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Welcome to Ireland and to the Slaney Language Centre!

The Slaney Language Centre was established in 1999. It is accredited by the Department of Education (ACELS) and is a member of the language school association, MEI-Relsa. The Slaney Language Centre provides quality language tuition for adult language learners, professionals and families throughout the world. We are a small school where personal attention is given to each student. We pride ourselves on our low student-tutor ratio. The maximum number of students in any level group is eight.

At the Slaney Language Centre teachers and students get to know each other well and enjoy each others' company. It is important to us to provide a friendly learning environment, where language students can develop their language skills and enjoy communicating in English.

At the Slaney Language Centre we have five bright classrooms, with beautiful views of the countryside and the Slaney river, a common room where students and teachers can relax and enjoy a chat at breaktime or have lunch together at lunchtime, a self-study room with library and audio visual material and an office. The school is located just outside of Wexford town and is surrounded by fields and gardens. Therefore students can relax and study in a peaceful, scenic and stress-free environment.

County Wexford is renowned for its miles of unspoiled sandy beaches, its welcoming people, it's music festivals and for the best weather in Ireland. Wexford is in The Sunny South East.

We enjoy meeting people from all over the world. In recent years we have had students from Germany, Spain, Italy, France, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Latvia, Belgium, Hungary, Finland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Holland, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Romania, Greece, Japan, South Korea, Columbia, Sudan, Mexico, Russia, China, Morocco, Maritius, Sudan, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Cuba, Mozambique, Guinea, Cuba, Taiwan and Thailand. During our international lunches we get the chance to taste culinary delights from many different countries.



The majority of our language students are between 20 and 50 years old. We also have younger and older language students. The minimum age for our group courses is 17.

Our most popular course is the **General English Group Course Intensive** which may be combined with private lessons in the afternoons (**Intensive Plus 4** or **Intensive Plus 10**). We also offer **One-to-One** and **Two-to-One** courses for students who wish to prepare for an exam or who need English for their jobs.

Specialised courses are:

- **An Easter Course** designed for mature students (30 plus)
- Three **Family (parent and child) Courses** in July and August
- **A Language and Culture Course** where students can immerse themselves in Irish life and culture and experience the fun and 'craic' during the internationally renowned Wexford Festival Opera.
- Two full time **FCE Preparation Courses** and two part time FCE preparation courses.
- **English and Wwoofing** for students who wish to combine their language course with work on an organic farm in Ireland.

We hope that you enjoy reading this course guide and that we will have the opportunity to welcome you to the Slaney Language Centre very soon.

Why Ireland?

Ireland is a relaxed, friendly and welcoming country. It is known as the country of one hundred thousand welcomes, known in Gaelic as 'Céad Míle Fáilte'. This will surely be extended to you on your arrival. Most Irish people address each other by their first name and almost every Irish man or woman enjoys a chat with neighbours, friends and visitors. There is a famous Irish saying: 'A stranger is a friend you haven't met yet'.



English is the first language spoken in Ireland. Irish people speak with clarity and the standard of Irish education is high. Therefore you will have the opportunity to practise and develop your language skills everywhere you go in Ireland. Irish children learn the Gaelic language at school.



Age is not important in Ireland as young and old alike socialise together. Even if you are an 80 year old lady, you will still be called a 'girl'. As you will see, it is hard to resist the charm of the Irish!

Traditional pubs are very important for Irish people of all ages. They like to meet there to catch up with friends, relax, unwind and enjoy a Guinness or Powers or Jameson whiskey and listen to a traditional music session.

Irish traditional music, storytelling and sports are very popular with young and old in Ireland. If you get a chance you should go to an traditional Irish music session, a storytelling house and a hurling or Gaelic football match.

Ireland's climate is considered to be mild and changeable. This is due to the gulf stream in the Atlantic ocean. Temperatures range and vary from 15 to 20 degrees in summer, around 10 degrees in spring and autumn and 4 to 7 degrees in winter. However the Irish weather is never predictable and you should be prepared for the unexpected. What other country gives you the opportunity to experience all four seasons in one day?



Why Wexford?

