

2024

# **English Course** Prospectus



# Atlantic Language School

Since 1993, Atlantic Language School has welcomed thousands of students from over 100 different countries to Galway, Ireland's Cultural Heart.

Our mission is to give each student, whether they are young people, professionals, school or higher education staff, a memorable experience defined by high quality teaching and supported by a warm and dedicated team.

Atlantic Language School ranks as one of Ireland's premium language schools. It is accredited for English language teaching by the Irish Department of Education, and it is a recognised Erasmus+ institution.

### **Our Facilities**

- 2 modern buildings
- 34 smart classrooms
- 4 residences
- Local host families
- Wi-fi and internet access
- Roof-top terrace
- Student lounge areas
- Computer room

- Student library
- Fully equipped exam centre
- Multilingual student services
- Tea and coffee services
- Free-time activities
- Social activities
- Local discounts
- Tour services





- 1. Brazil
- **2.** Mexico
- **3.** Chile
- 4. Argentina
- 5. Panama
- 6. Costa Rica
- 7. Guatemala
- 8. Bolivia
- 9. Fl Salvador
- 10. Colombia

- **1.** Italy
- 2. Spain
- **3.** Germany
- France
- 5. Switzerland
- 6. Poland
- **7.** Czech Rep.
- 8. Austria
- 9. Hungary
- **10.** Belgium

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#### Asia

- 1. Saudi Arabia
- 2. South Korea
- 4. Japan
- **5.** China
- Oman

- 10. Kazakhstan

### **Africa**



### **Our Courses**

Courses	Available Levels	Page
General English	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2	12
One-to-One	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2	14
General English + One-to-One	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2	16
Summer English for 30+	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2	18
International Young Adult Programme	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2	20
Academic Year	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2	22
Cambridge Preliminary Exam Preparation Course	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2	24
Cambridge Advanced Exam Preparation Course	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2	26
IELTS Exam Preparation Course	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1 C2	28

Available Level Al Unavailable Level

# **Our Approach**

The mission of Atlantic Language School is to provide exceptional tuition, quality accommodation, and comprehensive customer support to enable students to pursue their life and learning objectives.

With a focus on individual educational needs, Atlantic Language School stands out in Ireland's unique social and cultural environment.

At Atlantic Language School, we believe in personalized education that nurtures your growth and supports your aspirations.



Our dedicated team understands your specific requirements, creating a welcoming environment that will help you to build and develop your English language skills.

Studying in Galway you will be based in one of Europe's most popular cities, a centre for the arts and Irish traditional music, and a gateway to the beautiful coastal landscapes of the 'Wild Atlantic Way'.

Atlantic Language School offers an immersive cultural experience that will enrich your language journey while providing unique opportunities to make new, lifelong friends.

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### Accommodation

Experience excellent accommodation options at Atlantic Language School. Choose from our selection of comfortable self-catering apartments conveniently located within walking distance of the school.

Based on availability, we will allocate you to one of our city-centre residences, ensuring a prime location during your stay.

Or immerse yourself fully in the English-speaking environment by opting to stay with a welcoming local host family.



# General English Programme

Unlock your full English potential with a comprehensive skills course designed to propel your progress in all aspects of the English language - from grammar and vocabulary, to pronunciation, speaking, listening, reading an writing.

Tailor your learning experience by choosing between a Standard or an Intensive course providing a robust series of engaging lessons and progress towards fluency with a team of experienced instructors.



- ✓ Learn effective English using the most up-to-date techniques and materials
- ✓ Practice communication skills through role-plays, pair work, group discussions
- ✓ Develop effective techniques for reading and listening

- ✓ Practice writing skills by studying emails, formal and informal letters, reports
- ✓ Learn in a relaxed and welcoming environment with the support of experienced, professional teachers

- LEVELS
   A1, A2, B1, B2, C1
- START DATEEvery Monday
- COURSE LENGTH
   Flexible, minimum 1 week
- HOURS PER WEEK
  - Standard: 15 hours (20 lessons)Intensive: 22.5 hours (30 lessons)
- CLASS SIZE
   Max. 14 people (average 10-12)

#### TYPICAL TIMETABLE

- Standard AM: 9.00 12.30 with a 30-minute break at 10.30
- Standard PM: 13.30 16.45 with a 15-minute break at 15.00
- Intensive: 9.00 15.00 with a 30-minute break at 10.30 and a 60-minute lunch break at 12.30
- CERTIFICATION
   Certificate of Participation
   and Attendance



# One-to-One Programme

Our One-to-One English course at Atlantic Language School is tailored to meet the specific needs and goals of individual learners.

