
Erasmus+ Courses 2026



Beyond Language Learning



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Gain confidence, skills and new perspectives



Why choose Emerald for your Erasmus+ Programme?

Our Erasmus+ courses combine expert-led tuition with hands-on workshops and vibrant intercultural exchange.



We are accredited by EAQUALS, QQI, and we are proud members of Quality English and IALC.

Who can apply?

These courses are funded by the EU Erasmus+ Programme for teachers, trainers, school staff, professionals, and higher education personnel.

We provide all necessary documentation (including STT invitation letters) to support your mobility grant application.

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What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme for education, training, youth, and sport, supporting professional development and mobility across Europe. At Emerald Cultural Institute, Erasmus+ funding enables teachers, educators, and staff from schools, colleges, and universities to take part in subsidized English language and professional training courses. These immersive programmes enhance language proficiency, intercultural skills, and modern teaching methodologies—equipping participants to thrive in international, multilingual environments.



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All courses include:

- Pre-course assessment & onboarding
- Teaching materials*
- Access to GEL learning platform
- Welcome kit
- Social and cultural activity programme
- Certificate of participation
- Full support from our academic and welfare teams

** Textbook, where required, not included*

English Language and Irish Culture

This course blends English language development with an exploration of Irish culture. Perfect for learners with at least an A2 level of English, it aims to boost communication skills while exploring aspects of Ireland's rich heritage.

Mornings focus on building essential language skills – speaking, listening, reading, and writing – in an engaging classroom. Afternoons offer the opportunity to discover more about Irish culture, with one afternoon module focusing on Irish Culture and access to our social and cultural programme on other afternoons.



Required Level	A2+
Start	Every Monday
Programme Hours	25 hours per week
Fees	€495 per week

Learning outcomes

- Improve English language skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing).
- Boost communication through cultural immersion.
- Gain a greater understanding of Irish culture, including its language, festivals, and history.

Enhanced English for Professionals

The Enhanced English for Professionals course combines English language development with essential professional skills. Core morning sessions focus on developing general English proficiency, enabling you to communicate more effectively and confidently. On one afternoon participants can access a module focusing on English for the workplace, including professional modules covering topics such as presentations and interview techniques. Participants also enjoy a city orientation. This course delivers a comprehensive mix of language learning and career-focused communication.

Learning outcomes

- Improve English language proficiency for everyday and professional contexts.
- Develop essential workplace communication skills.
- Gain confidence in professional interactions through targeted learning.

Required Level	B1+
Start	Every Monday
Programme Hours	25 hours per week
Fees	€495 per week



English and Intercultural Communication

The English & Intercultural Communication course combines robust English language learning with the opportunity to explore Irish culture and heritage. Participants will participate in our afternoon social and cultural programme which includes some guided tours and engaging on-campus activities. Participants also enjoy a full-day Saturday heritage expedition to iconic sites such as Kilkenny's historic city and the Glendalough Monastic settlement.*



Required Level	A2+
Start	Every Monday
Programme Hours	25 hours per week
Fees	€495 per week

Learning outcomes

- Demonstrate improved English proficiency through effective oral and written communication.
- Develop a deeper understanding of Irish culture and heritage via guided tours and cultural activities.
- Strengthen critical thinking skills.

*Please note, some activities may incur an extra cost.

English Language Development

The Language Development course develops the language skills needed for social interactions, professional settings, and travel, with a strong focus on real-world communication. Participants may also join Emerald's afternoon and evening social and cultural programme to practise their English in authentic settings.

Required Level	A1+
Start	Every Monday
Programme Hours	20 hours per week
Fees	€450 per week



Learning outcomes

- Build the skills needed for everyday situations.
- Develop language for common real-life contexts.
- Strengthen your ability to handle routine interactions.
- Improve your confidence in familiar scenarios.

Lifelong Skills Pathway

Our Skills Pathway follows a general English foundation with a focus on skills needed to navigate everyday life and the professional sphere. The Skills Pathway is mediated via a task-based approach which may involve collaboration, applied communication and creative project work.

Learning outcomes

- Communicate effectively and confidently in a range of personal, professional, and intercultural contexts using appropriate language, tone, and strategies.
- Demonstrate enhanced collaboration, teamwork, and emotional intelligence through participation in task-based group projects and reflective activities.
- Critically engage with global, cultural, and environmental issues, showing awareness of diverse perspectives and applying this understanding in meaningful discussions and tasks.
- Apply digital tools and creative problem-solving strategies to complete project-based tasks, presentations, and real-world challenges.
- Reflect on personal learning goals and progress, identifying transferable skills for future academic, professional, or personal development.