County Wexford is famous for many things. Not only does it have the best weather in Ireland it also has some of the most beautiful sandy beaches in Ireland and the world. Steven Spielberg's film, 'Saving Private Ryan' was filmed on Ballinesker beach in Wexford which is most certainly worth a visit. Wexford's beaches are renowned for their natural beauty. They are peaceful, scenic, appear to be never-ending and are completely unspoiled by economic development. A walk on any of these beaches is the best medicine for anybody leading a stressful or hectic life. You will feel your stress and pressure washing away with the tide.

While Wexford is a small and friendly town with about 30,000 inhabitants it is a lively place with a variety of shops, bars and pubs for all tastes and ages, cafes, restaurants, internet cafes, the opera house, the library, and the cinema. You can enjoy a leisurely stroll along the quays among the beautiful fishing boats. You can taste locally caught fresh fish and seafood in many restaurants in Wexford or savour a pint of Guinness to the sounds of a live, traditional music session in any number of the town's pubs.

Don't forget to visit Wexford GAA park to watch the traditional Irish sports of Gaelic football and hurling or try your luck betting at the Wexford Horse Races or Enniscorthy Greyhound Races.

Wexford people are believed to be one of the friendliest in Ireland. You will soon discover the truth in this while practising your English talking to locals. Wexford people enjoy making new friends and are curious to find out about new people and life in your country. The more you talk, the better your English, so don't be shy!



Amenities available in the town centre:

- Cafés & restaurants
- Shops
- Opera House
- Cinema
- Theatre
- Arts Centre
- Galleries
- Churches
- Internet Cafés
- Library
- Racecourse
- Bowling Alley
- Heritage Centre
- Selskar Abbey
- Swimming Pool
- Film Club
- Hillwalking Club
- Fitness Studio
- Tourist Information
- Boat Trips
- Historical Tour of Wexford
- GAA Stadium (Gaelic games)
- Plenty of Pubs



About our Courses



Our language courses provide language learners with the opportunity to improve their language skills and gain confidence in a relaxed, friendly and encouraging environment by supportive and dedicated staff. We develop the language student's listening, speaking, reading and writing skills with the main focus on oral fluency through a variety of conversation exercises.

Our language tutors meet regularly to monitor and discuss students' progress and to ensure that all our learner's needs are being met. They also organise team teaching classes and activities where all classes and language levels have the opportunity to work as a large group and therefore encourage co-operative language learning. This improves intercultural communication skills among students. All our language tutors are continuously developing their personal teaching skills and endeavour to use a wide range of teaching materials.

We use the 'communicative approach' to language teaching in all our classes. This means that the main class focus will be on developing and improving student's communication skills through a wide variety of lessons which will encourage accuracy and oral fluency. Lessons include pair-work activities, role plays, debates, discussions, short presentations and listening exercises using authentic material.

The main focus is always on using and developing language to communicate.

Extracurricular Programme

As language learning is not bound to classrooms we believe that students should practise and develop their language skills as much as possible in their free time. We offer optional afternoon/evening activities and daytrips and we also encourage students to join local clubs and take part in activities. We have a list of these clubs, societies and classes available at the school. Last year our language students took part in the following activities:

Beachwalks, speed boat trips, fishing trips, 'hurling' workshops (our traditional Irish sport), Irish dancing workshops, kayaking, horse-riding, golf, open air museum of Irish history tours, International lunches, barbeques, Irish music sessions, bowling, sandcastle competitions; daytrips to Kilmore (a traditional fishing village in County Wexford), Glendalough (a monastic site with round tower founded in the 6th century in county Wicklow, also known as the Garden of Ireland), 'Old Hook' lighthouse (the oldest operating lighthouse in Europe), daytrips to the Saltee Islands, Kilkenny and Dublin and weekend trips to the Cliffs of Moher and Galway.

All these activities will be offered again and we are sure to try out some new ones. We endeavour to accommodate any requests that students have regarding outings and activities.

