

Griffith Institute of Language

English Language Courses
Dublin / Cork / Limerick



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Griffith Institute of Language is one of Ireland’s leading English language schools and offers the very best English language learning experience in three locations in Ireland; Dublin, Cork and Limerick.

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Welcome



President
Professor Diarmuid
Hegarty

Introduction from the President of Griffith College, Diarmuid Hegarty

Dear Student,

I am delighted to introduce you to Griffith Institute of Language, Griffith College's constituent language school.

Having a personal interest in the learning of languages I understand, as you do, the necessity to speak a second language. Moreover, those of us who successfully acquire these skills will always have more opportunities to find success in the careers we choose.

If you choose to study English at Griffith, you will have a teaching team and support network that is utterly committed to improving your skills. You will also have many opportunities to interact and build relationships with learners representing 77 different nationalities from across the globe. Many of these learners started in our English language school and moved on to undergraduate and postgraduate studies with us, something that you too may consider.

Remember that yours is an exciting journey of discovery, which will have many challenges, trials and triumphs, but whilst you are with us, you will be supported in every step you take. You will meet many people on your journey and I have no doubt that every interaction you have will be an opportunity to learn something new. The secret of effective language learning is to immerse yourself in the language and culture of the country that speaks it, and at Griffith you have the opportunity to be immersed and in turn to acquire your skills in the most effective and efficient way.

May I wish you every success and joy in your period at Griffith College.

Diarmuid Hegarty
President
Griffith College

Griffith Institute of Language

Griffith Institute of Language is one of Ireland's leading English language schools and offers the very best English language learning programmes within fun and safe college environments. We offer English language programmes in a number of locations around Ireland, including Dublin, Cork and Limerick.

We have a wide variety of programmes, including General English, Business English, English for Academic Purposes and Intensive Exam Preparation, not to mention an exciting social programme. So apply today and prepare to experience language learning in an exciting and immersive environment.



Griffith College

Griffith Institute of Language is the constituent language school of Griffith College, one of Ireland's largest independent providers of higher education. Griffith College is accredited by QQI and delivers programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels across a diverse range of faculties including, Journalism and Visual Media, Computing, Business, Design and Law. Griffith College also delivers a range of professional programmes including ACCA, Professional Law and ICM programmes. For more information please contact admissions@griffith.ie.

Our Accreditations

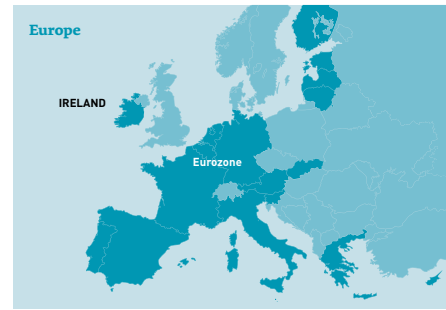
Griffith Institute of Language is recognised by ACELS, a service of Quality and Qualifications Ireland, for English language teaching (ELT).

Griffith Institute of Language is a member of Marketing English in Ireland.



Locations

Our three locations in Ireland are Dublin, Cork and Limerick



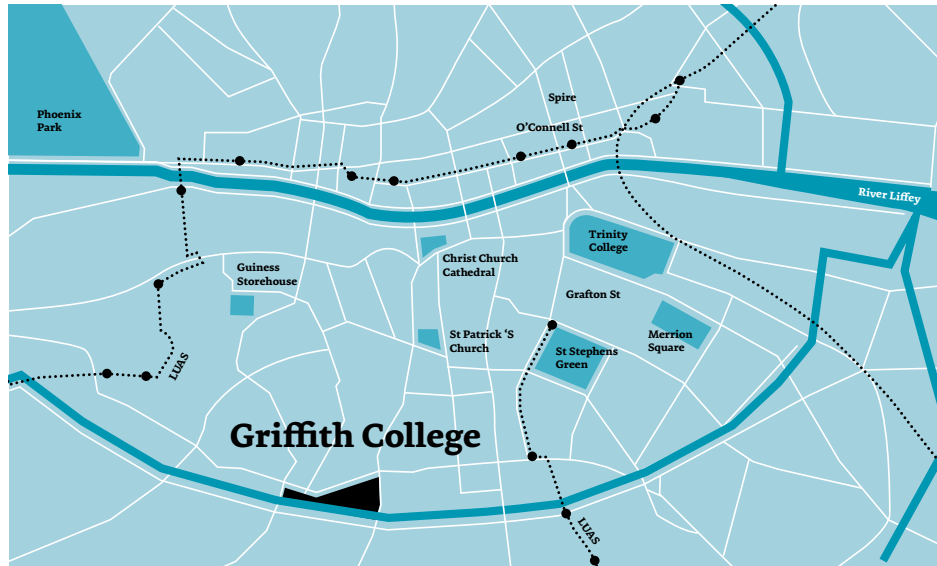
Why Ireland?