With a dedicated instructor, you will receive personalized attention and guidance throughout your language journey.

This customized approach ensures that every aspect of your English learning experience is designed to maximize your progress with flexibility, targeted focus, and customized content.



- ✓ Individualized attention allowing for personalized feedback, guidance, and tailored instruction based on your specific needs and goals
- √ Schedule lessons at your convenience, providing flexibility to balance your learning with other commitments
- ✓ Focused learning on areas that require improvement, allowing for accelerated progress and efficient use of learning time
- ✓ Customisation of content to align with your interests, professional field, or specific language goals, making the learning experience relevant and engaging
- ✓ Freely practice speaking, receive immediate feedback, overcome language barriers, and increase self-assurance and effective communication skills

- LEVELS
   A1, A2, B1, B2, C1
- START DATEEvery Monday
- COURSE LENGTH
   Flexible, minimum 1 week
- HOURS PER WEEK5 hours

- CLASS SIZE
   Individual class
- TYPICAL TIMETABLE Flexible, 1 hour per day
- CERTIFICATION
   Certificate of Participation
   and Attendance



# General English & One-to-One

A combination course provides a unique blend of group General English classes in the morning and private One-to-One tuition in the afternoon.

This combination allows you to benefit from both group interaction and personalized attention from an experienced teacher.

The group classes foster interaction and communication with fellow learners, while the individual lessons allow you to receive targeted feedback and guidance to refine your language abilities.



- ✓ Group classes offer opportunities for interaction and collaboration with peers, while one-to-one sessions allow for individualized attention and focused guidance
- ✓ Supportive learning community to enhance your language skills through real-life communication
- ✓ Targeted feedback and customized

- instruction to address specific language challenges and overcome personal obstacles
- √ A curriculum tailored to your individual needs and goals
- ✓ A smart way to increase confidence and effective communication in English that helps build both confidence and fluency

- LEVELS
   A1, A2, B1, B2, C1
- START DATEEvery Monday
- COURSE LENGTH
   Flexible, minimum 1 week
- HOURS PER WEEK
   15 hours (20 lessons) in group class
   and 5 hours in individual class

- CLASS SIZE
   Max. 14 people (group class only)
- TYPICAL TIMETABLE
   9.00 14.30 with a 30-minute
   break at 10.30 and a 60-minute
   lunch break at 12.30
- CERTIFICATION
   Certificate of Participation
   and Attendance



# Summer English for 30+

A general English course specifically designed for adults aged 30+ who would like to take classe with those of a similar age and life experience.

Learners can immerse themselves in a supportive, engaging, and tailored learning environment.

They can improve their language skills, build confidence, broaden their cultural horizons, and forge connections with fellow learners, ultimately empowering themselves to communicate effectively and confidently in English.



- ✓ A rewarding and enriching learning experience for mature learners seeking to improve their English language skills in a vibrant and culturally rich setting
- ✓ A programme specifically designed to meet the needs and interests of mature learners through engaging and relevant content
- ✓ A course led by experienced instructors who are skilled in catering to the unique requirements of adult learners
- ✓ A platform for participants to connect and network with fellow learners from diverse backgrounds and be engaged with group activities, discussions, and collaborative projects

- LEVELSA2, B1, B2, C1
- START DATE
   Every Monday
   (July and August only)
- COURSE LENGTH
   Flexible: min. 1 week, max. 8 weeks
- HOURS PER WEEK
  - Standard: 15 hours (20 lessons)
  - Intensive: 22.5 hours (30 lessons)

- CLASS SIZE
   Max. 14 people (average 10-12)
- TYPICAL TIMETABLE
  - Standard: 9.00 12.30 with a 30-minute break at 10.30
  - Intensive: 9.00 15.00 with a 30-minute break at 10.30 and a 60-minute lunch break at 12.30
- CERTIFICATION
   Certificate of Participation
   and Attendance



### International Young Adult Programme

A summer school for students aged 16-18 who are looking for a different learning experience.

