

Ireland - Dublin / Alpha College of English

Courses

Course title	Intensity	Description	Lessons per week	Duration of lesson (in min.)	Duration in weeks	Min. age	Entry level	Average class size	Maximum class size	Course time
General Language	20 Basic	Classes take place from 09.00 – 13.00 with a coffee break. All language skills are covered each day. Classes are generally task-based and interactive with students and teachers working together to improve language output. A weekly plan is posted in each classroom. This plan outlines the objectives for the week and includes a description of the project/scenario for that week. Projects include mini-presentations, reviews, readers, news stories, investigations, job interviews, cv writing and debates. The topics include contemporary issues and news items, films, books, work and travel-related issues.	20	55	1-52	16	2-9 (year round); Specific date(s) for level 1	10	14	(Mon-Fri) 9:00-13:00
	25 Intensive	The intensive programme includes the Basic morning general language classes on 5 mornings per week. On 2 afternoons per week students take classes from 14.00 - 16.05. These afternoon classes are Fluency Development classes and the class time is divided between speaking and listening tasks with an emphasis on vocabulary and pronunciation development. The topics are contemporary and as relevant as possible to the student. Language and fluency are developed through debates, discussions and presentations.	25	55 morning/ 50 afternoon	1-52	16	4-9	8	14	(Mon-Fri) 9:00-13:00 2 afternoons 14:00-16:05
	30 Super Intensive	The super-intensive programme includes the Basic morning general language classes on 5 mornings per week plus afternoon classes on 4 afternoons per week from 14.00 - 16.05. Two of the afternoon classes focus on Fluency Development classes (the Intensive programme) and the other two afternoons focus on General Business English. Material used in the afternoon classes include video/dvd clips, audio tapes and written material from up-to-date sources	30	55 morning/ 50 afternoon	1-52	16	4-9	8	14	(Mon-Fri) 9:00-13:00 (Mon-Thurs) 14:00-16:05
Business English	25 Intensive	The intensive programme includes the Basic morning general language classes on 5 mornings per week. On 2 afternoons per week students take classes from 14.00 - 16.05. The purpose of the General Business English module is to help students to practise the basics of effective business communication through English. It is aimed at students who have a professional need for Business English. It is not intended to be a specialist module covering one particular area in great depth. The focus is on vocabulary building, key writing skills, effective reading skills and building confidence in speaking confidently in English in a business or work-related environment	25	55 morning/ 50 afternoon	1-52	16	4-9	8	14	(Mon-Fri) 9:00-13:00 (2 afternoons) 14:00-16:05

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CAE	30 Super Intensive	Students wishing to prepare for these examinations join our exam focused Standard English classes at the appropriate level, i.e. B2 for FCE and C1 for CAE. These courses generally last for 12 weeks and focus on helping students pass the examinations. Over the 12 weeks all major topics and language for the examination are covered. Exam and study tips are given to help maximise students' scores. Practical help with registering and getting to the exam are also provided. Students wishing to take the intensive or superintensive formats join our regular Fluency Development or General Business English afternoon classes.	30	55 morning/ 50 afternoon	10, 12	16	8	8	14	(Mon-Fri) 9:00-13:00 (Mon-Thurs) 14:00-16:05
FCE	30 Super Intensive	Students wishing to prepare for these examinations join our exam focused Standard English classes at the appropriate level, i.e. B2 for FCE and C1 for CAE. These courses generally last for 12 weeks and focus on helping students pass the examinations. Over the 12 weeks all major topics and language for the examination are covered. Exam and study tips are given to help maximise students' scores. Practical help with registering and getting to the exam are also provided. Students wishing to take the intensive or superintensive formats join our regular Fluency Development or General Business English afternoon classes.	30	55 morning/ 50 afternoon	9, 12	16	7	8	14	(Mon-Fri) 9:00-13:00 (Mon-Thurs) 14:00-16:05
IELTS Full-time	20 Basic	Students wishing to prepare for this examination join our exam focused Standard English classes at the appropriate level, i.e. B2 for FCE and C1 for CAE. These courses generally last for 12 weeks and focus on helping students pass the examinations. Over the 12 weeks all major topics and language for the examination are covered. Exam and study tips are given to help maximise students' scores. Practical help with registering and getting to the exam are also provided. If students wish to take the intensive or superintensive formats, they may join our General English Fluency Development or General Business English afternoon classes.	20	55	1-52	16	6	8	14	(Mon-Fri) 9:00-13:00

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Language Semester/Year	20 Basic,	For bookings of 24 weeks or more: students may choose and combine schools (all Eurocentres school destinations), languages, and course content. The school may be changed every 12 weeks if wished, and course content as available, if student level is appropriate, and in consultation with the school.	20	55	24-52	16	2-9 (year round); Specific date(s) for level 1	10	14	variable
	25 Intensive		25	55 morning/ 50 afternoon	24-52	16	4-9	8	14	variable
	30 Super Intensive		30	55 morning/ 50 afternoon	24-52	16	4-9	8	14	variable
Private Lessons	One-to-one	One-to-one classes are customised to the needs of the student. Students complete a Needs Analysis form either before they come to Alpha or on their first day and this is reviewed throughout the course to make sure that the classes are completely targeted to the student's requirements. These classes may, for example, focus on general presentation or negotiation skills or on preparing for a specific presentation or product launch or on defending a thesis or published article. The most common areas covered include General Business English or General English used in the areas of Banking, Legal or Medical communication; telephone or email conversations.	5-40	45 or 60 minutes, as required	1-52	16	0-9			variable