

First day at school

- Induction starts at 8:30 am.
- This includes a placement test, induction presentations about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.
- A tour of the school.
- A welcome lunch.
- Classes begin at: 11:00 am.
- On their first day, students are expected to bring their passport and proof of medical insurance.

Your weekly class timetable

	Hours	What	Lesson times
Classic Morning	15	General English, Business English	08:45 - 12:00
Classic Brunch	15	General English and IELTS	12:30 - 15:45
Classic Light Flexi*	11.25	General English	15:45 - 18:15 or 18:30 - 21:00
Super intensive (Morning+Brunch)	30	Classic	08:45 - 15:45
Arabic Programme**	6	General Arabic	19:00 - 21:00

*Students may state their preference, but will be placed based on availability. Please note that evening courses are restricted to students aged 18 and over.

**Based on your pre-arrival assessment, you can drop directly into an upcoming Sub-Level to match your Arabic proficiency. With new Sub-Levels starting every 3 weeks, we offer flexible entry points throughout the year whenever your required level is running.

Courses

- **Classic**
15 hours per week
- **Classic Light Flexi**
11.25 hours per week
- **Super Intensive**
30 hours per week
- **Arabic Programme**
6 hours per week
- **One-to-One**

When you arrive in Dubai



Arriving at the airport in a foreign country can be overwhelming. To better prepare yourself, make sure that you have read the information below about your arrival and how to get to your accommodation. If you get lost or confused upon arrival, don't be afraid to ask the airport staff for help as they will be happy to give assistance.

EP transfers

Students should arrive at DXB Dubai International Airport. We request that you book your flights according to the starting date of your specific program. You must arrive on the Saturday or Sunday prior to your course start date. If you have booked a transfer service, a driver will meet you outside the customs area and drive you to your homestay or residence. Please ensure you arrange and pay the transfer fee in advance.

Transfer service emergency contact details

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight or need help meeting the transfer service, you should call one of the following emergency numbers. Please be prepared to tell them your name, school name (English Path) and location. Students should only accept a transfer from a greeter with the official English Path signage.

Transfer service emergency numbers: +971 58 257 8026

Independent transfers

TAXI SERVICE cost: \$20–30, Journey time: 45 minutes depending on location of homestay/residence

Living costs (sample prices for items in this city)

- Bottle of water: \$0.50
- Coffee: \$2 - 6
- Can of coke: \$2 - 3
- Meal out for two: \$16 - 80
- Takeaway pizza: \$10
- Sandwich: \$6
- Local bus ticket: \$0.90 - 2 (depends on the distance)
- Local metro and tram ticket: \$0.90 - 2 (depends on the distance)
- Cinema ticket: \$15

Local customs

- Dubai follows Islamic customs and traditions, so visitors are expected to be respectful of Islamic practices, Dubai is relatively liberal in terms of dress code, it is recommended to dress modestly in public places, especially when visiting religious sites or government offices.
- When greeting someone, a simple handshake is common among men, while men and women may exchange nods or place their hand on their chest. Physical contact between men and women who are not close relatives is generally avoided in public.
- Public displays of affection, drinking alcohol in non-designated areas, and using offensive language are considered disrespectful and may be subject to legal consequences.
- The culture in Dubai places a high value on respecting authority, including government officials, police, and elders.
- While Dubai is a modern city with stunning architecture, it is essential to be mindful of local customs when taking photographs. Avoid taking pictures of people without their permission, especially women, and respect any "no photography" signs.
- It's important to note that Dubai is a multicultural city with a diverse population, and while these customs are generally observed, there may be variations based on individuals' backgrounds and beliefs. Respecting and understanding local customs is key to having a positive and enriching experience in Dubai.

Health and safety

- **Medical insurance:** All students must have medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Dubai. Students who come with a student visa have medical insurance included.
- **If you get sick:** If you get sick while in Dubai you should visit a doctor. You can ask the Student Services team where the nearest doctor is.
- **Protecting your belongings:** English Path and student residences have strong emphasis on maintaining a safe and secure environment. However, like any other city, it's important to exercise common sense and follow basic safety guidelines to ensure a smooth and secure experience. We recommend taking care of your belongings. Personal items cannot be covered by English Path or residence.

- **Prescription medication:** Some medications that are commonly available over-the-counter in other countries may be considered controlled substances in Dubai. Before traveling, check the UAE's list of restricted medications to ensure that your medication is allowed into the country. If you are bringing prescription medication into Dubai, you should carry a copy of your doctor's prescription with you. The prescription should have all relevant information, including your name, the name of the medication, the dosage, and the prescribing doctor's information.
- **Staying safe at school:** If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please call 999. Come to the office or call the emergency phone, and we can help you.
- **Fire safety:** If you discover a fire, press the fire alarm button on the nearest alarm. Leave the building immediately via the fire exit. Make sure you tell a member of EP staff exactly what happened so they can call 999. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not run, use the emergency exit. EP staff will guide you to the fire exit. Go to the assembly point. Follow any instructions given by a member of EP staff and do not go back into the building until you are told to do so by EP staff.
- **Personal safety and looking after valuables:** Dubai is a remarkably safe destination for residents and tourists alike. The city boasts low crime rates and strict law enforcement, contributing to its reputation as a secure and welcoming place. Visitors can feel confident exploring the city and enjoying its attractions without major concerns about personal safety. However, like any other place, it's essential to exercise normal precautions such as keeping belongings secure and being aware of your surroundings.



Emergency services

- 999 for police
- 998 for ambulance
- 997 for fire department

Medical costs

Medical costs are at the discretion of your local doctor or hospital. Minimum medical costs are as follows:

- Consultation with a doctor: \$125
- Prescriptions at a chemist: \$25 per item
- Dental treatment: \$150-\$200
- Eye test or new glasses: \$60-100

Laws

- **Respect for Islamic customs:** Dubai is a Muslim city, so it's essential to show respect for local customs and traditions. Dress modestly in public places, especially in religious sites, and avoid public displays of affection.
- **Alcohol consumption:** Drinking alcohol is allowed in licensed venues such as hotels, bars, and restaurants. However, public intoxication and drinking alcohol in non-designated areas are strictly prohibited.
- **Drugs and medications:** Possession, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs are severe offenses in Dubai, carrying heavy penalties, including imprisonment and even the death penalty. Additionally, some prescribed medications in other countries may be considered controlled substances in Dubai, so check with the UAE embassy for the latest regulations before bringing any medications.
- **Photography restrictions:** Avoid taking photos of government buildings, military installations, and certain public areas like airports, as this could be perceived as a breach of security and lead to legal issues.
- **Public behavior:** Dubai is a safe city, but any disruptive or offensive behavior in public places can lead to fines or even imprisonment. Maintain a respectful and courteous demeanor while in public.
- **Respect during Ramadan:** During the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. It's essential to be considerate and avoid eating, drinking, or smoking in public during this time.
- **Homosexuality and LGBT rights:** Homosexuality is considered illegal in Dubai, and public displays of affection between same-sex couples are strictly prohibited.

Student code of conduct

- You must attend all classes. If you do not attend your classes your representative will be informed. If you do not improve your attendance and do not inform us why you are absent, your VISA may be cancelled and you will have to return home. 85% attendance is needed to be able to receive a certificate of completion.
- Be on time for all your lessons.
- Always tell English Path if you are going to be absent from school for any reason and tell your if you are going away overnight.
- If you commit a criminal offence or have to be severely disciplined you will be sent home. We will also inform the immigration authorities.
- Be respectful, polite and open to different cultures.