Our content-based tuition options ("Prepare to Study at University", "Global Citizenship, Diversity & Inclusion", and "Climate Change: Think Globally, Act Locally") will engage students, improve their communication & language skills, and broaden their horizons.

The course gives young adults the possibility to develop their skills through both theory and practice.



- ✓ Improve your English language skills in interactive, communication-based classes with a focus on self-guided project work
- ✓ Choose from 3 topic-based tuition options – Prepare for University, Global Citizenship, Climate Change.
- ✓ Enjoy Irish scenic and heritage sites through trips and outdoor activities

- ✓ Participate in organised and supervised evening group activities such as cinema night, scavenger hunts, bowling, and Irish dancing workshops
- ✓ Enjoy learning activities by improving your English skills and exploring the Galway and its surroundings
- ✓ Live a summer experience that you will remember for a lifetime

- LEVELSA2, B1, B2, C1
- START DATE
   29 June to 13 July 2024
   or 14 July to 28 July 2024
- COURSE LENGTH
   2 weeks
- HOURS PER WEEK19.5 hours (26 lessons)

CLASS SIZE
 Max. 14 people (average 10-12)

TYPICAL TIMETABLE

- Morning: Tuition
  Afternoon: Tuition or Activities
  Evening: Activities or Free Time
  Weekend: Excursions
- CERTIFICATION
   Certificate of Participation
   and Attendance



# Academic Year Programme

A programme designed for 18+ non-European students taking part in the Study and Work Visa programme which allows non-EU internationals to improve their English skills in Ireland while working part-time or travelling.

Over 25 weeks students increase their fluency and accuracy in English with a regular programme of focused English language lessons.

Students can also prepare for an internationally recognised examination such as IFITS.



### LEVELS A1, A2, B1, B2, C1

### START DATE Every Monday

### COURSE LENGTH 25 weeks of tuition and 8 weeks of holidays

#### HOURS PER WEEK

- Standard: 15 hours (20 lessons)

- Intensive: 22.5 hours (30 lessons)

#### TYPICAL TIMETABLE

- Standard: 9.00 12.30 with a 30-minute break at 10.30
- Intensive: 9.00 15.00 with a 30-minute break at 10.30 and a 60-minute lunch break at 12.30
- CLASS SIZE
   Max. 14 people (average 10-12)

#### CERTIFICATION

- Certificate of Participation and Attendance

### **Important information**

The Study and Work Visa can be attained for the period of 8 months (35 weeks) and students can renew this visa twice.

The total duration of the immigration permission for a new student attending language courses is 2 years or 3 x 8 months.

The Academic Year Programme includes 25 course weeks so students are entitled to an additional 8 weeks of holidays that can be used during or after the language course.

While studying students are entitled to work for up to 20 hours per week. During a holiday period, they can work for up to 40 hours per week. Full-time work can only take place during designated holiday periods (June to August, and December).

Students must have an 85% attendance rate at their course to retain their visa.



# Cambridge B1 Preliminary Exam Preparation Course

A course designed to help learners prepare for the B1 Preliminary (PET) Exam, one of the most widely respected and recognised Cambridge English Certification.

This course focuses on developing the skills and strategies required to confidently approach each section of the exam.

By practicing exam-style tasks and receiving feedback, participants gain the knowledge and confidence needed to succeed in the exam and demonstrate their proficiency.



