may be eligible to progress to.

Accommodation

The accommodation options available to students include:

Irish Host Family accommodation

- Bed, breakfast and evening meal
- Bedrooms with a table and chair for private study or access to another room with facilities to help study
- Bedrooms with adequate heating, lighting and ventilation
- Bedrooms supplied with quality bed clothes
- Bed linen changed weekly
- Free access to a bathroom and bath or shower on a daily basis
- Light laundry done by the host family or access to a washing machine
- Friendly hosts and a warm welcome

Student Residence Accommodation

IBAT College Dublin provides accommodation in a student residence where you can make friends with others students in a very relaxed environment.

- Bills included
- Free internet access
- TV Cable
- Safe & secure
- Self catering

Hostel Accommodation

IBAT College Dublin also provides hostel accommodation in Dublin City Centre.

- Bills included
- Breakfast
- Free internet access
- Safe and secure
- Walking distance to the college
- Self catering
- Shared bathroom

Medical Insurance

Non EU students who are in Ireland or on an Irish student visa must have medical insurance in place. IBAT College Dublin can facilitate this for students if required.

Protection for Enrolled Learners (PEL)

Details of this cover are provided for students and stakeholders on the College website.

Visit us! English Language Advisory Service:

Drop in to our Temple Bar Campus any time from Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm and meet with one of our English Language Advisors who will assist you in choosing the best English language course and period of study to suit your needs. No appointment is necessary. You will also get a tour of our campus building and find out about special offers and discounts available on fees.

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'The classes have not only helped me a lot with my English but have also enabled me to get to know new people. All in all, I will not hesitate to choose IBAT College for my next course or to recommend it to my friends.'

'Las clases de los viernes me ayudaron mucho, no solo a mejorar mi inglés, sino también a conocer a mucha gente y hacer nuevos amigos. Por todo lo mencionado anteriormente y por mucho más, no dudo en volver a elegir Ibat para mi próximo curso de inglés o en recomendarlo a mis amigos.'

Diego Arocena, Argentina



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