July and August

- 3 afternoon/evening activities
- 1 weekend trip per week (min 5 students)

May, June, September and October

- 2 afternoon/evening activities
- 1 weekend trip per week (min 5 students)

Easter Course

- 2 afternoon/evening activities
- 1 weekend trip per week (min 5 students)

November to April

- 1 afternoon/evening activity



Your first day at the Slaney Language Centre

Your host family, B&B provider etc. will show you where and when to get the bus to the Slaney Language Centre. The bus fare from town to our language centre is €2 per trip.

Jim, the bus driver will make sure that you won't miss the school bus as he will look out for you. Like most Irish people Jim loves talking and he will tell you plenty of stories, teach you new expressions and entertain you on all your trips.

Here at the school, Lisa and Anita will welcome you and give you all the information you need. As we will have already sent you a placement test along with your booking confirmation you can start your lessons straight away without any delay.

As staff and students take our coffee and lunch breaks together in the common room there is always time to have a chat or ask for help and information, so please feel free to ask us any questions that you may have. The Slaney Language Centre is a small school and we pride ourselves on our dedication to students' needs. We consider ourselves to be like a little family. At the Slaney Language Centre there are no strangers, just friends we haven't met yet!



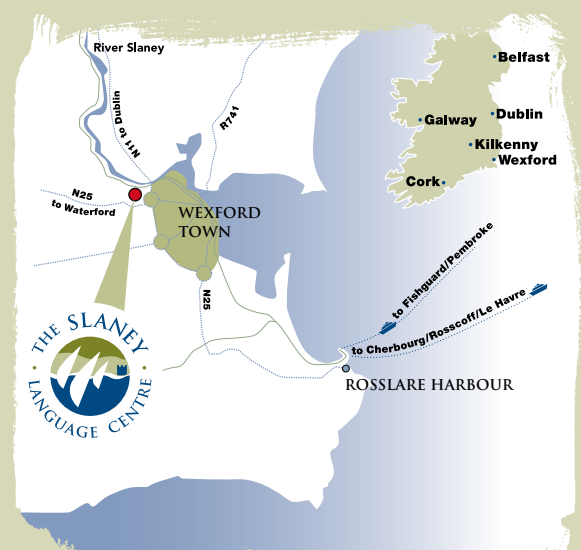
How to get here



Most of our language students arrive at Dublin Airport and travel down to Wexford by bus or train. Buses to Wexford leave Dublin Airport almost hourly. The bus fee is about €20 per trip. We will be happy to provide you with a bus or train timetable from Dublin Airport to Wexford. A member of your host family or one of our staff members will meet you at Wexford bus station on the day of your arrival.

If you are coming with friends or family you might prefer to book a taxi from Dublin Airport direct to your accommodation in Wexford for €155.

Some students arrive at Waterford Airport or Rosslare Ferryport. If you arrive in Rosslare or Waterford you may take public buses to Wexford or alternatively book a taxi for €65 (Waterford) or €35 (Rosslare).



Student Comments

I've already told you but I want to affirm it once again, our two weeks spent with you have been the best we've ever had. And by now it's our third time in Ireland and we are a bit of experts! As a matter of fact the atmosphere at your school is really warm and friendly and we immediately felt at home. We've really appreciated all what you did to make us enjoy our stay and the fact that you were successful with Filippo too, is really something as he is certainly the most difficult and critical of our family. Moreover, as a primary school teacher I think that you were great in getting children so involved in quite all the afternoon activities offered by your school: the crab fishing, the international lunch, the football match, the goodbye song etc. Now it's my turn to say to you: Well done! We'll surely recommend your school to our family and to my pupils and we know that if we're coming back to the 'fantastic Ireland', we'll come to Wexford to say hello to you, no doubt!

Luisa from Italy who attended a family course



I miss you. You made me feel so good. I'd like to come back some day. The atmosphere in the school is genuine, brilliant and the surroundings beautiful. The best thing is that you feel relaxed and don't have any pressure to learn English and I think, this is really important, mainly for people shy like me. The organisation is very accurate and the skills and quality of teachers are fantastic.