- ✓ Be better prepared, becoming familiar with the format, content, and requirements of each section of the exam
- ✓ Engage in targeted practice activities and exercises to improve proficiency in all essential language skills, including reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- ✓ Learn effective strategies and techniques specific to the B1 Preliminary exam

- ✓ Gain a sense of readiness and self-assurance, contributing to better overall performance on the exam
- √ Take advantage of a series
  of opportunities to engage in practice
  tests that mirror the actual exam
- ✓ Assess your progress, identify areas for improvement, and receive valuable feedback from instructors

- LEVELS B1
- START DATEEvery Monday
- COURSE LENGTH
   Flexible, minimum 1 week
- HOURS PER WEEK
   15 hours (20 lessons)

- CLASS SIZE
   Max. 14 people (average 10-12)
- TYPICAL TIMETABLE 9.00 - 15.00 with a 30-minute break at 10.30
- CERTIFICATION
  - Certificate of Participation and Attendance
  - Cambridge PET Certification



# Cambridge C1 Advanced Exam

### **Preparation Course**

A 4-week intensive preparation course for one of the most popular and useful Cambridge Exams, the Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE).

Cambridge English Certification are widely respected and recognised by employers and academic institutions worldwide as reliable indicators of language proficiency.

Globally recognised, this exam is a valuable investment that not only enhances language proficiency but also broadens future prospects and unlocks exciting opportunities.



- ✓ A course designed to strengthen all aspects of language proficiency, including reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- ✓ Comprehensive guidance on the format and requirements of the Cambridge Advanced exam
- ✓ Develop a deeper understanding

- of English grammar, vocabulary, and language structures
- ✓ Learn effective strategies and techniques to approach each section of the exam, including time management
- ✓ Become familiar with the exam format, assess progress, and identify areas for improvement

- LEVELS
  C1
- START DATE

   1 July 2024
   and 29 July 2024
- COURSE LENGTH
   4 weeks
- HOURS PER WEEK
   22.5 hours (30 lessons)

- CLASS SIZE
   Max. 14 people (average 10-12)
- TYPICAL TIMETABLE
   9.00 15.00 with a 30-minute
   break at 10.30 and a 60-minute
   lunch break at 12.30
- CERTIFICATION
  - Certificate of Participation and Attendance
  - Cambridge CAE Certification



## **IELTS Exam**Preparation Course

This course equips students for the globally recognized IELTS examination, accepted by over 9,000 organizations worldwide, including universities, immigration authorities, professional bodies, and employers.

With a tailored curriculum and expert guidance, the programme provides students with the essential strategies and techniques to excel in all sections of the exam, ensuring they are well-prepared to achieve their desired scores and unlock a world of opportunities.



- √ Gain comprehensive preparation for the globally recognized IELTS examination
- ✓ Equip yourself with essential skills and strategies for all sections of the exam.
- √ Boost your confidence and enhance

- your language proficiency
- ✓ Learn effective strategies and techniques to approach each section of the exam, including time management
- ✓ Be enabled to achieve your desired scores and unlock new global opportunities

- LEVELSB1, B2, C1, C2
- START DATE
   Every Monday
- COURSE LENGTH
   Flexible, minimum 1 week
- HOURS PER WEEK
  - Standard: 15 hours (20 lessons)
  - Intensive: 22.5 hours (30 lessons)
- CLASS SIZE
   Max. 14 people (average 10-12)

#### TYPICAL TIMETABLE

- Standard: 9.00 12.30 with a 30-minute break at 10.30
- Intensive: 9.00 15.00 with a 30-minute break at 10.30 and a 60-minute lunch break at 12.30

#### CERTIFICATION

- Certificate of Participation and Attendance
- IELTS Certification

### Other Courses

Atlantic Language School collaborates with over 800 universities and educational institutions across Europe as an Erasmus+ Programme recognised institution.

