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English Language Programmes for Junior Groups 2015



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"Language, Fun, Adventure..."



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Welcome to Dublin City University

From Cathal Maye, Chief Executive Officer



Thank you for your interest in Junior English language Programmes at Dublin City University, Ireland. DCU is one of Europe's leading English language schools and we can assure your group of an academically excellent English language programme in the environs of one of Ireland's leading universities. Did you know that DCU is in the Top 4% of Universities worldwide? Make the right choice for your group and choose DCU!

Students will benefit from our highly qualified teaching staff and energetic activities. With our award-winning University campus, high standard of student accommodation and our focus on providing an enjoyable learning experience, students will continue to benefit from their DCU language programme for years to come. We hope that this brochure provides you with the information you require to choose Dublin City University as the destination for your Junior Group Programme.

I look forward to welcoming you and your group to Dublin City University very soon.

Kind Regards,

Cathal Maye
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Chief Executive

Modern University Campus

Dublin City University is one of Ireland's leading universities. Based in a residential neighbourhood 5km north of Dublin City, our campus is 85 acres in size and is home to the many faculties of our university including Languages, Business, Law, Science, Engineering, Nursing and Computing. Our university was established in 1989 and has over 11,000 full time students.

Our Language School welcomes students from over 30 countries worldwide to study English each year and has gained a reputation for excellence in English language teaching. Our aim is to provide the best language training possible and we constantly seek to enhance the learning experience of our students. All our courses subscribe to the same high standards that have gained Dublin City University a national and international reputation for the excellence of its programmes.



DCU Campus Apartments

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Location



Dublin City University is located in a safe residential neighbourhood 5km north of Dublin City Centre and 7km to the south of Dublin Airport. A high frequency bus service operates between DCU and Dublin city centre every 5 minutes. Travel from Dublin Airport to DCU takes approximately ten minutes.

"I have always wanted to come to Ireland so when my English teacher suggested us to follow a General English Course at DCU, I just jumped at the opportunity. I really did not regret my choice as it was a real pleasure and very rewarding to study there."
- Chaira Vanonjara, France

Why Choose Us?

- **Excellent Teachers:** Experienced junior teachers who are experienced and comfortable teaching English to junior students.
- **Exciting and Interactive Classes:** We focus on conversational skills, presentation skills and groupwork in order to maximise the fluency and language skills of your group. Watch as your students develop their confidence and language skills!
- **Social Activity Schedule:** We will offer an exciting social activity schedule including Sports Activities, City Centre Attractions, Museums and Quizzes. At weekends we will take day excursions to Ireland's best attractions!
- **Safe, Residential Location:** DCU is located in a safe, residential neighbourhood 5km from Dublin City Centre. Choose closeby Host Family accommodation or choose to stay at a Student Residence at DCU.
- **Campus Facilities:** We have excellent campus facilities including 3 Restaurants, Soccer Centre, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Gymnasium, Theatre, Student Residences, Inter Faith Centre and direct bus routes to DCU from Host Families and Dublin City Centre.
- **Excellent Support Services:** Our staff are here to assist you before, during and after your programme has been completed. No matter how big or small an issue, we are always available to help!



Students Enjoying A
City Tour of Dublin!

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Introduction: Junior Group Programme Outline

We can tailor our programme to suit the needs of your group and can offer short programmes (1 week) or longer programmes (up to one month). In general students will arrive to Ireland the day before their course starts and depart the day after their course finishes. However we can be flexible regarding course duration and start dates and can accommodate mid-week arrivals to suit the needs of your group. Talk to us about your requirements.

Our Teaching Method

English at Dublin City University programmes draw heavily from the communicative based language tuition model. It focuses on the four main facets of the English language: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking. Each skill is addressed both in isolation and integrated with other skills to reflect real life language situations. All students conduct an entrance level evaluation test and are placed into classes at an appropriate level to enable them to meet their personal learning goals during their time at DCU. Students undertake specifically designed programmes for younger learners. At the end of the programme students will take an 'Exit Test', allowing students and parents to see the progress that students have made at DCU.

Social Activities

We offer a wide range of social activities including:

- Day Trips to Cultural Attractions in Ireland
- Sports Activities on Campus
- City Centre based activities
- Traditional Irish Activities including Irish Dancing
- Visits to Museums, Galleries and other places of interest

We can design your programme to suit the needs of your group.