Jose from Spain who attended a One-to-one course



I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful three weeks we spent in your school. We had so much fun with you and you gave us such a good feeling day by day. These three weeks were the best time in my life. And a special thanks to my teachers Marita, Christian and Sinead. They did a really good job and because of them we didn't feel like in a boring school but in an exciting group where we had fun and also learnt a lot.

Last but not least, a big compliment to Catherina my hostmother. She was so lovely and cheerful that I never felt homesick. She took care of us and did her best to make us happy. I miss you so much. And I have a big request: Please stay the way you are! I hope that many other people will also have their best time in life in Ireland, in Wexford and in your school.

Thanks for this great experience!

Tom from Austria who attended the General English Group Course Intensive

I appreciate that I could learn English at the Slaney Language Centre. The school was just as I imagined. The class was small and I could have enough opportunity to speak English. The atmosphere was so friendly. I felt the distance between teachers and students was very short. Every teacher was eager to meet the needs of students. I could know and understand more about Ireland this time through the stay in Wexford. And I could exchange with lots of people. It was a very valuable experience for me. I look forward to visit Wexford and see you again some day.

Tomoko from Japan who attended an Intensive Plus Course.

Our Team



Lisa Bartsch
B.A., PGCE in Education
Managing Director
Languages: German (native speaker)



Anita Moloney
Administrator and Accommodation Officer
Languages: Dutch (fluent)



Emma Misiti B.A., T.E.F.L.
Director of Studies, Teacher
Languages: French (native speaker), Spanish (fluent), Italian (elementary), German (elementary)
12 years of teaching experience



Sinead Power B.A., M.A., T.E.F.L.
Teacher
Languages: Irish (fluent), Spanish (elementary)
8 years of teaching experience



Christian O'Morchoe
B.A., T.E.F.L.
Teacher
Languages: French (fluent), German (fluent), Mandarin (elementary)
Over 20 years of teaching experience



Susan Doyle B.A., T.E.F.L.
Teacher
Languages: Japanese (elementary)
20 years of teaching experience



Jennifer Mulcahy Lu
B.A., H.Dip in Education, T.E.F.L.
Teacher
Languages: German (fluent), French (Intermediate), Chinese (Elementary)



Jim Shannon
Bus Driver and Tour Guide
If you want to meet an authentic Irish charmer, then Jim is your man!

"And a special thanks to my teachers. They did a really good job and because of them we didn't feel like in a boring school but in an exciting group where we had fun and also learnt a lot."

Tom, Austria

SLC Specialised Courses

Easter Course for 30 plus students

For the first time ever we are offering a course which caters for the specific needs of mature students (30 plus). The course has been designed for students who are interested in Irish culture, history, music, literature and art. Students will have the opportunity to improve their language skills while immersing themselves in Irish life and culture. See page 12 for more details.

Family Courses held three times this summer

If you have children between the ages of 6 and 14, why not join one of our family courses? Following its success in the last few years, we are offering three summer courses for parents and their children, grandparents and their grandchildren etc. Family courses are very popular and fill up early. To secure a place we advise you to book as early as possible. Find out more on page 12.



Language and Culture Course

Develop your English skills and immerse yourself in Irish Culture. A two week course in October during the internationally renowned Wexford Festival Opera which will give you the chance to improve your English and learn more about Ireland's history, culture, art, music and mythology. See page 13 for more details.

Would you like to prepare for the Cambridge First Certificate Exam (FCE)?

We offer full time FCE preparation in combination with the General English Group Course as well as part time FCE preparation evening courses. More details on page 14.

Combine an English Course with work-experience on an Irish organic farm (It's called WWOOFing)

In return for volunteer help, WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) hosts offer food, accommodation and opportunities to learn about organic lifestyles. For further information go to page 15.

General English Group Course Intensive (Small Groups)

We pride ourselves on our low tutor-student ratio.

We aim to develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills with the main emphasis on conversation. We use a wide range of modern teaching materials and students participate in a variety of different activities. We believe that language learning can be both enjoyable and challenging. Due to the relaxed atmosphere in our school and the small group sizes, students make significant progress in all areas of English language development.

Together with the booking confirmation we send out placement tests to our clients. Pre-testing before arrival ensures students can begin classes on their first morning. Students are placed in groups according to their level.