Required Level	A2+
Start	Every Monday from Summer 2026
Programme Hours	20 hours per week
Fees	€450 per week

Effective English Teaching: Primary Years

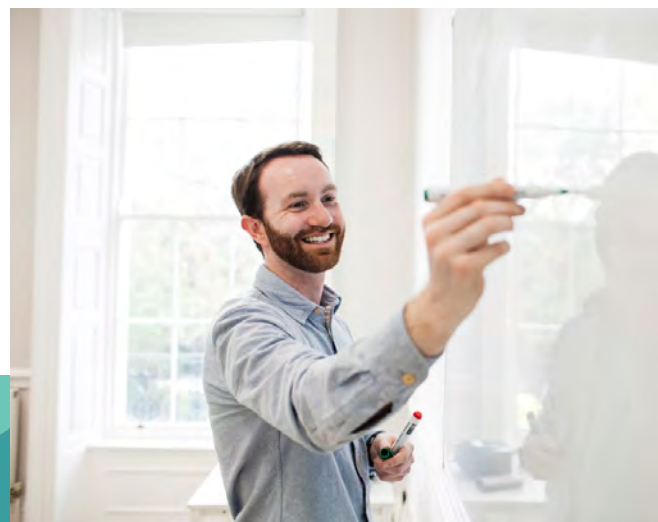
This interactive course is specifically designed for primary school English language teachers, focusing on key pedagogical strategies for young learners. You'll gain a deeper understanding of effective teaching methodologies and explore practical approaches for the primary classroom. We'll cover inclusive teaching techniques to cater for diverse learner needs.

Each engaging session features hands-on activities, collaborative discussions, and a practical takeaway ready for immediate classroom application. By the end of the course, you'll be confident in creating and presenting comprehensive lesson plans that seamlessly integrate all the concepts learned.

Learning outcomes

- Design and adapt language activities tailored to specific proficiency levels.
- Develop effective classroom management techniques and engaging activities for young learners.
- Create differentiated language tasks that cater for diverse learner needs.
- Apply practical pedagogical strategies to enhance student engagement and language proficiency in the primary classroom.

Required Level	B1+
Dates	July 13-17 August 10-14
Programme Hours	25 hours per week
Fees	€550 per week



Effective English Teaching: Secondary Years



Learning outcomes

- Design and adapt language activities tailored to specific proficiency levels.
- Develop effective classroom management techniques and engaging activities for teenage learners.
- Create inclusive language tasks that cater for diverse learning needs.
- Apply practical pedagogical strategies to enhance student engagement and language proficiency in the secondary classroom.

This interactive course is specifically designed for secondary school English language teachers, focusing on key pedagogical strategies for teenage learners. You'll gain a deeper understanding of effective teaching methodologies and explore practical approaches for the secondary classroom. We'll cover inclusive teaching techniques to cater for diverse learning needs.

Each engaging session features hands-on activities, collaborative discussions, and a practical takeaway ready for immediate classroom application. By the end of the course, you'll be confident in creating and presenting comprehensive lesson plans that seamlessly integrate all the concepts learned.

Required Level	B2+
Dates	July 13–17
Programme Hours	25 hours per week
Fees	€550 per week

Integrating Digital Tools and AI in Teaching

Ready to enhance your classroom practice with digital tools and artificial intelligence? This practical course is designed for educators across subject areas who want to use AI thoughtfully, effectively, and responsibly to support learning and assessment.

The course moves beyond theory to explore a range of accessible AI tools that can support lesson planning, classroom activities, differentiation, feedback, and assessment. Participants will evaluate where AI adds real value, where it does not, and how to use it ethically in everyday teaching contexts.

Each session is highly interactive and workshop-based. Participants will actively use digital and AI tools, collaborate with peers, and develop practical resources for immediate classroom use. By the end of the week, participants will have created adaptable lesson ideas, assessment approaches, and a clear set of personal guidelines for responsible AI use in teaching.

Required Level	B1+
Dates	April 20-24 May 25-29 Oct 19-23
Programme Hours	25 hours per week
Fees	€550 per week

Learning outcomes

- Identify and critically evaluate a range of digital and AI tools relevant to classroom teaching
- Apply AI tools to support lesson planning, classroom activities, feedback, and assessment
- Use digital tools to support differentiation and learner engagement
- Evaluate ethical considerations and responsible use of AI in education
- Design practical teaching and assessment tasks that integrate AI in a meaningful way

CLIL in Action: A Practical Toolkit

This interactive course is designed to help you create engaging new lessons that will revitalise both you and your students. You'll discover effective techniques and learn how to adapt materials specifically for CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning).