- Safe, friendly, welcoming
- Spectacular scenery
- Europe's most entrepreneurial country
- Long tradition in educational excellence



Dublin

- Ireland's capital - A lively historic European city
- Large student population
- Digital hub of Europe
- Beautiful and tranquil Irish countryside and coastline close by



Dublin Campus

Griffith Institute of Language, provides a campus-based language learning environment, just 20 minutes' walking from the heart of Dublin's shopping and tourist centres.



Facilities

The College Library

The College library has an array of fantastic resources to help you improve your English.

The College Restaurant

The College restaurant is open all day. It is reasonably priced with many food options available, including vegetarian and halal.

The College's Open Computer Labs and College-wide Wi-Fi

Students are free to use our open labs and excellent Wi-Fi which is available across the Campus

The College's Fitness Room

This is available to all senior students and contains cross trainers, exercise bikes and a variety of weight machines.

The College Students' Union Building

A great place for students to relax and meet friends. Play video games, table tennis or pool, or just relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

The Students' Union

The Students' Union organises many clubs and societies for all of our students. They are free to join, and a great way to meet new people. Practise your English doing things that you really enjoy.

Summer Activities

We offer an exciting schedule of activities throughout the summer, including afternoon city trips and full day excursions around Ireland at the weekends.

For full details of our cultural offerings, please visit our website www.griffith.ie/faculties/griffith-institute-language.

Find out what
our students think...



WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GRIFFITH COLLEGE DUBLIN?

I chose Griffith College not only to study English but also to study an undergraduate programme. Griffith College is a really nice college, it is very green and modern and close to the city centre. The teachers are clever, patient and kind. I have studied in a lot of different countries but, to my mind, Griffith has the best teachers.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT GRIFFITH COLLEGE?

The mix of different nationalities. The people here are very friendly and helpful. It is interesting to learn about different cultures. The College staff are also very professional and they will try to help you with any situation.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND GRIFFITH TO OTHER STUDENTS FROM YOUR COUNTRY?

I already did, and four of my friends are coming to Griffith next year!



Vladislav Ryvin,
Russia

Starting Level: Intermediate (B1)
Current Level: Upper Intermediate (B2)
Expected Finishing level: Advanced (C1)
Programme Type: General English + Foundation

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GRIFFITH COLLEGE TO STUDY ENGLISH?

The agency recommended the College and I thought it was a good option so I chose Griffith.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT GRIFFITH COLLEGE?

The academic level of the College is very good and the teachers always help me with any questions I have. The campus is also very cool.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND GRIFFITH TO OTHER STUDENTS FROM YOUR COUNTRY?

Yes, because the teachers have many activities that help to improve your English. They are very organised and are of a very good standard.



Renata Tejada Gonzalez,
Mexico

Starting Level: Pre Intermediate (A2)
Current Level: Intermediate (B1)
Finishing Level: Upper Intermediate (B2)
Programme Type: General English Course
Duration: 6 months



WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GRIFFITH COLLEGE TO STUDY ENGLISH?

Before I came to Ireland I was told Griffith College offers more than any other language school as it is a campus school. I wanted to be on a campus and make use of the facilities. This is why I chose Griffith College.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT GRIFFITH COLLEGE?

I think that the best thing about Griffith College Dublin is life on campus. There, there are historic buildings as well as modern ones. Also the quality of the language teaching in Griffith is really high. I like my teachers, I like the facilities on-campus and I use the fitness room almost every day.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND GRIFFITH TO OTHER STUDENTS FROM YOUR COUNTRY?

I would definitely recommend Griffith to my friends and other students in my country. It's not only the best school in Dublin, but has made studying in a foreign country an amazing experience.