Course dates	Commencing every Monday all year round*	No registration fee No charge for course materials
Group size	2 - 8 students	
Language levels	Elementary to advanced	
Length of lesson	45 minutes	
Timetable	9.30 - 10.15, 10.15 - 11.00, coffee break, 11.30 - 12.15, 12.15 - 13.00, lunchbreak.	

Prices

One week	€260
Two weeks	€478
Each additional week	€230
Long term 1* per week	€199
Long term 2* per week	€179

* Long-term study

(Long-term 1: 8 - 23 weeks. Long term 2: 24 weeks +)

Winter Discount

November to February: €10 less per week

Price includes

- Placement test
- Course tuition (20 lessons/week)
- Use of internet, library and self-study materials
- Tutoring for long-term students
- End of course level assessment (2 weeks+)
- Certificate of attendance (level mentioned)
- Coffee and tea at breaktime
- Transport from Wexford bus station to accommodation on the day of arrival

General English Group Course Intensive Plus 4

Participants of the Intensive Plus 4 Course receive four extra one-to-one lessons on two afternoons per week. These private lessons are specially tailored to meet your individual requirements such as exam preparation, interviewing, presenting, writing, etc.

Course dates	Commencing every Monday all year round*		No registration fee No charge for course materials
Group size	Mornings 2 - 8 students	Afternoons 1 student	
Language levels	Elementary to advanced		
Length of lesson	45 minutes		
Timetable	Group: 9.30 - 10.15, 10.15 - 11.00, coffee break, 11.30 - 12.15, 12.15 - 13.00, lunchbreak One-to-one: Two afternoons 14.00 - 14.45, 14.45 - 15.30 (subject to change)		

Prices

Additional Fee	€140 per week
Longterm (8 weeks+)	€130 per week

Price includes

- Placement test
- Course tuition (20 lessons/week + 4 one-to-one lessons/week)
- Individual design of private lessons
- Use of internet, library and self-study materials
- End of course level assessment (2 weeks+)
- Certificate of attendance (level mentioned)
- Coffee and tea at breaktime
- Transport from Wexford bus station to accommodation on the day of arrival

General English Group Course Intensive Plus 10

Participants of the Intensive Plus 10 Course receive ten extra one-to-one lessons (two lessons/afternoon) per week. These private lessons are specially tailored to meet your individual requirements such as exam preparation, interviewing, presenting, writing, etc.

Course dates	Commencing every Monday all year round*	
Group size	Mornings 2 - 8 students	Afternoons 1 student
Language levels	Elementary to advanced	
Length of lesson	45 minutes	
Timetable	Group: 9.30 - 10.15, 10.15 - 11.00, coffee break, 11.30 - 12.15, 12.15 - 13.00, lunchbreak One-to-one: 14.00 - 14.45, 14.45 - 15.30 (subject to change)	

No registration fee
No charge for
course materials

Price

Additional Fee €325 per week
Longterm (8 weeks+) €300 per week

Price includes

- Placement test
- Course tuition (20 group lessons/week + 10 one-to-one lessons/week)
- Individual design of private lessons
- Use of internet, library and self-study materials
- End of course level assessment (2 weeks+)
- Certificate of attendance (level mentioned)
- Coffee and tea at breaktime
- Transport from Wexford bus station to accommodation on the day of arrival



One-to-One and Two-to-One Courses

These courses are designed for people who wish to have intensive and individual (business or general English) tuition. These classes are specially tailored to meet your individual requirements. Please inform us of your needs and we will be happy to design a course for you. Two-to-one courses are designed for friends or colleagues with the same course requirements and levels of English.

Course dates	Commencing every Monday all year round*	
Group size	1 student / 2 students	
Language levels	Beginners to advanced	
Length of lesson	45 minutes	

No registration fee
No charge for
course materials

Price

One-to-one 20 lessons €685
Two-to-one 20 lessons €395

Price includes

- Course tuition
- Individually designed courses
- Use of internet, library and self-study materials
- End of course level assessment
- Certificate of attendance (level mentioned)
- Coffee and tea at breaktime
- Transport from Wexford bus station to accommodation on the day of arrival

*When Monday is a National Holiday, courses start on a Tuesday.

