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English School Brochure



Hello! Welcome to ULearn

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Recognised by the Department of Education and Science for the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language

ULearn English School **Dublin**

ULearn English School Dublin has been delivering academic excellence for almost 30 years.



In our experience the best way to improve your English is to visit an English speaking country, sit in a classroom with a teacher and classmates, and communicate.

Our team of industry experts, from our academic team to our support and administrative staff will make sure your time at ULearn is both highly academically rewarding and an unforfettabe experience.

Located beside Stephen's Green in the heart of Dublin, ULearn is close to all the key cultural highpoints that the city has to offer; museums and galleries, cafes, restaurants, theatres and cinemas, shopping, and some of Dublin's most popular music and nightlife hotspots are within easy reach of our front door.



Dublin is a vibrant hub where culture and education form a central part of everyday life



Quality Assurance

ULearn is recognised by ACELS / QQI on behalf of the Irish Department of Education and Skills. We are also a member of Marketing English in Ireland (MEI).

These quality assurance marks mean you can feel confident in choosing to study English at ULearn.

Studying in Ireland / Dublin

Choosing to study in Ireland gives students the opportunity to live and learn in one of the happiest and most welcoming countries in the world.

Chosen as their European headquarters by international companies such as Facebook, Google, LinkedIn and AirBnB amongst others, Dublin is a vibrant hub where culture and education form a central part of everyday life.

Improving your English in Dublin, means enjoying the same city where the literary genius of James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Wilde and recent Noble Prize Winner Seamus Heaney led to the creation of some of the most influential works in the English language.

ULearn **Courses**

ULearn offers a comprehensive suite of English language courses to meet all learner requirements.

> Whether it is group-based General English classes, exam preparation courses, or private tuition, we endeavour to help you achieve all your language goals, in an academic yet fun and relaxed environment. Our timetable allows you to choose morning, afternoon and evening courses, as we understand that not everyone has the same schedule!

ULearn English programmes are designed to provide students with as many opportunities as possible to use English. We know that in an increasingly globalized world, English is everywhere and almost all our students have used some English before they enter the ULearn classroom. We also know that most students have probably studied English grammar at school, but now they want to spend time speaking and practicing English, not just studying it. For these reasons our teachers design their lessons to help students speak and use English in as many real life situations as possible.

Students choose ULearn because our teaching methods are effective and fun.

RECYCLE REPAIR **REFINE**

How ULearn helps learners improve their English quickly.



Recycle

ULearn English classes are different because we make sure that our learners get the opportunity to practice and use the most important structures every day in class again and again, recycling fundamental aspects of the language.

This approach helps you become comfortable using the language in a short period of time.



Repair

It's perfectly natural to make mistakes when learning a new language.

In fact it's a very important part of the language-learning process. At ULearn our teachers not only correct mistakes but they also help students understand and identify their errors, allowing them to correct their own mistakes over time.

Refine

When students start using English with confidence and can identify their own mistakes, the next step is to refine the language they produce.

At ULearn we teach our students the best and most natural way to say things in English. We help develop comfort with the language so students can use it the same way as native English speakers do.

At ULearn we teach our students the best and most natural way to say things





General English

ULearn's General English Programme focuses on the most important and frequently used structures in English to help students getting started using 'real' English in the shortest possible period.

We help students achieve this in natural ways through conversation with classmates and teachers. The General English Programme gives students the opportunity to improve all aspects of their English; speaking, listening, reading, writing and also pronunciation to help students sound more like native English speakers. Whether students plan to study for 2 weeks, 8 weeks or even 25 weeks, our General English Programmes set out clear learning objectives for students to achieve during their time at ULearn.



Visa Programmes

Our Visa Programmes allow non-EU students to stay in Ireland for an extended period, maximising their opportunities to use English like a native speaker.

By choosing one of our Visa Programmes we understand that non-EU students are choosing to come to Ireland not just because they want to study English but because they want to live English.

Going to the bank, to shops, using public transport, ordering food or a pint of Guinness; we ensure all of these activities are real learning opportunities for language students undertaking a Visa Programme. By enrolling in one of our Visa Programmes students gain the opportunity to complete an internationally recognised examination at the end of their course. Following our level assessment of students upon enrolment, students will choose from one of the following:

- TIE: Test of Interactive English
- Cambridge PET: Preliminary English Test
- Cambridge FCE: First Certificate Examination
- CAE: Cambridge Advanced Examination
- IELTS: International English Language Testing System



Junior & Group Programmes

Every year ULearn customizes packages for groups from all over the world who come to Dublin to improve their English and to experience the wonderful culture Ireland offers!

