

First day at school

- Induction starts at 08:30 am.
- This includes a placement test, speaking test, induction presentations about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.
- A tour of the local area.
- Classes begin at: 10:45 am.
- On your first day, you are expected to bring your passport and proof of medical insurance.
- You will receive a welcome bag with complimentary goodies.



Your weekly class timetable

Hours pw

What

Lesson times

Classic Morning	15	General English	09:00 - 12:15
Semi-Intensive Morning	20	Classic	09:00 - 13:30
Classic Afternoon	15	General English	13:45 - 17:00
Semi-Intensive Afternoon	20	Classic + 1 Elective	13:45 - 17:00
Super-intensive	30	General English	09:15 - 17:00
Classic Morning Work and Study	15	General English + Work and Study	09:00 - 12:15
Classic Afternoon Work and Study	15	Classic + 1 Elective + Work	13:45 - 17:00
Semi-intensive Morning Work and Study	20	General English + Work and Study	09:00 - 13:30
Semi-intensive Afternoon Work and Study	20	Classic + 1 Elective + Work	12:30 - 17:00



Courses

- **Classic (Morning/Afternoon)**
15 hours per week
- **Semi-Intensive (Morning/Afternoon)**
20 hours per week
- **Classic and Semi-Intensive Work and Study**
- **Super-Intensive**
30 hours per week
- **One-to-One**
- **Work Experience (Part-Time)**
15 - 20 Hours per week
- **Work Experience (Full-Time)**
30 - 40 Hours per week
- **Volunteering programme**

When you arrive in Dublin



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 Dublin 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 number: **+353 1 531 0255**

Independent transfers

Aircoach Airport Bus Cost: €10,
Journey time: 45 minutes.

TAXI SERVICE cost: €80 - 100,
Journey time: 45 minutes depending on location of homestay/residence.

Living costs (sample prices for items in this city)

- Accommodation (single rented room): €1000+
- Groceries (student style): €200 - €250 / month
- Transport: €1 - €11 / ride. Monthly: ~€80
- Health: €100 - €160 / month
- Medical insurance: €100 - €300 / month
- Events at school: Free - €20
- Cinema: €6 - €10
- Bottle of water: €2
- Coffee: €4
- Can of coke: €1
- Meal out for two: €60
- Takeaway pizza: €15
- Sandwich: €6
- Informal dinner at restaurant: €15 - €20
- Pint of beer: €7

Important notes:

Medical insurance is out of school package.

With a student card monthly travel fare can be reduced to €50.

Local customs

- Women in Ireland are equal to men and should always be treated fairly.
- Irish people talk to strangers in public areas. This is a great way to practice English, but caution should be taken. You should not give out your address and telephone number or accept inappropriate invitations.
- "Please" and "thank you" are very important words! Always use them if you ask someone to do something for you, or if they help you or give you information.
- Ireland is a culturally diverse nation where people of all ethnic backgrounds are treated equally.

Health and safety

- **Medical insurance:** All students must have medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Ireland. They can either book medical insurance offered by English Path or they can choose their own. It must be booked with an Irish insurance company.
- **If you get sick:** If you get sick while in Ireland you should visit a doctor. You can ask the Student Services team or your host family where the nearest doctor is. If you have a minor illness, you can ask staff at a local pharmacist for advice. Remember to bring any relevant insurance or medical documentation with you.
- **Protecting your belongings:** We strongly recommend you take out insurance for your personal belongings, especially cameras, music players, mobile phones and laptops. Personal items cannot be covered by English Path homestay or residence insurance.
- **Prescription medication:** Remember to bring enough of your prescribed medication with you as Irish pharmacists will not dispense a foreign prescription. International customs agents may ask you questions about your medication upon your departure or arrival, so be sure to pack it carefully. Bring any important medical records (blood type, prescriptions, x-rays) that might be useful for medical care abroad as well as contact information for your health care providers at home.
- **Staying safe at school:** If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please come to reception where the First Aider is located.
- **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 112. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not run, or stop to collect your belongings. 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:** Dublin is generally a safe place but, as with a lot of big cities, you should always be alert. Some tips are: Be alert when you are walking alone at night. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Do not leave your belongings unattended. In Ireland, you do not need to always carry your identification card or passport with you, you can keep it at home and carry a picture of your ID on your phone or a photocopy in your bag.





Emergency services

- Call 112 in case of fire, a medical emergency or if you need the police (in Ireland the police force is the Gardai).



Medical costs

- Medical costs are at the discretion of your local doctor or hospital. Minimum medical costs are as follows:
 - Consultation with a doctor: €40 - €70
 - Prescriptions at a chemist: €15 per item
 - Dental treatment: €150
 - Eye test or new glasses: €60 - €100



Laws

- No one under the age of 18 in Ireland may buy or consume tobacco or alcohol, including beer and wine. It is against the law to buy tobacco or alcohol for someone you know who is under the age of 18.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol is a very serious crime and police make regular random checks.
- You will need international ID to enter bars, clubs or pubs (e.g. Passport, ID card, driving license).
- Buying, selling and using drugs is illegal.



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.

