

# Irish General Studies and English Dublin, Ireland

Ireland's rich history and unique character come to life in lively Dublin, the cultural and economic heart of the Emerald Isle. Literary icons like George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, James Joyce and William Butler Yeats pulled inspiration from Dublin's spirited character throughout history, and the sights and sounds of these masters still linger on every street corner. But the city's future is equally exciting, with thriving software, tech and global banking environments that point to an economic revolution for this international hub.

This four-and-a-half week program run in partnership with the University College of Dublin, is designed to provide students with an intensive English Language learning course and a greater understanding of Irish history, economy and culture. Dual concurrent courses will help students further their English language proficiency, while providing an overview of Irish history, art and humanities through a comprehensive General Studies course that mixes lectures, seminars and course-related trips to local sites.

Through IES Abroad, SAF manages end-to-end logistics including curriculum development, pre-departure support, health and safety orientation, housing, transport, academic coordinators, site visits and high-level staff support for all students and staff on the program.



**Top Ranked English Language courses** taught by University College of Dublin Applied Language learning faculty



**Urban Classroom** in the exciting capital city of Dublin offers practical course-related trips for students to experience the city's unique culture, food and sites



**Local Immersion** through homestays, providing native English-speaking environments



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## Program Composition & Characteristics

**Intensive English and cultural studies curriculum** – Daily language lectures are designed to advance the speaking and comprehension abilities of students rapidly, elevating their skill level and fluency in English as well as providing an immersive environment to develop within. A comprehensive General Studies course expands this knowledge base, using cultural contexts of history, art and humanities to deepen students' mastery and enjoyment of the English language.

**On-site teaching** – With exclusive access to IES Abroad's global network of teaching centers and faculty from University College of Dublin, students experience a combination of quality in-class instruction, Irish cultural immersion and enriching historical site visits.

**Experience Ireland** – Rich in history and bursting with potential, Dublin is Europe's fastest growing economy as well as a world-famous hub. Unique cultural experiences enhance learning outcomes, allowing students to better understand one of the world's most exciting capital cities, with visits to storied institutions such as Trinity College.



**Format:**  
30 days in Dublin, Ireland



**Curriculum focus:**  
Intensive English and Irish cultural immersion



**Course intensity:**  

- 80 hours of English language lectures
- 25 hours of Irish General Studies course



**Faculty expertise:**  
University College of Dublin Applied Language Center Faculty; IES Dublin Faculty



**On-site support:**  
University College of Dublin Applied Language Center staff will provide support to students; IES Abroad staff accompany students on all field studies and cultural events



**Housing style:**  
Homestay with local families. Located within walking distance to campus with breakfast and dinner included

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrival</li> <li>SAF Orientation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome lunch and guided tour of the city</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language Course</li> <li>Campus Tour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language Course</li> <li>Attend Irish traditional sports, Gaelic Games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language Course</li> <li>Visit St. Stephen's Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language Course</li> <li>Visit Trinity College, Ireland's leading university</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free day</li> </ul>

## SAMPLE WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guided tour of Kilmainham Gaol (famous Prison)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Studies Course Session</li> <li>English Language Course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Patrick's Cathedral</li> <li>English interview skills workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Studies Course Session</li> <li>Experience Dublin's theatre scene</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Studies Course Session</li> <li>How to write a great CV workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Studies Course Session</li> <li>English Language Final Presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Departure Day (check out &amp; transport to the airport)</li> </ul>



*"Working with SAF is very easy because they are very professional and they perfectly know the market and their job. The staff of SAF is very efficient, kind, supportive and attentive to the students and the partners. It's a real pleasure to work with SAF. Thank you for everything!"*

*Florence Plessis, Director of the Centre International D'études, Françaises Université Catholique de L'ouest*