We organise these courses all year, every year so your group can come at any time. Our Junior programme can be requested for groups of all sizes (10 pax min) and 1 leader goes completely free with every 15 students.

A typical Junior programme package would include the following:

- 15 hours English course per week
- Full-board host family accommodation
- Daily activity programme
- Day-long weekend trip to areas of interest around Ireland
- Transport to and from the airport

Private Programmes, for Professional or Specific Language Needs

Some students prefer a more direct approach to their language learning.

This is often the case with students who wish to develop their language skills for specific professional or academic purposes.

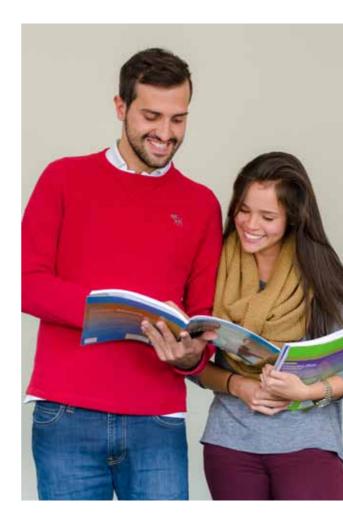
Private Programme students have the advantage of a more flexible timetable, giving them the opportunity to study at a time which suits them best, making this option a very popular one.



Free Elective Classes: Conversation & Pronunciation

2 hugely popular offerings at ULearn are our free Conversation and Pronunciation classes, both of which reinforce key skills students develop in their regular classes.

These weekly electives give learners the opportunity to use real English as much as possible, while aiming to sound like a native speaker.



ULearn Exam Preparation Courses ensure students have the right tools to sit their appropriate test. Our exam course teachers are highly qualified and experienced and include University of Cambridge Examiners.

Cambridge English qualifications are produced by Cambridge ESOL, a department of the University of Cambridge – an institution with an 800 year reputation for excellence in education.

> Preparing for the FCE will develop students' reading, writing, use of English, listening and speaking skills.



Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)

Having a Cambridge First Certificate demonstrates that a student has the language skills to live and work independently in an English-speaking country.

The FCE is set at Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, where B2 is the level of English essential for:

- Working in an English speaking environment.
- Studying at an upper intermediate level such as foundation or pathway courses.
- Understanding the main ideas of complex pieces of writing.
- Conversing on a range of topics, expressing opinions and presenting arguments.
- Producing clear, detailed writing, expressing opinions and explaining the advantages and disadvantages of different points of view.

The CAE offers you internationally accepted proof of your linguistic ability.

Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)

Preparing for the Cambridge Advanced Examination helps learners develop the skills to make the most of studying, working and living in English-speaking countries.

The CAE exam proves that students possess the English language skills to deal with complex academic and professional tasks. The CAE is set at Level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

C1 is the level of English essential for:

- Following academic courses at university level.
- Carrying out complex and challenging research.
- Communicating effectively at managerial and professional level.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Over 1.4 million candidates take the IELTS test each year. The exam is recognised by more than 6000 institutions in over 135 countries.

These include universities (e.g. University College Dublin, Trinity College and Institutes of Technology) professional bodies (the Irish Medical Council, the Irish Management Institute) and multinational companies.

IELTS has two versions – General and Academic. All candidates take the same Listening and Speaking tests but different Reading and Writing tests. ULearn can prepare students for both versions.

The General test is for those who want work experience, training programmemes, attend secondary school or migrate to an Englishspeaking country.

The Academic test is for people who want to study or train in an English-speaking university or Institutions of Higher and Further Education.

ULearn Social & Cultural **Programme**

At ULearn we know that if students really want to develop their language skills they need to use them in a social and cultural context.

> For that reason we organise a unique, varied and all-inclusive social and cultural programme for our students to enjoy. Just take a look at some of the activities that we organise for our students:

- Weekend trips to famous spots around Ireland (Galway, Kilkenny, Cork,
- Private cinema night
- Irish dancing classes and exhibitions
- International parties
- Concert events
- -Trips to some of Ireland's best castles
- Greyhound racing
- Sporting Events
- Pub nights, enjoying Dublin's night life
- Hiking trips
- Irish language classes
- Museum and gallery excursions

As you can see we offer something to cater for all different types of people! We hope you'll join us for some if not all of our activities during your time here.