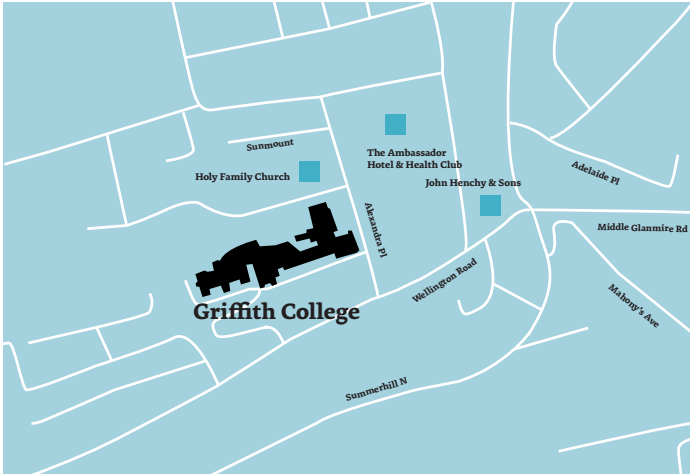
Mert Dayan
Turkey

Starting Level: Intermediate (B1)
Current Level: Upper Intermediate (B2)
Finishing Level: Upper Intermediate (B2)
Programme Type: General English Summer
Duration: 6 weeks

- Historic and vibrant
- University city with a large, diverse student population
- Year-round calendar of festivals and events

Cork Campus

- New 5-acre campus close to Cork city centre
- Highly qualified and experienced teaching team
- Diverse programme of in-class and extra-curricular cultural activities
- Regular assessments and constant feedback to build confidence
- Opportunity to mix with Irish academic students and other international students



Find out what our students think...

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GRIFFITH COLLEGE CORK?

I chose Griffith College because it is one of the most renowned schools in Ireland for providing language courses of high quality. Griffith has important accreditations which made me feel confident I was choosing a reliable school.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT GRIFFITH COLLEGE?

By far the most important was the educational component. I had the privilege of taking classes with highly motivated, competent teachers, who are, in my opinion the best thing about Griffith College. They have shown me the best way to improve my communication skills in English and where I need to focus my studies to achieve my goals.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND GRIFFITH TO OTHER STUDENTS FROM YOUR COUNTRY? IF YES, WHY?

For sure I would! The English course I did was definitely the right thing for me because without this opportunity I wouldn't have been accepted for my post-graduate programme. It definitely opened doors to my professional career



Rafael Guerta

Brazil

Starting Level: Pre-Intermediate (A2)
Current level: Upper Intermediate (B2)
Expected Completion level: Advanced (C1)
Programme Type: General English Course
Duration of Programme: 6 months



WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GRIFFITH COLLEGE CORK?

I chose Griffith College to study English because of the reputation for high quality tuition and their central location. All the positive feedback I had heard proved to be true. Griffith College is a very welcoming school where every student gets its best chance to improve their English level.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT GRIFFITH COLLEGE?

The best thing about Griffith College is the administration and the teachers because they give 100% attention to any queries a student might have. I felt really supported by the teachers I had during my stay at Griffith College and that helped enormously to improve my English level.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND GRIFFITH TO OTHER STUDENTS FROM YOUR COUNTRY? IF YES, WHY?

I would highly recommend Griffith College to other students from France because it would give them their best chance of progression with their English level especially because of the highly-skilled teachers and the small class sizes. Being immersed in an English speaking country is really the best way to improve your English level. I also reckon that Ireland is one of the most welcoming countries in the world and the culture is really enriching.



Joanna Botté

France

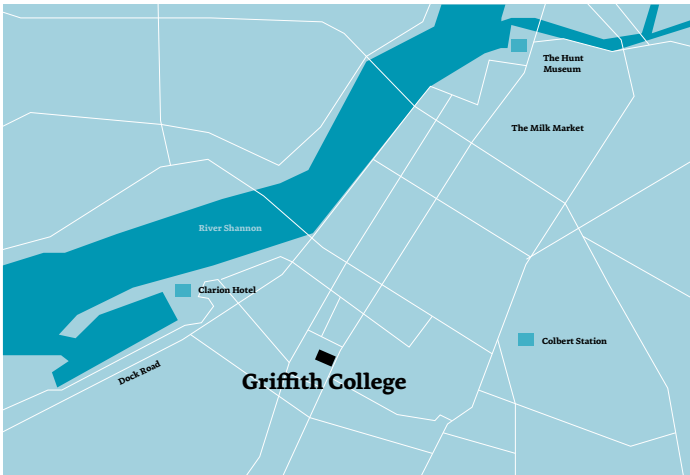
Starting Level: Advanced (C1)
Current Level: Proficiency (C2)
Expected Completion Level (C2)
Programme Type: Gap Semester
Duration of Programme: One Semester

Limerick

- Lively student city
- A wide variety of cultural attractions
- Lower cost of living

Limerick Campus

- City centre campus
- Modern IT and campus facilities
- Wide variety of social and cultural activities for students
- Low-cost student accommodation
- Students of different nationalities
- Personal attention from supportive and friendly staff
- Excellent host families within walking distance from the College



Find out what our students think...

