



# iSTUDY

# The Learning Hub

**Dublin, Ireland**

English Language Courses  
Professional Programmes  
High School Placements



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Founded in 2001, iStudy is a learning hub, offering a full range of educational programmes. We don't just teach courses, we offer you a complete package, combining the best academic programmes with high-quality accommodation, an exciting social programme, interesting student clubs, great evening events and adventurous weekend excursions.

Located in a beautifully modernised 18th-century stone building in Dublin's city centre, the school has a unique and friendly atmosphere. Teachers and staff are young and enthusiastic and our building provides you with a bright, colourful and inspirational space for your studies. Our top-of-the-range facilities include spacious classrooms, electronic whiteboards, a library, a computer suite, WiFi and a cafeteria.

We hope this brochure will answer most of your questions but feel free to contact us anytime for more information.











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# Dublin, Ireland

With a population of just over one million, Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland, is the best place in the world to study! With fifty per cent of its inhabitants aged under 25, it is a city overflowing with music, art, theatre, culture and fashion! Once the home of writers James Joyce, Bram Stoker and Oscar Wilde, today its celebrated natives include singers Bono, Imelda May and actor Colin Farrell, to name just a few.

With its international and highly educated workforce, Dublin has been chosen by many multi-national companies, particularly internet-based ones, as the location for their European headquarters. Google, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter all have substantial bases in the city employing thousands of internet professionals from Ireland and all over the world.

The city boasts a large number of museums, art galleries and historical sites, most of which offer free entry. Temple Bar is Dublin's 'left bank'. Its cobblestone streets, decked in blooming flower baskets are lined with a combination of charming 'old world' pubs, shops, cafes, theatres, designer crafts stores, music venues and clubs. Wander through its busy streets during the day to soak up its rustic café culture and in the evening to sample some exciting nightlife. iStudy is ideally located in the city centre, close to Temple Bar, the shopping areas and all transportation routes.





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# English Courses

Choosing to study English could be one of the most important decisions you will ever make! Fluency and competence in the language is now a necessity for anyone who wants to travel abroad and a prerequisite for most careers. An English course at iStudy is a unique experience.

Our teachers are all university graduates with recognised teaching qualifications, experience and most importantly, a love of their profession. We offer a range of programmes to suit all requirements, combining the basic language skills with a full range of specialist classes and internationally renowned examinations.

All English programmes are recognised by the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQA) for English language teaching.

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## Standard English Programme

This programme is suitable for everyone. It provides a good foundation in the main linguistic skills, with a strong focus on communication. It is a less intensive programme, allowing time for out-of-class activities.

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### General English 15 (GE15)

With the main focus on communication skills, this 15-hour per week course also provides a solid foundation in grammar and the main linguistic skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. The method used is task-based, which means that by the end of each level students are expected to be able to complete a certain amount of tasks through English. There is a central course book and workbook and teachers supplement these using authentic materials such as newspapers, magazines, menus, manuals, brochures and a range of other books. All courses incorporate the use of electronic interactive whiteboards, the Internet and audio-visual technology.

**Levels** A1 – C2

#### Schedule

09.00 – 12.10 (morning class)  
13.20 – 16.30 (afternoon class)

#### Course start dates

Any Monday of the year, excluding Christmas vacation

**Hours per week** 15

#### Duration

1 – 24 weeks

#### Key points

- Suitable for any student who wishes to improve their English in a less intensive way
- General 'all-round' approach
- Revision of major grammar and vocabulary at each level
- In-house examinations
- More time for out-of-class activities

#### Award

iStudy Certificate in English

#### Entry requirements

Students should have a basic knowledge of English (A1 level). Those who are complete beginners will have to enter a one-to-one programme until A1 level is achieved.

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## Intensive English Programmes

These programmes are suitable for students who require a more intensive course of study, with a particular focus on certain skills or topics. Students take the standard programme (opposite) and an additional five lessons in a special topic.

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### General English 20 (GE20)

The GE20 programme follows the same structure as described under GE15, but there are 5 extra classes of conversational English each week. In this way, this course offers superior fluency practice.

**Levels** A1 – C2

#### Elective Schedule

12.20 – 13.15

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### Cambridge Examinations 20 (CE20)

The CE20 programme follows the same structure as described under GE15, but there are 5 extra classes of Cambridge Examination Preparation (FCE or CAE) each week.