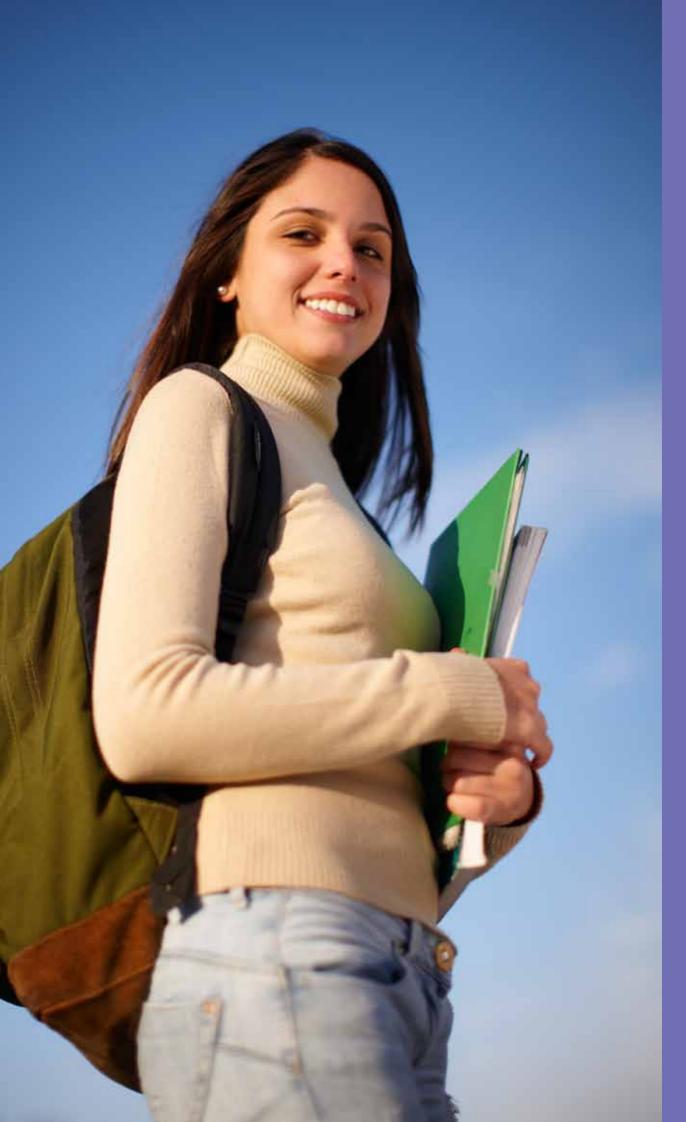
We regularly post our social activities to both our Facebook page and our school blog. Check those out here:

Facebook:

facebook.com/ULearnDublinEnglishSchool

ULearn School Blog: ulearnschool.com/blog





Living and **Accommodation**

In order to make students' stay at ULearn as comfortable and stress-free as possible, we offer several accommodation options.

Host Families

ULearn has a select network of quality host families for ULearn students.

Staying with a host family provides learners with the opportunity to practice their English with native speakers every day as well as interacting in a normal home environment in the Dublin suburbs.

Host Family accommodation includes breakfast and dinner meals.

Student Hostel

ULearn can provide shared accommodation for students in a hostel style accommodation in the city center.

Rooms are normally shared between 4 people but are subject to demand and are not managed by ULearn.

Other Accommodation Types

We are happy to help students find alternative means of accommodation. Simply contact the office for more information.

We want your stay with us here in Dublin to be as comfortable as possible.

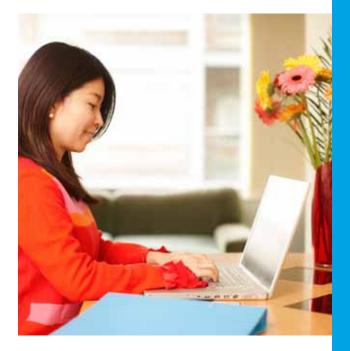


City Apartments

Enjoy the independence that comes with visiting Dublin by staying in one of ULearn's serviced apartments in the city center.

These rooms are exclusively for ULearn customers so our students can have fun living with people just like them. Shops, transport, entertainment and of course the school are all close by so students can walk to class!

The apartments are self-catering and there are 3 different room types (single en-suite, single, and shared) but demand for these rooms is always high so booking in advance is a must!