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GRIFFITH COLLEGE LIMERICK?

I chose Griffith College because I knew that it is a high quality institution committed to its students.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT GRIFFITH COLLEGE LIMERICK?

At all times we are reminded why we are here and this is, in my opinion, very important for our learning, because even unintentionally, we tend to relax in our studies. The teachers are very patient, and in addition, they are always ready to help us with any issues we might have. We visit the best places in town together and end up becoming real friends. Since my first day, Griffith College employees have helped me with everything I needed. Through the Director of Studies, I had all necessary support to settle in the city and have a peaceful stay. I would even take this opportunity to thank them again for their support and guidance! Thanks Griffith College.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND GRIFFITH COLLEGE LIMERICK TO A FRIEND?

Without hesitation, I'm sure I could not have chosen a better city in Ireland because Limerick is the city of sport so, as I love sports too, I found the perfect match.



Ramon Campagnaro Velasco Brazil

Starting Level: Intermediate (B1)
Current Level: Upper Intermediate (B2)
Expected Completion Level: Advanced (C1)
Programme Type : General English Course
Duration of Programme : 6 months

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE GRIFFITH COLLEGE LIMERICK?

I chose Griffith College Limerick because I knew of the good reputation of Griffith College and I wanted to stay in smaller city.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT GRIFFITH COLLEGE LIMERICK?

Before I came to Limerick, I couldn't imagine that I would get such a great welcome as I did when I arrived at Griffith College Limerick. All the College team are amazing, both staff and teachers. They gave me a lot of attention, instructions about everything I needed and they have a lot of patience in dealing with the students. The teachers are also very capable, they have excellent methodology without being boring. The classes are interactive, and we are continually told by the teacher to speak English with our classmates. We are very comfortable in asking the teachers questions when we do not understand something. In addition, Limerick is a charming city, with ancient buildings, flowery parks, polite people and different kinds of pubs. The city doesn't have a big city bustle, but I can find everything I need here.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND GRIFFITH COLLEGE LIMERICK TO A FRIEND?

Of course, I have had a really good experience. I'm satisfied with the choice I made, both by the city and by the College. All the fears I had before coming to a foreign country disappeared when I arrived here and felt the good energy in this place. I recommend it!



Samara Campos Cirilo Brazil

Starting Level: Pre-intermediate (A2)
Current Level: Intermediate (B1)
Expected Completion Level: Upper Intermediate (B2)
Programme Type : General English Course
Duration of Programme : 6 months



Programme Offerings

Foundation Programmes

For international learners who are planning to enrol on Griffith College higher education programmes but do not meet the academic entry requirements and may not meet the English language requirements.

Griffith College's foundation programme prepares learners for entry to Griffith College degree programmes. It focuses on the development of learning skills and academic knowledge as well as the development of general, academic and specific academic English skills.

**STREAM 1:
BUSINESS FOUNDATION**
For learners seeking to gain admission to Griffith College undergraduate business degrees.

**STREAM 2:
HUMANITIES FOUNDATION**
For learners seeking to gain admission to Griffith College undergraduate law and journalism degrees

**STREAM 3:
COMPUTING FOUNDATION**
For learners seeking to gain admission to Griffith College undergraduate computing degrees

Upon completion of this programme, learners will gain direct entry to their chosen degree programme. They will also receive an internationally recognised certificate of their proficiency in English.

Classes will be scheduled between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Pathway Programme (English + Degree)

For learners who are planning to enrol on Griffith College degree programmes but do not meet the language requirements.

Griffith Institute of Language offers a range of excellent pre-degree supports for those learners planning to study at degree level who do not meet the language requirements. This includes extensive cultural and academic orientation as well as core language skill development. In addition, we offer further supports in English language, such as English for Academic Purposes and English for Specific Purposes during degree programmes for those learners that require it.

If you are interested in a degree programme at Griffith College, why not visit our website www.griffith.ie where you will find a wide range of programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Semester Abroad and Gap Year (English + Academic Modules)

For learners with a higher level of English who need to develop their language skills in specific areas related to their continued study, or professional development.

Learners have an opportunity to choose academic modules carefully selected from Griffith College's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. They can then support these choices with 15 hours of English in our language institute.