Easter Language Course Designed for the Over 30s

Are you in your 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s or 80s?

Do you enjoy travelling, meeting people, communicating in English and learning about different cultures? Would you like to brush up on your English in an enjoyable communicative way rather than by studying textbooks? Would you like to improve your language skills inside but also outside of the classroom through excursions and activities? If your answers to these questions are yes, this is the right course for you.

Optional extracurricular activities for this course include a visit of the Irish National Heritage Park (open air museum of Irish history), a visit of the Dunbrody Immigration Ship, a walk on the beach of Curracloe, an Irish dancing workshop, a traditional Irish music session and an International lunch held at the Slaney Language Centre.

The SLC reserves the right to alter the activity programme slightly.

Course dates	Monday 18 April to Friday 29 April	No registration fee No charge for course materials
Length of course	2 weeks	
Students per class	2 - 8	
Minimum age	30 (the SLC reserves the right to accept younger adult students)	
Language levels	Elementary to advanced	
No. of lessons	16 lessons in classroom, daytrip on Easter Monday, 5 excursions	
Length of lesson	45 minutes	
Timetable	9.30 - 10.15, 10.15 - 11.00, coffee break, 11.30 - 12.15, 12.15 - 13.00, lunchbreak	

Price €575



Price includes

- Level assessment test (before arrival)
- Course tuition
- Tutoring for long-term students
- End of course level assessment (if required)
- Certificate of attendance (level mentioned)
- **Daily bus to SLC**
- **Daytrip on Easter Monday, 5 Activities, International lunch**
- Transport from Wexford bus station to accommodation on the day of arrival

Family Courses For parents and children or grandparents and their grandchildren. These courses take place in July and August.

While the parents participate in our General English Group Course Intensive, the children will be in another part of the school, learning English through a variety of child centered, fun filled activities under the expert supervision of fully qualified teachers.

Courses		Summer 1	Summer 2	Summer 3	No registration fee No charge for course materials
Course start date	Monday	4 July	18 July	8 August	
Course finishing date	Friday	15 July	29 July	19 August	
Length of course		2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	
Age of children		6-14 years	6-14 years	6-14 years	

Price

per 2 weeks for Children

1 Child	€410
2 Children	€380 each
3 or more Children	€330 each

Accommodation Options

Self-catering apartments in Wexford town centre or host family accommodation. Prices for parents as stated in main programme.

Since July and August are the high season, we recommend early booking.

early booking
recommended

Language and Culture Course

Be Irish for two weeks and immerse yourself into the local culture. Learn about Irish history, culture, sport, literature and art inside and outside of the classroom.

Learn how to play the traditional Irish sport of hurling, learn how to dance the waltz of Limerick, experience the singing and swinging pub competition and enjoy a night of Irish music.

The course combines 20 lessons General English with four traditional Irish activities as well as a weekend daytrip. The Language and Culture Course takes place during the internationally renowned Wexford festival opera where you can experience Wexford at its best. There is no time to be bored as the town is full of life with daytime and evening events of music and art for all ages and all tastes. On arrival we will give you the main opera programme as well as the fringe event brochure and you can choose for yourself which events you would like to attend.

The SLC reserves the right to alter the activity programme slightly.

Course dates	Monday 17 to Friday 28 October
Length of course	2 weeks
Students per class	3 to 8 (class sizes per level group)
Language levels	Elementary to advanced
No. of lessons	20 plus 4 afternoon/evening activities and 1 weekend daytrip
Length of lesson	45 minutes
Timetable	9.30 - 10.15, 10.15 - 11.00, coffee break, 11.30 - 12.15, 12.15 - 13.00, lunchbreak

No registration fee
No charge for
course materials

Price €575



Price includes

- Level assessment test (before arrival)
- Course tuition
- End of course level assessment (if required)
- Certificate of attendance (level mentioned)
- **Daily bus to SLC**
- Transport from Wexford bus station to accommodation on the day of arrival
- Irish dancing workshop, hurling workshop, 'singing and swinging' pub competition, a night of Irish music and a daytrip to the famous lighthouse 'Old Hook'.