**Levels** FCE and CAE (B2 – C1)

#### Elective Schedule

12.20 – 13.15

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### Business English 20 (BE20)

The BE20 programme follows the same structure as described under GE15 but includes 5 extra classes in Business English. The Business Writing Skills component prepares students for all written communication that may arise in a professional context while the Interpersonal and Communication Skills component prepares students for all verbal interactions that may occur.

**Levels** B1 – C1 (mixed class)

#### Elective Schedule

12.20 – 13.15

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### IELTS 20 (IE20)

The IE20 programme follows the same structure as described under GE15, but there are 5 extra classes of IELTS examination preparation each week.

**Levels** FCE and CAE (B2 – C1)

#### Elective Schedule

12.20 – 13.15  
16.40 – 17.35





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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How can I contact the school?

Please email [info@isi-ireland.ie](mailto:info@isi-ireland.ie)

### How can I apply for a course?

Students from abroad may book on our website or contact their nearest educational travel agent. If you would like us to recommend one, please contact us with your city name and country.

### Do I need a visa?

That depends on where you come from. Students from the EEA, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein do not need a visa to travel to or study in Ireland. Students from visa-waiver countries such as Brazil, Venezuela, Uruguay, Chile, Panama, Argentina, Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan, Korea and Taiwan do not need a visa to enter Ireland but must register after arrival. Students from visa-requiring countries such as Colombia, China, Russia, Pakistan and India require a visa in advance of travelling to Ireland. For full information please visit: [www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Students](http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Students)

### Will the school help me to register with immigration after arrival?

Yes, after you arrive at the school, we will take you through a step-by-step process of opening a bank account, applying for a social security number and registering with immigration.

### How much money should I bring to Ireland for long-term study?

If you are from a country outside of the EEA, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, you will be required to open a bank account in Ireland and place the sum of €3000 (for 6 months – 1 year) or €500 per month for shorter courses. You will also be required to pay a fee of €150 to register with immigration.

### Can I work in Ireland?

Students from the EEA, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein can work legally in Ireland with the same conditions as Irish citizens. All students from outside these countries can work in Ireland only if they are in full-time education on an approved programme for a period of 25 weeks or more. In this brochure, these programmes include Academic

Year English, Foundation Year and all Certificate and Diploma programmes. However, students on these programmes are limited to working 20 hours per week during course term and 40 hours per week during holidays.

### Can I buy insurance through the school?

Yes, iStudy supplies a very competitive insurance policy for students. Please consult our price list and stipulate on your application if you require this service.

### Can you meet me at the airport in Dublin?

Yes, an iStudy representative can meet you at the airport and bring you to your accommodation. Please consult our price list and stipulate on your application if you require this service.

### When can I start my course?

You can start English programmes and Academic Year programmes on any Monday, except during Christmas vacation. All other courses have specific course start dates. See course description page.

### How big are the classes?

There is a maximum of 15 students in each language class and a maximum of 40 in each Certificate or Diploma class.

### Do I need to pass a test in order to enter your school?

All new English language students can do an English test online at [www.studyinireland.ie](http://www.studyinireland.ie). All Certificate and Diploma programmes require students to provide proof of their English level prior to being accepted on the programme.

### Do you have any activities I can participate in after class?

iStudy offers a full social programme all year round, as well as a range of free clubs and evening events.

### What qualifications do your teachers have?

All English teachers have a degree and an ACELS recognized TEFL certificate. All Certificate and Diploma lecturers have a Degree, Masters or Doctorate in the discipline they are teaching, as well as extensive lecturing and industry experience.



## TV Club



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## Social Programme

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## Drama Club

Along with our study programmes we have a range of activities and events organised to help you get the best out of your experience here. The social aspect of iStudy is an important part of your time with us; a time to learn, meet new people and live within a unique community and environment.