Modules include:

- Introduction to Photography (Journalism Faculty)
- Understanding Society (Journalism Faculty)
- Event Management (Business Faculty)
- E-Business (Business Faculty)

Participation in academic modules is subject to availability and dependent on the language level of the students.

For full details on our academic modules, please check the College academic website www.griffith.ie, and for specific queries, please contact gil@griffith.ie



Year Round Programmes

Short, Medium & Long Term English

4 - 25 weeks +

For learners who wish to significantly develop their language skills.

With our high quality teaching team and strong assessment strategy, we will ensure that learners get the most from their time with us, and move on in their careers or further study with significantly enhanced language skills.



General English

15 hours per week (Morning or Afternoon)

This is our standard programme structure and allows you to take full advantage of all the resources, facilities and supports that we have whilst giving you free time in the afternoon or the morning time, depending on which schedule you choose.

Morning Schedule		
Hours per week	Duration	Starting dates
9:00 - 11:00 Break 10:50 - 12:20	2 – 48 weeks	Every Monday

Afternoon Schedule		
Hours per week	Duration	Starting dates
13:30 - 15:00 Break 15:30 - 17:00	2 – 48 weeks	Every Monday

General English

20 hours per week (Morning + Early Afternoon)

This is our premium programme that gives you an additional hour of tuition in the early afternoon from Monday to Friday.

At the levels of elementary and pre-intermediate you will receive additional general English. For those who are intermediate and above we provide an exciting range of elective options. Please see overleaf.

Hours per week	Duration	Starting dates
9:00 - 10:30 Break 10:50 - 12:20 Break 12:30 - 1:30	2-48 weeks	Every Monday



Elective Choices

Irish Culture and Society

This elective is designed to promote discussion and debate. You will focus on Irish history, culture and society. You will be encouraged to compare your own culture and traditions with those of Ireland and in doing so you will internalise, activate and take ownership of more complex language structures. This leads to overall improvement in fluency and confidence in language use.

The Language of Journalism

This elective is designed to develop English language use in journalistic contexts. You will focus on developing key journalistic competencies across the four core language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. This development will be set in the context of current social, economic and political issues in Ireland, Europe and beyond.



Exam Preparation (IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge)

This elective is designed to develop effective exam strategies and testing skills in the context of core language skills development. The learner will prepare for externally accredited examinations such as IELTS, TOEFL and the Cambridge suite of examinations. The learner will develop the core skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing as well as a clear understanding of the rubric of the chosen examination. They will also focus on the different task types and questions that may be presented, employing effective task completion and timekeeping strategies to give the best chance of exam success.

Business English

This elective is designed to develop language use in business contexts. You will focus on gaining a wide-ranging overview of the business world. You will also acquire key communication skills that are necessary for professional situations and further studies within the field.

English for Academic Purposes

This elective is designed for learners who wish to progress on to academic programmes. You will focus on the development of language skills in academic contexts including developing an awareness of academic style in both written and spoken discourse. You will focus on the organisation and structure of academic texts and presentations as well as developing skills for effective participation in seminars and lectures.

The Language of Law

This elective is designed for learners who work or study in the legal sector and wish to develop a command and control of legal language for the purposes of working or studying in English speaking contexts. Learners will focus on the language associated with reporting on law, legal terminology, and argumentation or case trials. All core language skills are covered with a special emphasis on writing style and structure in legal contexts.

* All electives are subject to a minimum number of 7 students enrolling on the programme

Exam Preparation Programmes



IELTS

The International English Language Testing System, is a testing system designed to assess the language ability of candidates who need to work or study where English is the language of communication.

IELTS is one of the most commonly used assessments for English language proficiency. It is recognised by universities, employers, professional bodies, immigration authorities and other government agencies across the world.

In Griffith Institute of Language, we offer two different IELTS preparation programmes.

General English + IELTS

20 hours per week (Morning + Early Afternoon)

For learners who wish to improve General English skills as well as IELTS exam techniques, we offer 15 hours of General English + 5 hours of IELTS preparation per week. This course will get you ready to take on the full IELTS preparation course*.

Hours per week	Duration	Starting Dates
9:00 - 10:30 Break 10:50 - 12:20 Break 12:30 - 1:30	2-50 weeks	Every Monday



IELTS Intensive

(Afternoon only)

For those who wish to have more intensive IELTS preparation, we offer a 20-hour programme over 12 weeks.

