

English Language and Irish Culture

Discover more about Ireland while improving your English language skills in Galway, situated on the Wild Atlantic Way. With this course you can develop your confidence in English while also learning about Irish culture and society.

Course Outline

English Language and Irish Culture will help you to build confidence in reading, writing, and speaking in English while gaining knowledge about a new culture. This course blends content driven lessons with language to develop communication skills with others on the topic of their country's culture and traditions. During this course participants will examine key aspects of life in Ireland through presentations, tasks, research, songs and interaction with local people and the unique culture of this area in the West of Ireland.

All courses are delivered at Atlantic Centre of Education in Galway on Ireland's 'Wild Atlantic' Coast, and participants will have ample opportunity to learn about the cultural heritage of both Ireland and the local area. The week-long programme includes a full-day cultural tour to a local area of scenic and heritage value, a guided historical walking tour of Galway city, and afternoon social and cultural activities. Our staff are happy to suggest other tours and events to enjoy during your stay in Galway.

Objectives

Engaging language classes to develop grammatical knowledge and build vocabulary



Participation in communicative classes – building fluency with speaking activities



Task or project-based learning using Irish Cultural topics to develop English language communication skills



Cultural and Heritage Trips as a chaperoned group



Added value of the mobility

As well as improving your English language ability you will also have the opportunity to learn about Irish culture and compare it to other European contexts. By connecting with participants from all over Europe, you will benefit from sharing experiences and expertise. The mobility offers valuable networking opportunities for future collaboration between individuals and institutions.

Activities to be carried out

- Interactive teaching combining individual and group work – brainstorming, analysis, problem-solving and role-play to encourage practice and fluency.
- Exchange of professional knowledge with fellow participants.
- Cultural and Heritage Trips as a chaperoned group
- Project based learning - research, prepare and deliver a short presentation

Expected outcomes and impact

This course provides a valuable opportunity to refresh English language skills through the medium of culture-based lessons. Participants will also gain confidence from using their English skills to take part in international group classes. The course also helps to build intercultural awareness by encouraging participants to compare their countries' cultures and traditions with those of Ireland.

Suitable for: All staff working in the education sector, secondary and higher education, including both administrative and teaching staff.

Minimum Level of English: B1 (CEFR)

Certificate: Certification of Participation and Attendance

Programme Length: 5 days of tuition (Monday to Friday) + 1 full-day activity 25 hours

Documentation provided: STT Invitation letter, Europass, Work Plan (on request), End of Course Certificate

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Morning: 9.00-12.30 // Afternoon: 1.30-3.00

****suggested timetable only, actual content may vary**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Life in Ireland Welcome Class & Tour of Atlantic Set Objectives: What would you like to know about Ireland? Key Facts + General Knowledge Quiz Create a Research Task English Language Focus: Indirect Question Forms	What is Ireland Famous for? Learn about Irish Culture around the world. Discover the origins of Halloween and explore Irish myths and legends. Identify current issues in Ireland. English Language Focus: Use language to speak in a careful or general way.	Explore Irish History Learn about Irish Culture around the world. Discover the origins of Halloween and explore Irish myths and legends. Identify current issues in Ireland. English Language Focus: Dependent Prepositions.	Traditional Sport and Music Learn about Irish sports: Gaelic Football and Hurling. Listen to traditional Instruments and Tunes. Explore the world of Irish Dance. English Language Focus: Irish English phrases.	Your Turn Peer Presentations on an aspect of Irish Culture or your Culture. Course Overview & Feedback. English Language Focus: Self-Study Resources + Next Steps
LUNCH BREAK				
Erasmus Workshop English Language & Irish Culture Walking tour of Galway	Erasmus Workshop eg. Speaking Skills & Pronunciation Pub Social Evenin	Erasmus Workshop eg. Learn English through Music	Erasmus Workshop Museum Visit	Erasmus Workshop Phrasal Verbs & Idioms

SUNDAY

Full-Day Tour to Wild Atlantic Way

Possible tours include:

Cliffs of Moher

(throughout the year)

Connemara (from May to October)

Aran Islands (from May to October)

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2026 COURSE DATES

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
		16-20	13-17	04-08 11-15	08-12 15-19 22-26	06-10 13-17 20-24	10-14 17-21	14-18 21-25	12-16	09-13	

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