

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.

School material

Books: Empower (Cambridge), Speak Out (Pearson), Mindset for IELTS, Mastering Arabic.

Additional material used: Audio, Digital Presentation Material, Authentic Materials.

Your weekly class timetable

	Hours pw	What	Lesson Times
Classic Morning	15	**General English**	09:00 - 12:15
Classic Afternoon	15	**General English**	13:45 - 17:00
Super intensive (Morning+Afternoon)	30	**Classic Morning + Classic Afternoon**	09:00 - 17:00
Semi-intensive Morning	20	**Classic Morning + Skill**	09:00 - 13:30
Semi-intensive Afternoon	20	**Classic Afternoon + Skill**	12:30 - 17:00
Standard Arabic Programme*	3	**General Arabic**	19:00 - 21:00
Intensive Arabic Programme*	6	**General Arabic**	19:00 - 21:00
One-to-One	**Custom topic & lesson times, based on student interest. Subject to availability**		

*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.



Extracurricular activities

- Monthly course tutorials
- Monthly skills test
- Weekly unit test
- Masterclass Programme
- Conversation clubs
- Sports clubs
- Employability workshops
- Study Clinics
- Recruitment events

Important Information

Beginner classes operate on a rolling-enrolment basis, so you may join a class that has already started. It's normal to need 1–2 weeks to settle in and become familiar with the class and previously covered language.
Our courses also follow a book cycle, with new coursebooks introduced at set points throughout the year. During the transition period between books, students may use photocopied materials until the new coursebook begins.

Skills classes

English Path offers three skills courses that let you develop your language for social, academic, and career contexts. They are an optional extra hour added to your General English lessons, included in Semi-Intensive, and are one of the best ways to get more from your time with EP.
At A1-B1, everyone taking the extra Skills hour joins Communication Workshop, practical speaking, everyday vocabulary, and the confidence to manage daily life.
At B1+ to C1, you choose your direction: Academic Skills covers English for Academic Purposes, critical thinking and exam preparation, including IELTS, for students heading to university. Career Skills covers business English, professional communication and employability, for students building their career.
Both paths run at every EP campus, year-round.

Your skill options are based on your language level:

A1 - B1	B1+ – C1	
Communication Workshop Practical speaking, vocabulary and confidence for daily life.	**Academic Skills** Everything you need to prepare for university or academic English tests.	**Career Skills** Boost your employability and business English skills.

Teaching methodology

At English Path we build every course around five things:

- Real-world outcomes and future-ready skills: English for real life, not just the textbook.
- Adaptive teaching: teachers respond to what you and your class need.
- Iterative learning: you produce, get feedback, and refine, every week.
- Purposeful use of technology: digital coursebooks and presentation materials support your learning.
- Study clinics: free one-to-one support, help booking Cambridge and IELTS exams, and regular masterclasses.

All EP teachers are trained in this approach from day one, for a consistent experience across every EP location.

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Students

Minimum age of students: 16
Average number of students per class: 15
Average age of students: 25
Nationality mix: Turkey, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, Russia, Thailand, France, China. *As per 2023 stats. Nationality mix and age varies. Dependent on the time of year.

End of course certificate: you will receive a course certificate at the end of your course.

Take a look at our graduation ceremony

Recommendations

Checklist & other useful information

Here are a few important items that you should bring with you:

- Passport
- Acceptance letter
- Accommodation letter
- Proof of health/medical insurance
- A bit of cash and credit/debit cards/ Apple or Google Pay
- Weather - (sunscreen, appropriate clothes, mostly sunny)
- Adaptor for electrical appliances
- Prescription medication and medical records
- Emergency information

Before you leave your country

Here are some important things you need to know to make your arrival as smooth as possible. Use our checklist to ensure you don't forget anything and are prepared for the exciting times ahead.

Pocket money

Recommend weekly budget: $200. This should cover expenses, laundry, local travel and activities. You will need additional money if you want to take weekend trips. Bring $70 with you in cash and a debit or credit card. You will need to check with your financial institution to make sure you will be able to withdraw money from a Dubai ATM. Do not bring foreign currency. It is not wise to carry around large amounts of cash.

Clothing

Most students dress casually for classes, but you should be covered when visiting government places, nice clothes for going out and sportswear for sports and outdoor activities. The climate is mostly sunny. The typical temperature is 35-43°C in the summer and 15–30°C in the winter.



Electrical current

Standard voltage in The UAE is 230 volts; remember to bring an adaptor with you or buy one when you arrive.

School notifications

We encourage you to join the social programme WhatsApp group when you arrive and stay active in the group during your stay. This will give you an idea of what is happening at the school and help you connect with staff and students. This is also where we will post notification of any unexpected holidays. It is important you check our social program WhatsApp group for any messages while you are attending the school. If we have some important information to share with you, we will post a message as soon as possible. .

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When you arrive in Dubai

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 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 number:

+971 52 560 2463
+971 58 257 8026

Independent transfers

TAXI SERVICE cost: $25–30, 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: $4
- Can of coke: $2
- Meal out for two: $16 - 100
- Takeaway pizza: $13
- Sandwich: $5
- Local bus ticket: $0.90 (depends on the distance)
- Local metro and tram ticket: $0.90 (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 residencences 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.

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.

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

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 then improve your attendance you may not be able to continue your course. 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 host family 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.