Hours per week	Duration	Starting dates
12:30 - 2:30 Break 15:00 - 17:00	12 weeks	Every Monday



IELTS Programme Content

Both the Intensive IELTS programme and the modular IELTS programme are designed to develop effective exam strategies and testing skills. Learners will focus on clearly understanding the rubric of the IELTS exam, and the different task types and questions that may be presented. They will also focus on employing effective task completion and timekeeping strategies to give them the best chance of exam success.

IELTS PROGRAMME CONTENT			
Starting Level	Stage 1	Stage 2	Outcome*
A2	General English Programme	General English + IELTS preparation	IELTS 5.0 CEF B1+
B1	General English Programme + IELTS preparation	Intensive IELTS Programme	IELTS 6.0 CEF B2
B2	General English Programme + IELTS preparation	Intensive IELTS Programme	IELTS 6.5 CEF B2+
C1	General English Programme + IELTS preparation	Intensive IELTS Programme	IELTS 7.0 CEF C1
B2 and C1 learners may choose to take stage 2 only as a 12 week programme			

* The outcome is a predicted outcome and is dependent on performance in an external examination. The Intensive IELTS Programme is delivered in the afternoon only.

Summer English Programmes

2-12 weeks
(15 or 20 hours per week)

Our Summer Programme takes place at our three campuses in June, July and August. Our summer programme offers 15 or 20 hours of tuition per week in mixed-nationality classes. For learners who wish to study short-term and medium-term programmes over the summer.

We also offer a full programme of social and cultural activities and excursions in the afternoons and in the evenings (subject to demand). You can take full advantage of our excellent facilities and learn English in fun and safe environments.



A Note On All Programmes

Griffith College reserves the right during busy periods to utilise all of its facilities in order to deliver language classes. This may include lesson delivery between the hours of 9am and 5pm as well as delivery in alternative locations.

Timetables are indicative and subject to change at the sole discretion of Griffith College.

Due to assessment schedules we are unable to accept new learners on certain dates in the year. Please enquire to ensure that your chosen start date does not clash with our assessment schedule.

Resources & Methodologies

By giving you every opportunity to become immersed in the language, you can improve your level rapidly...

Classroom Contact Time

Practise and learn English in a fun and focussed multi-national environment and improve your level with expert help. Our teachers are highly experienced and dedicated to the vocation of teaching.

Learning Portfolios

By completing a learning portfolio through English you can reflect on your learning needs and track your improvement in a continuous way. By completing tasks in a continuous way you will consolidate your learning and improve your English more quickly.



Virtual Learning Environment

With our virtual learning environment you will not miss any part of your lessons. You will be able to access all of your classroom lesson materials online, so you won't miss a thing. There are also a lot of other materials for you to use, as well as the possibility to ask your teacher questions through the forum links.

Social Programme (Academic Year)

Relax in the Students' Union* and socialise with students from all over the world, including native English speakers from Ireland and America. Join the clubs and societies free of charge. Meet up in the College restaurant. Go out on great student nights or weekend trips away. Improve your English by immersing yourself in the language and become truly fluent.

* These facilities are currently only available at our Dublin campus.

Our Approaches to Teaching and Learning

Social Programme (Summer)

Regular cultural activities take place 2 – 3 times a week, and give you the inspiration and ideas to complete your project work. There are also weekly Saturday excursions that give you the opportunity to visit many places in Ireland including, Kilkenny Castle, the Cliffs of Moher and Newgrange.

Campus Facilities

Campus facilities include: an extensive library, online virtual learning environment, dedicated student computer labs, a fitness room*, a Students' Union building*, a restaurant*, a playing pitch*, and on-campus accommodation*. Every facility and service that we offer provides you with an opportunity for you to improve your English as we believe that every student interaction is a learning opportunity.

* These facilities are currently only available at our Dublin campus.

Student Feedback

Our teachers continually provide feedback and advice on a group and individual basis to ensure that you know what areas of language to improve on. We also like to hear what you think about us, and we ask you on a regular basis!

All Classroom Resources Provided

We give you all of the materials to succeed with your language learning including; books, photocopies and audio material at no extra cost. *

Our Methodologies Are Designed To Get You Communicating

We build your language skills and give you the time to practise and become confident. In class you will focus on skills development, which means a lot of practice with speaking, listening, reading and writing on topics that are interesting and relevant to you and with our assessment strategy you will know how good you are and what areas you need to improve.

* Resources are free of charge for learners on 25 week programmes. Please see our frequently asked questions for more information. Griffith College reserves the right to change any condition set out in this brochure at its sole discretion without prior notice.

