

# First day at school

## Morning Students

Also for Semi-Intensive Afternoon

08:45 - 10:00 – Arrival at school  
+ check in

10:45 – First Day Classes Start

12:15 – First Day Classes Finish

12:30 – Induction

13:00 – Orientation tour

## Afternoon Students

12:30 – Induction

13:00 – Orientation Tour

13:30 – Writing & Speaking  
Placement Test

15:30 – First Day Classes Start

17:00 – First Day Classes Finish

## Evening Students

17:00 – Induction

17:30 – Writing & Speaking  
Placement Test

19:00 – First Day Classes Start

20:45 – First Day Classes Finish

Induction: this includes a placement test, induction presentations about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.

Afternoon students can join either the 12:30 or 17:00 induction session.

An orientation tour of the local area: this includes useful information, such as nearby facilities, pharmacy, post office, bus stop, etc.). The orientation walk for evening students is scheduled for the following Monday with the full group.

An evening welcome party + drink.

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 and a SIM card if you need one.

## Your weekly class timetable

	Hours pw	What	Lesson times
<b>Classic Morning</b>	15	General English or Business English	09:00 - 12:15
<b>Classic Afternoon</b>	15	General English	13:45 - 17:00
<b>Classic Evening</b>	15	General English	17:30 - 20:45
<b>Semi-Intensive Morning</b>	20	Classic + 1 Elective	09:00 - 13:30
<b>Semi-Intensive Afternoon</b>	20	Classic + 1 Elective	12:30 - 17:00
<b>Super Intensive</b>	30	Classic	09:00 - 17:00

## Courses

- **Classic (Morning/Afternoon/Evening)**  
15 Hours per week
- **Semi-Intensive (Morning/Afternoon)**  
20 Hours per week
- **Super Intensive**  
30 Hours per week
- **Professional certificates (Business Management & Leadership)**  
15 hours per week
- **One-To-One**

# When you arrive in Malta



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 Malta International Airport. We request that you book your flights according to the starting date of your specific programme. 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: +356 99276152

## Independent transfers

Taxi Service Cost: €8 - €25.  
Journey time: 30 minutes.

## How to get to the transport card - Tallinja card in Malta:

**Step 1:** Go to the Tallinja website at <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/>

**Step 2:** On the Tallinja website, search for the "bus cards and tickets" page. This is where you can find information about different types of cards and tickets available for public transportation.

**Step 3:** Look for the option to obtain a "Personalized Tallinja Card."

**Step 4:** Register for a Tallinja Card. You will need to provide your personal information during this step.

**Step 5:** When registering, make sure to apply for the adult card. If you are a student planning to stay for more than three months, do not tick the student option.

**Step 6:** You will need to provide a shipping address. You can use the school address for this purpose.

**Step 7:** Upload a photo.

**Step 8:** Upload a copy of the first page of your passport as part of the verification process.

**Step 9:** Pay the card cost, which is €27.88.

After completing these steps, your Tallinja card will be processed, and it will take approximately 3 weeks to arrive at the school. You can then claim it from the student services team at your school. It's important to follow these steps well in advance of your arrival in Malta to ensure you have your Tallinja card ready to use for free transport on the island.



## Local customs

- Women in Malta are equal to men and should always be treated fairly.
- Maltese 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.
- Malta is a culturally diverse nation where people of all ethnic backgrounds are treated equally.
- Tipping is customary in Malta and a gratuity of between 5% and 10%, whenever good service has been provided is reasonable. However if a service charge has already been included in the bill, a tip is not necessary. If discretion and common sense is used, you will have no problems with tipping, but it is always worth checking the individual establishment's policy if you are unsure.



## Health and safety

- **Medical insurance:** All TCN (third country nationals) students must have medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Malta. They can either book medical insurance offered by English Path or they can choose their own.
- **If you get sick:** If you get sick while in Malta you should visit a doctor. You can ask the Student Services team 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 shared apartments or residence insurance.
- **Prescription medication:** Remember to bring enough of your prescribed medication with you as Maltese 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 our main office where the First Aider is located.
- **Fire safety:** 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, use the lift 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:** Malta is generally a safe place but, 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 Malta, 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.



## Medical costs

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

- Consultation with a doctor: €20 - €35
- Prescriptions at a chemist: €15
- Dental treatment: €65 - €120
- Eye test or new glasses: €30 - €80



## Laws

- No one under the age of 17 in Malta may consume alcohol. Smoking tobacco is prohibited for anyone under 18. It is against the law to buy tobacco for someone you know who is under the age of 18.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol is very serious crime and police make regular random checks.
- 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 be sent 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 homestay 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.



## Living costs

(sample prices for items in this city)

- Bottle of water: €1
- Coffee: €2.50
- Can of coke: €2.30
- Meal out for two: €50
- Takeaway pizza: €12
- Sandwich: €5
- Local bus ticket: €2
- Local metro and tram ticket: €17 per day
- Cinema ticket: €9.50