The course is structured around workshop-style modules. These hands-on sessions include practical tasks and provide immediate takeaways that you can implement in your lessons straight away. The workshops equip participants with a working knowledge of key CLIL concepts and a selection of practical activities suitable for both primary and secondary levels. Recognising the importance of a teacher's language proficiency in CLIL, the course also includes dedicated language-development classes every morning.

Required Level	B1+
Dates	March 2-7 August 17-21
Programme Hours	25 hours per week
Fees	€550 per week

Learning outcomes

- Develop tasks, activities, and materials that actively support CLIL in the classroom.
- Evaluate materials to ensure their effectiveness within a CLIL context.
- Plan effective CLIL lessons that carefully consider different learning stages.
- Demonstrate awareness of and apply approaches to inclusivity in CLIL.



Teacher Wellbeing

In the demanding landscape of modern education, teacher wellbeing is not just a personal benefit but a cornerstone of effective teaching and positive learning environments.

This one-week, immersive course delves into the science and practical strategies for cultivating and sustaining your own wellbeing, enhancing emotional resilience, and fostering truly positive classroom dynamics.

Required Level	B1+
Dates	March 16 -20 July 27 -31
Programme Hours	25 hours per week
Fees	€550 per week

Drawing on cutting-edge research from pioneers in the field, including insights from Sarah Mercer, Deci & Ryan's Self-Determination Theory, and Tish Jennings' mindful teaching approaches, this course offers a rich blend of theory and actionable techniques. You will be guided through reflective practices to explore your teaching identity and purpose, while developing a personalised toolkit of coping strategies to navigate stress and prevent burnout.

Join us to reconnect with your passion for teaching, enhance your resilience, and create a more joyful and sustainable professional life.

Learning outcomes

- Identify key factors influencing teacher wellbeing and emotional resilience.
- Develop and apply a personalised toolkit of practical strategies for managing stress and enhancing personal wellbeing.
- Analyse the interconnectedness of teacher wellbeing with student motivation, engagement, and learning outcomes.
- Reflect critically on your teaching identity and purpose to foster a more sustainable and fulfilling professional practice.
- Implement techniques to cultivate positive emotions and dynamics within the classroom environment.



Inclusive Teaching and Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

This practical course supports educators in designing inclusive, accessible, and engaging learning experiences for all learners. It introduces Universal Design for Learning (UDL) as a proactive framework for removing barriers and supporting learner variability in any classroom context. Participants will explore the core principles of UDL and apply them to lesson design, materials, activities, and assessment. The focus is on practical strategies that support diverse learning needs, strengths, and preferences across subjects and educational settings.

Required Level	B1+
Dates	March 9-13 June 8-12 August 24-28
Programme Hours	25 hours per week
Fees	€550 per week



Learning outcomes

- Understand the core principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and their relevance across educational contexts.
- Identify common barriers to learning and apply UDL guidelines to reduce or remove them.
- Design and adapt materials and activities offering multiple means of engagement and representation.
- Implement inclusive and flexible teaching strategies to support diverse learner needs.
- Create classroom environments that promote participation, motivation, and learner autonomy.



Through interactive sessions, collaborative tasks, and hands-on practice, participants will develop concrete approaches to inclusive teaching that can be applied immediately. The course emphasises flexibility, learner choice, and creating supportive learning environments where all learners can participate and progress.

Sustainability: Empowering Educators for a Greener Future

This Programme is designed to equip educators with the knowledge, tools, and strategies needed to effectively integrate sustainability education into their teaching. Participants will gain practical activities, project-based learning ideas, student engagement strategies, and real-world connections to make sustainability education meaningful and impactful.



Learning outcomes

- Explore key sustainability concepts (environmental, social, and economic).
- Expand the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to achieve a sustainable and green future,
- Gain tools to integrate sustainability into any curriculum subject

Required Level	B1+
Dates	Contact the Institute for dates and fees

Accommodation Options



Residence

- Self-catering
- Single room ensuite/
private bathroom
- Shared kitchen and lounge
- Summer Supplement:
(25 May – 31 August)



Homestay

- Half-board (breakfast and dinner)
- Single room