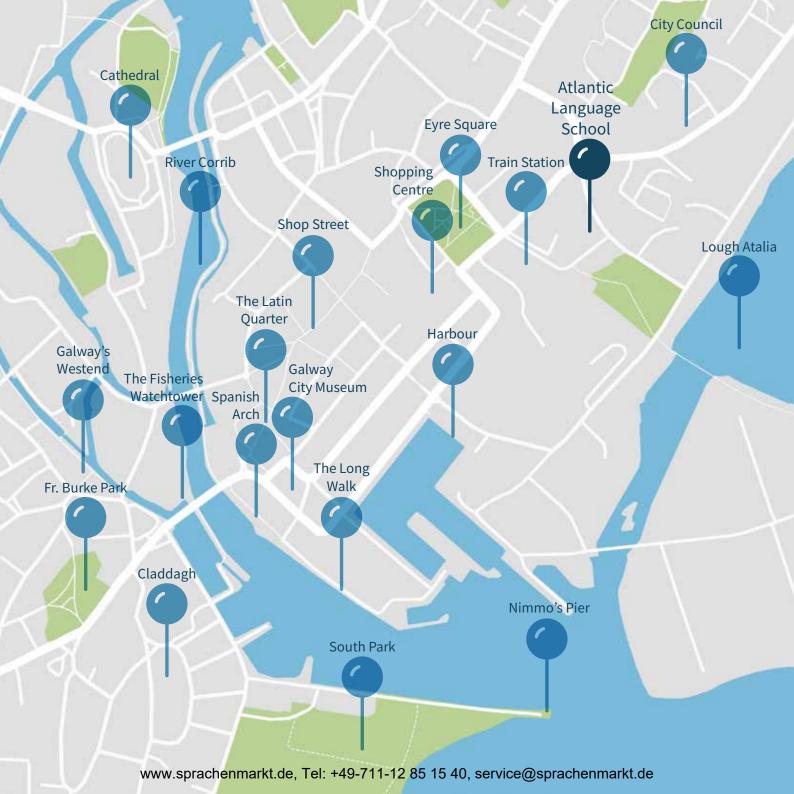
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Academic Writing Skills	CLIL for Primary Teachers
English as a Medium of Instruction	CLIL for Secondary Teachers
English for the Educational Workplace	Creating Green Classrooms
English for Professional Communication	English Language Development
English Language Development	English Language & Irish Culture
English Language & Irish Culture	Learning through Music
Mindfulness for Educators	Mindfulness for Educators
Presentation Skills for Academics	Motivating Primary Learners
Social & Emotional Learning	Motivating Secondary Learners
Team Building Skills for HE Staff	Social & Emotional Learning



### **Exams Calendar**

Atlantic Language School is a certified testing centre for Cambridge, IELTS and TOEIC exams.

IELTS (Any Level)	Cambridge Assessment (B1 - Preliminary)
Saturday, 27 January 2024	Saturday, 9 March 2024
Saturday, 17 February 2024	Saturday, 11 May 2024
Saturday, 9 March 2024	Thursday, 6 June 2024
Saturday, 6 April 2024	Saturday, 15 June 2024
Saturday, 25 May 2024	Tuesday, 23 July 2024
Saturday, 8 June 2024	Saturday, 23 November 2024
Saturday, 27 July 2024	Thursday, 5 December 2024
Saturday, 24 August 2024	Cambridge Assessment (C1 - Advanced)
Saturday, 28 September 2024	June 2024
Saturday, 26 October 2024	July 2024
Saturday, 30 November 2024	August 2024



### Where we are

Atlantic Language School is a purpose-built, modern school in the city centre.

Located in the heart of Galway, our bright airy classrooms are equipped with the most up-to-date educational equipment, such as interactive whiteboards smart technologies, and all the facilities required to meet the needs of today's learners.

Shops and amenities, pubs and cultural centres like the City Museum, as well as the bus and train stations, are located within walking distance of the school.



# Galway, Ireland's Cultural Heart

Voted one of the top cities in the world to visit by Lonely Planet, Galway is a lively and charming city located on the west coast, close to some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery.

Its narrow, medieval streets are full of musicians and lined with traditional pubs and cosy cafés.

Home to some of Ireland's best loved Arts festivals,

Galway is a centre of culture, offering entertainment throughout the year.



## Wild Atlantic Way

Atlantic Language School takes its name from the ocean, which in Galway is on our doorstep, and also gives its name to the wonderful coastal route - the 'Wild Atlantic Way'.

Galway is the gateway to some of the west coast's most impressive attractions: the famous Cliffs of Moher and the Burren; the Aran Islands, filming location of the award-winning movie The Banshees of Inisherin and home of seal colonies and rare birds; and Connemara, a scenic area of mountains, fjords, castles, heaths, grasslands and woodlands.



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