We Believe In Assessment To Help Students Improve

At Griffith Institute of Language we help you to keep a learning diary, where you put your homework and class work as well as your thoughts on what areas of language you are good at and what areas you need to improve. We prepare you for exams and assist you in the cultural projects you need to complete. We help you to give presentations, improving your speaking ability and developing your confidence in using English.





Accommodation

Accommodation Options

Students who wish to study with us can choose from a number of accommodation options to suit their needs:

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	AVAILABILITY	LOCATIONS AVAILABLE
On-campus accommodation	Available for long-term stays in September and January Available for short-term stays in June and August	Dublin
Host family accommodation	Available year round	Dublin, Cork and Limerick
Off-Campus self-catering accommodation	Available year round	Dublin and Cork
Off-Campus Student Residences	Available year round	Limerick



Griffith Halls of Residence



On-Campus Accommodation

Griffith Halls of Residence is a development of student accommodation built in two blocks. It comprises 165 apartments that provide accommodation for over 600 students. The majority of the apartments contain two shared bedrooms and a shared living space. There are also a number of single rooms available in shared apartments. Each two-bedroom apartment has two bathrooms, one of which is en-suite. There is 24-hour security, free internet access and laundry facilities. Self-catering and full board options are also available.

Host Family Accommodation

Arriving in a new country can be a daunting experience, but getting a true Irish welcome from one of our host families will make you feel like you are in a home from home. It is also great way to improve your English and learn about Irish culture and life.

Our Recruitment and Inspection Policies

At Griffith we have a policy of recruiting families, in safe and secure areas, with high quality houses. We inspect all of our families against a set of national standards, as well as some additional standards that we have added ourselves. In the interests of safety and in line with our accreditation standards, all of our families are vetted by An Garda Síochána – the Irish police service.

What are the best things about living with a host family?

It is a really good thing to live in a host family. My Irish mother is very kind and it is good to practise English with her. She always serves good food, and you do not feel alone in a new country. Her husband is friendly and their child is always talking with me in a really polite way. I can always ask them for help if I need it. One time I was lost in the city centre and I called my host family mother, who drove into the city to bring me home.

Vladislav Ryvin
Russia



The host family looks after you very well and they make you feel a part of the family. They help you with everything when you are new and settling in to life in Ireland.

Renata Tejada Gonzalez
Mexico



Staying in a host family is, for me, the best type of accommodation for a language learner. It's a great opportunity to learn about the culture and lifestyle of Irish people.

Ahmet Yüksel
Turkey



Off-Campus Self-Catering Accommodation

If you prefer more independence, Griffith College can arrange self-catering accommodation off-campus.

Off-Campus Student Residences in Limerick

Griffith College Limerick offers a fantastic student residence option to all of its students. With single rooms, a shopping complex and numerous other supports. Thomond Village is the ideal place to live, study, relax and make friends.

Thomond Village is an ideal place for those who want to study and learn English. There are students from all over the world. It has and all the necessary facilities, such as a kitchen, bathroom, gym and laundry. It is only 20 minutes by bus to the city centre and they offer scheduled transportation to and from the city centre free of charge every day.

Ramon Campagnaro Velasco
Brazil

Frequently Asked Questions

Where are you located?

Griffith College Dublin is located on the South Circular Road; it is about a 20-minute walk to Dublin city centre and 10 minutes to the Luas, Dublin's tram service. There is also a regular bus service to and from the city centre.

Griffith College Cork is located on Wellington Road, just moments away from the main shopping and cultural districts of Cork City.

Griffith College Limerick is centrally located in Limerick city on O'Connell Avenue.

How do I get there from the airport?

You can take a taxi, which will cost you about €40 - €50. There is the bus number 16A which brings you very close to the College and there are public buses to the city centre from where you can take a taxi. We also offer a transfer service for €80, where the College Driver will collect you from the terminal building and bring you to your destination.

What happens on my first day?

Every English language student completes an English language placement test, which determines your level and allows us to place you in the most appropriate class. We then give an induction as well as a campus tour to ensure that you have all of the information that you need. You will begin your lessons on your second day with us.

How many class levels do you have?

We can guarantee 5 levels, Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced.

Who will be in my class?

You will have a variety of nationalities in your class, from Europe, Asia, South America and the Middle East. The ages will vary from 16 to 34 and there will be a mix of male and female learners.

How many students will be in my class?

There will be no more than 15 students in a class and typically there are 10 - 12.

I have allergies and I cannot stay in a host family with pets. Can you find me a host family without pets?