Students on Campus



DCU is just 7km from
Dublin Airport



Explore Dublin by Train

Programme Specification:

- 20 Hours of English Class per week
- Regular testing and Student Report provided at end of course
- Half Day Social Activities (Weekdays)
- Day Excursions by Private Bus at Weekends
- Dedicated Course Coordinator for your Group
- Host Family, Student Residence or 3 Star Hotel Accommodation
- Flexible Programmes - Midweek arrival / departure can be accommodated
- 24 Hour Emergency Contact Number

Course Schedule - Sample 2 Week Programme

WEEK 1

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Sunday	Arrival - DCU Coordinator meets group at Airport - Coach Transfer to Accommodation	
Monday	English Class	Tour of Dublin City
Tuesday	English Class	Visit Botanic Gardens
Wednesday	English Class	Football at DCU Park
Thursday	English Class	Visit Phoenix Park
Friday	English Class	Shopping in Dublin City Centre
Saturday	Day Excursion by Private Coach to Glendalough and Bray, County Wicklow	

WEEK 2

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Sunday	Free Day - Spend Time with Friends	
Monday	English Class	Visit Natural History Museum
Tuesday	English Class	Visit St. Stephen's Green
Wednesday	English Class	Campus Treasure Hunt
Thursday	English Class	Visit National Gallery of Ireland
Friday	English Class	Farewell Party
Saturday	Departure - Private Coach Transfer from DCU to Dublin Airport	

"The feedback was exceptionally positive; almost every single student was happy with what they were learning, and more specifically with how they were treated. I have been in the teaching profession for upwards of 28 years now, and I can distinguish between a good program and a not-so-good one. The program that the language centre offers its guest students is definitely good. I thank everyone who made our students' trip to DCU a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."
Mohammed Karimi PhD, Team Leader, Morocco



Having Fun and Touring Dublin City

** Please Note: The above timetable is for sample purposes only. Activities may be added to suit the wishes of the group. DCULS reserves the right to change activities due to unavailability or weather conditions. Evening activities are by arrangement only and are not offered for students who are staying at Host Families. Please note that we offer morning or afternoon classes for junior students. Although we place junior students to morning classes as a preference, please note that due to availability it may be necessary to hold social activities in mornings and English classes in afternoons for some or all of your programme**

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Accommodation

DCU can offer Host Family, Student Residence or 3 Star Hotel Accommodation for students

Dietary Requirements
Host Families and DCU Restaurant can cater for special dietary requirements including Vegetarian, Vegan, Halal, Coeliac, Dairy-Free and Gluten-Free. Speak to us about your requirements.



Host Family Accommodation

Host Family accommodation is our most popular accommodation type for junior students. The student will live as a member of an Irish family for the duration of their stay at DCU, and will learn about what it is like to live as a young person in an Irish household. All of our Host Families live close to DCU, either within short walking distance or on a direct bus route. By choosing this accommodation option the student can practice their language skills at home and learn about the food, culture and social life for families in Ireland

Host Accommodation Features

Breakfast, Packed Lunch and Evening Meal provided each day by your Host Family. Students will receive a single or shared bedroom with other junior students depending on preference.



Student Residence Accommodation

Choose to live in one of the three Student Residences at DCU

Student Residence Features

- Live in a Shared Apartment with other students
- Internet Access
- Single ensuite bedroom with study desk
- Bed linen is provided
- Shared kitchen facilities
- Key-Card Access to Student Bedrooms

3-Star Hotel Accommodation

Choose to stay at a local 3 Star Hotel.

3-Star Hotel Features

- Only 1.7km from DCU
- Twin or Triple rooms for students
- Single rooms for leaders
- Free Wifi

Facilities at DCU

Dublin City University campus is 85 acres in size and is home to many wonderful facilities. Our university is renowned as a modern, spacious and safe campus with world class facilities. In this section we will explore the main campus facilities of DCU

Other Facilities:

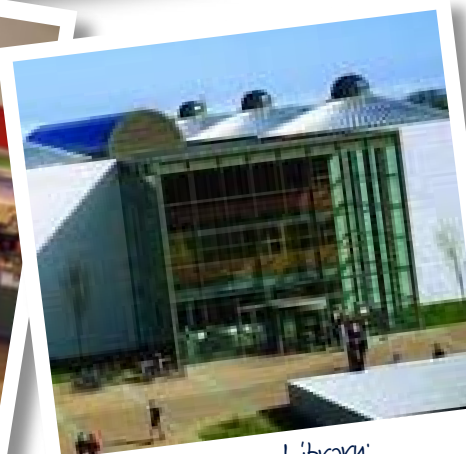
- Inter Faith Centre
- Student Residences with 2,000 Rooms
- Free Wifi on Campus
- Wheelchair Accessible Campus
- Campus Bank and 3 ATM Machines
- Hairdresser
- Student Health Centre

Restaurant:

We have three restaurants at DCU, including the main student restaurant which has seating for 600 people. The restaurant is open all day and provides quality university food at good prices. All dietary types are catered for including vegetarian, vegan, halal, coeliac and gluten-free.



Convenience Store & Pharmacy:
DCU offers a convenience store and pharmacy, offering easy access to general groceries and health products.



Campus Library:
DCU has a large library with facilities to cater for 2,000 students.



Transport:
DCU is served by many bus routes. Buses depart DCU every 5 minutes for Dublin City Centre.