These are examples of just some of the kinds of clubs and group events you can take part in:

- Drama Club
- TV Club
- Afternoon Excursions
- Music Club
- Sports
- Seasonal Parties
- Day Trips

## Music Club





# Seasonal Parties



# Day Trips



# Sports





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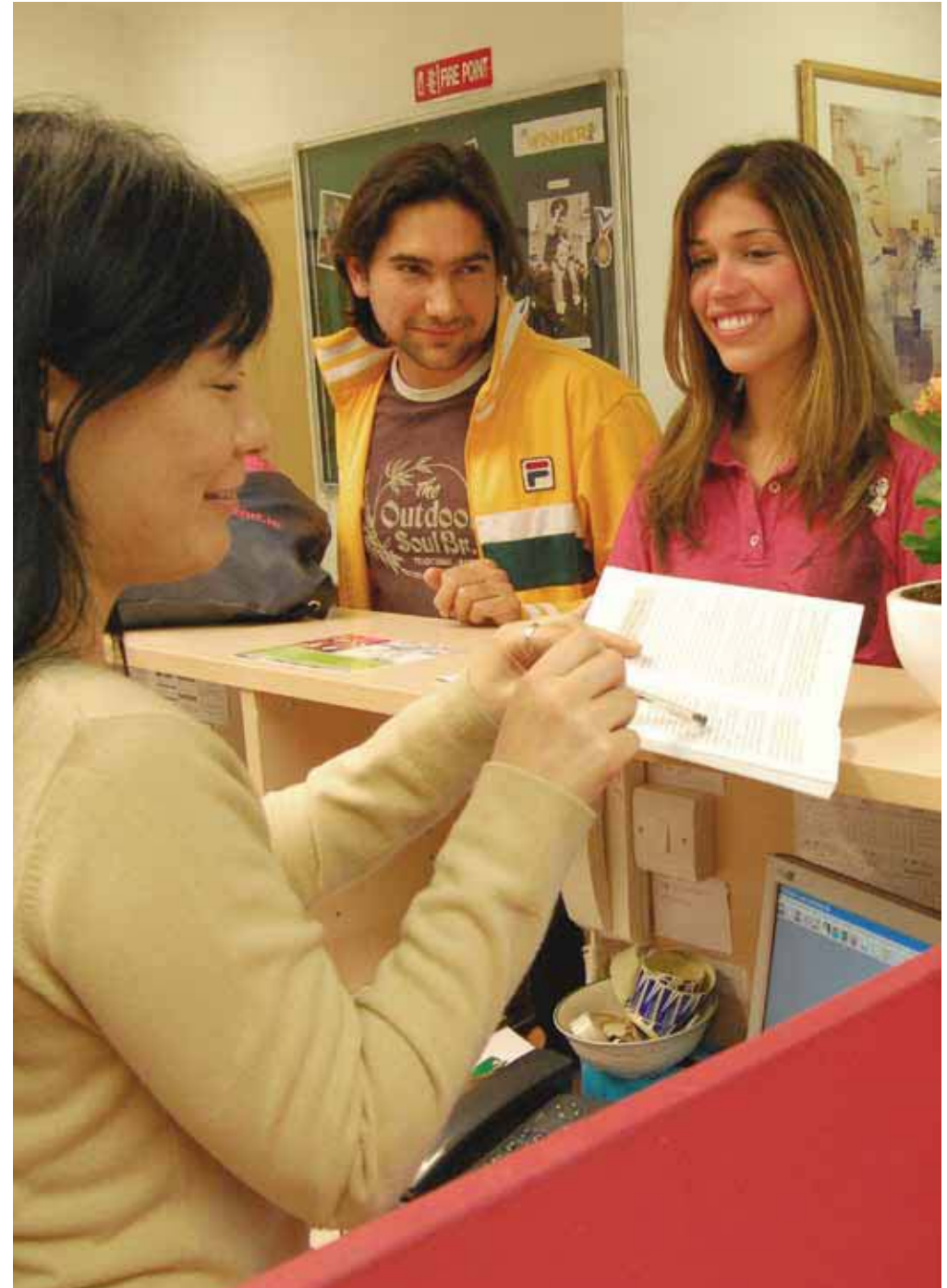
## Facilities & Services

### Our facilities include:

- Bright and spacious classrooms with interactive whiteboards and multi-media technology on each floor
- A cafeteria
- A self-access library area with books and DVDs
- A multi-media room with 15 computers, webcams and e-learning solutions
- A fully staffed reception as well as an e-reception service online

### Services available include:

- Level testing prior to starting course
- Accommodation in student residence apartments, host families or deluxe hostel
- Airport pick-up service
- Orientation on arrival
- Localisation services (e.g. opening a bank account, finding permanent accommodation, immigration support)
- Jobs Club (for those who wish to work in Ireland)
- Academic and personal counselling
- Book purchasing
- Examination registration



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