Absolutely, just indicate on your application form (or separately by email) your preferred accommodation requirements and we will do our best to meet your needs.

Will my classes be in the morning or the afternoon?

Currently we have both morning and afternoon programmes for you to choose from.

If I think the class is the wrong level, can I change?

If you feel that the class is the wrong level, speak to your teacher and the Head of English. If they agree with you then you can move to a different level. Remember, we want the best for you.

What qualifications do the teachers have?

All our teachers are qualified with at least a degree and approved teaching certificates. In addition, we have a policy of employing those with more experience and higher levels of qualifications. We also support those who want to gain further qualifications through staff development.

How much are the courses?

For full pricing information please visit our website at <https://www.griffith.ie/faculties/griffith-institute-language>.

Is there a registration fee?

- 1 -11 week learners are required to pay a registration fee
- 12 – 24 week learners are not required to pay a registration fee
- 25 week learners are not required to pay a registration fee

Do I pay extra for books?

Depending on the programme you choose you may have to pay extra for books.

- 1 -11 week learners do not pay a book fee but must return their book in the same condition received it in. They will be required to pay a €50 deposit on registration for their programme.
- 12 – 24 week learners pay a books and materials fee of €100 and keep all of the books they receive over the duration of their programme.
- 25 week learners do not pay a book fee and they keep the last book they receive. When a learner moves level they return the book they were using and receive a book appropriate to their new level. Upon completion of their programme they get to keep the book that they finish with. If learners wish to purchase the books of previous levels they may do so by paying the appropriate fee.

How do I apply?

The quickest way is to apply online at www.griffith.ie/apply. Your application will be received by our team who will contact you to confirm details and process your application. If you would prefer to work with a language travel agency, just email us at gil@griffith.ie and we will be happy to provide you with a list of our trusted partners that will support your application.



I don't speak any English. How can I apply?

This is no problem, just send an email in your own language to gil@griffith.ie and our multilingual team will deal with the rest.

For more frequently asked questions and all other information please visit our website at www.griffith.ie. Alternatively you can contact us by email at gil@griffith.ie.

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COURSES	DURATION	HOURS PER WEEK	LEVELS				
	(Indicative)	(Indicative)	Elementary (CEF A1)	Pre- Intermediate (CEF A2)	Intermediate (CEF B1)	Upper Intermediate (CEF B2)	Advanced (CEF C1)
Foundation Programme *	academic year	25			•	•	•
Pathway Programme	academic year	20	•	•	•	•	•
Gap-year Programme (includes 2 or 4 modules)	academic year	20 -25				•	•
General English Standard Programme	2 - 48 weeks	15	•	•	•	•	•
General English Premium Programme (includes an elective choice)	2 - 48 weeks	20	•	•	•	•	•
General English + IELTS	2 - 48 weeks	20		•	•	•	•
IELTS Intensive	12 – 24 weeks	20			•	•	•

* English language entry requirement for Foundation Programme is B1+ or equivalent

Elective Options

ELECTIVES	DURATION	HOURS PER WEEK	LEVELS				
	(Indicative)	(Indicative)	Elementary (CEF A1)	Pre- Intermediate (CEF A2)	Intermediate (CEF B1)	Upper Intermediate (CEF B2)	Advanced (CEF C1)
Elementary Plus	2 - 48 weeks	5	•				
Pre-Intermediate Plus	2 - 48 weeks	5		•			
Irish Culture and Society	2 - 48 weeks	5			•	•	•
English for Academic Purposes	2 - 48 weeks	5			•	•	•
Business English	2 - 48 weeks	5			•	•	•
The Language of Journalism	2 - 48 weeks	5			•	•	•
Exam Preparation	2 - 48 weeks	5			•	•	•

Other Options

One-to-One Lessons - all levels, all courses	As required	As required	•	•	•	•	•
Tailored Courses for Specific Groups	As required	As required	•	•	•	•	•

Notes

Cross Campus Facilities / Resources / Programme Matrix

Campus Location	Student Societies	Students' Union Building	Common Room	College Restaurant	Library Access	Fitness Room	Wi-Fi	Off-Campus Residential	On-Campus Accommodation	Host Families	Junior	Adult	Social	Computer Access
Dublin	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cork			•		•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•
Limerick			•		•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

CEF	A0	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
Levels	Beginner	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Advanced	Proficiency
		Basic User		Independent User		Proficient User	
		Breakthrough	Waystage	Threshold	Vantage	Effective operational proficiency	Mastery



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