Dublin is located on the **East Coast** of Ireland

With three of Ireland's largest universities, Dublin is a very young city and part of its charm is that people of all ages and all walks of life mix together.

Dublin's Two Halfs...

Dublin is a city of two halfs, the Northside and the Southside, divided by the River Liffey in the city centre. Dubliners on both sides can get very passionate about this division and it is the basis of many jokes you may overhear in conversation during your time here.

The Northside

The Northside of Dublin city is home to the main thoroughfare of Dublin, O'Connell Street, running north-south from Parnell Square, the city's most expensive address in the late 17th century, to the Liffey.

The General Post Office (GPO), located halfway down O'Connell Street, was the central location of the 1916 Rising. Henry Street is a popular shopping district.

And, if you turn off Henry Street into Moore Street, you find a traditional working street market with all its hustle and bustle. Dublin's Northside is also home to many museums, theatres, Croke Park Stadium and to Phoenix Park, Europe's largest city park which houses Dublin Zoo.

The Southside

On the Southside, you find the bohemian Temple Bar district with its shops, galleries, and nightlife. The main shopping area centres around Grafton Street and the delightful Saint Stephens Green park

In general, you find more trendy and unusual shops in the backstreets to the West of Grafton Street, particularly on Clarendon Street, William Street South, Drury Street and Wicklow Street and Exchequer Street.

Dublin's Southside is also home to Ireland's oldest and most famous university, Trinity College, Government Buildings, Dublin Castle, the Aviva Stadium and the oldest parts of the city around Christchurch Cathedral and St Patrick's Cathedral.

We are always happy to offer our expertise and help make your stay a special one.

Useful Information about Ireland

Telephone

The international code for Ireland is 00 353.

The local area code for Dublin is 01. In case of emergency, dial 999 or 112. Local and national directory enquiries are 11811 or 11850 and for international directory enquiries, dial 11818 or 11860.

Electrical Current

220/240 volts (50 cycles) is the standard electrical current throughout Ireland.

Plugs are 3-pin flat and an adaptor will be required to use 2-pin plugs.

Business Hours

General business hours in Ireland are Monday to Friday 09:00–17:30.

Shops are generally open Monday to Saturday 09:00–18:00, Sunday 12:00–18:00. Thursday is generally late night shopping in Dublin with many shops remaining open until 20:00.

Tipping

In general it is not necessary to tip for services in Ireland, however it is usually appreciated.

The exception to this is in restaurants, where it is usual to tip 10%, except in cases where a service charge is included on the bill.

Smoking

Smoking is banned in all enclosed places of work in Ireland, including restaurants, offices, pubs and shops.

Weather

While the Irish climate is relatively mild, with a mean annual temperature of around 10°C, it is also very changeable on an hourly basis.

In general, it is useful to wear layers, including a sweater.

What Our **Students Say**

ULearn students have always been happy to share their feelings about their time with us, so here are some extracts from some of our student online reviews:

Estefania Leon Venezuela

I've been studying English in ULearn for 6 months and it has been one of the best experiences that I ever had.

Kyungpil Lee South Korea

I have been studying English in ULearn for 8 months and it has been an unforgettable time. Meeting with good friends from different countries, learning good skills with fantastic teachers.

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Marta Alemanno Italy

Thanks ULearn! I spent three amazing months in school. I met a lot of beautiful people and thanks to their teaching method I improved my English.

Ney Molina Mexico

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I loved it! It's an amazing English school. I've learnt a lot and I've been improving my English since I arrived. I had a great experience. Thanks guys!

Ivan Afanasyev Russia

I've spent 10 weeks in Ireland studying English in ULearn. It has been an unforgettable experience. I managed to improve my English very well for that short period of time. Thanks to ULearn teachers and school staff.



I had the time of my life in Dublin when I chose the right place to study! This school has the best teachers and staff, a lot of social activities and a good environment and teaching methods!

Bettiana Hidalgo Uruguay

It's my second time in Ireland and in ULearn too. The country is fantastic; everything is green so you really can enjoy the mountains, the sea and the beach. In ULearn you'll meet friendly people; I mean students and teachers. Everybody is very kind and nice.

Mana Okada Japan



ULearn is such a wonderful school! The best place to study English! I was studying English there for 6 months and had a really good time! Teachers and staff in reception are all nice, friendly and very helpful! I thank you all so much! If you're thinking of studying English in Dublin, Go to ULearn!!.





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