Sports Centre & Swimming Pool:

DCU has a 25 metre swimming pool, sports hall, soccer centre and swimming courts, winner of Irish 'Sports Centre of the Year' in 2011.



The Helix Theatre

The Helix Theatre:
DCU has a 1300 seater theatre on campus. The Helix hosts musicals, pantomimes, films, music acts and other events throughout the year. Make sure to attend a show at The Helix during your time at DCU.

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About...

...Ireland

Situated on the North-west corner of Europe, the island of Ireland is the ideal destination for teenage students of English as a foreign language. It is internationally renowned as a safe, friendly tourist destination. The country is affectionately known both locally and internationally as the 'land of a thousand welcomes'. With visible history dating back to distant prehistoric times, miles of unspoiled beaches, and limitless sporting and cultural activities it is the perfect location for visiting junior students.

...Dublin

Dublin is not only the cultural centre of Ireland, but also the vibrant capital city with a young and friendly population of 1.1 million people. Its relatively small size allows all areas of the city and the surrounding countryside to be easily accessed. Coupled with its coastal location this means a welcoming study destination for student groups. Excellent public transport links and countless tourist attractions have resulted in Dublin being one of the premiere English language learner destinations internationally.

"I studied at DCU Language Services for 2 weeks and stayed with a host family. I had many friends there from all over the world, Turkish, Colombian, Italian, French and many others. My host family was amazing. It was about 10 minutes from DCU and the family helped me to improve my English. They said I could visit them anytime after I finished my studies and now I feel like they are my real family."

– Emi Ogata, Japan



Students hard at work

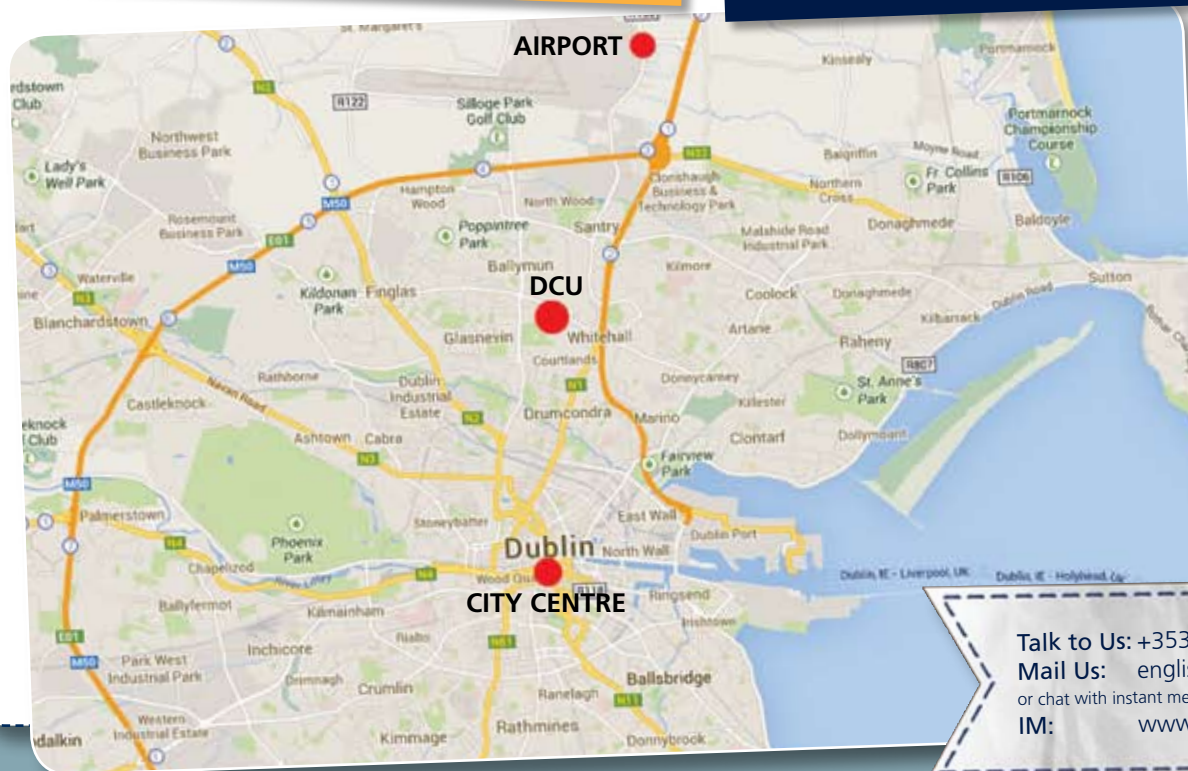


Taking a well deserved study break

...Other Courses

We offer a wide range of other courses:

- General English
- Exam Preparation Courses (IELTS, Cambridge, TOEFL, TOEIC)
- Business English
- English for Academic Purposes
- English and Internship Programmes
- Teacher Development
- Private Tuition
- Group Programmes



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