Business English for Executives Full Immersion Course

This 5 to 10 day course is designed for the modern business executive or professional who requires English in the workplace. We offer training for a wide variety of management disciplines including Marketing, Human Resources, Production Control, Training, Quality Management, Technical Support, Planning and Communications.

We focus on developing and upgrading your skills. The programme content is tailored to meet your specific needs. One-to-one tuition, intensive teaching methods and a supportive approach are offered. Rapid progress is ensured as we enable you to use English with increased confidence and effectiveness in your working environment. A similar programme for small groups is also available to companies. Please inform us of your requirements.

Course dates	Monday to Friday, all year round
Group size	1 student
Language levels	Elementary to advanced
Daily programme	8 lessons of 45 minutes each, 9.30am - 5.30pm

No registration fee
No charge for
course materials

Price €1,705 per week

Price includes

- Level assessment test
- Course tuition (40 lessons)
- Use of internet, library and self-study materials
- Assessment and Certification
- **Airport transfer**

Key benefits

- **Detailed needs analysis**
- **Designated mentor**
- **One-to-one tuition**
- **Full immersion**
- **Total attention to your needs**

Cambridge First Certificate (FCE) & General English Course

Combine the General English Group Course with Exam Preparation for FCE

The programme is highly intensive and will require private study assignments in addition to class work. You will also receive individual guidance concerning which areas of English you need to concentrate on.

The Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE) is the third level of Cambridge exams in English for Speakers of other languages (ESOL). Successful candidates receive a certificate awarded by the University of Cambridge and recognised by universities and employers in many countries. The exam is described as the 'upper intermediate' or 'independent user' level. There is an option to attend the exam in Dublin in June or August.

Course dates	Monday 16 May to Friday 3 June (3 weeks) Monday 22 August to Friday 9 September (3 weeks)
Group size	3 - 8
Language levels	Upper Intermediate with good communicative skills
Length of lesson	45 minutes
Timetable	Lessons (General English) : 9.30 - 10.15, 10.15 - 11.00. Coffee break: 11.00 - 11.30 Lessons (General English): 11.30 - 12.15, 12.15 - 13.00. Lunch break: 13.00 - 14.00 Lessons (FCE Exam Preparation): 14.00 - 15.30
Price for 3 weeks	€1,076
(General English:	€708
+Exam Preparation:	€368)
Textbooks	€25
Price includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration• Level assessment• Course tuition (20 lessons/wk General English + 10 hours /wk FCE Exam Preparation)

Cambridge First Certificate (FCE) Exam Preparation Evening Classes

These eight weeks courses are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 18.30 to 21.00 and also include one Saturday.

This is a comprehensive exam preparation course focusing on all sections of the exam with exam paper practise and exam strategy advice. The programme is highly intensive and will require private study assignments in addition to class work.

Course dates	Tuesday 29 March to Thursday 19 May + Saturday 28 May Tuesday 27 September to Thursday 17 November + Saturday 26 November
Group size	3 - 8
Language levels	Upper Intermediate with good communicative skills
Length of lesson	45 minutes
Timetable	Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 18.30 to 21.00 and one Saturday also included
Price	
Course fee	€698
(group discounts available)	
Course book	€25
Exam registration	€155
(we will be happy to register for you)	

English Language Foundation Courses For Non-EU Students

Our 25 week General English Group Course Intensive is recognised as an English language foundation course for students from outside Europe who wish to take up part time work during the course of their studies. A recognised exam such as FCE, CAE, IELTS, TOEFL or TOEIC must be passed at the end of the course..

English Evening Courses Part-time

English evening classes take place one evening per week. These classes are designed for non-nationals living and working in Wexford. Contact us for details.



Language Course and WWOOFing

World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms

Would you like to stay in Ireland a bit longer and practise your language skills?
Do you like nature and animals?

Students on the English and WWOOFing project start with an English language course (min 2 weeks). Following to the course the participant will work on an Irish farm and receive accommodation in return.

WWOOFing has become very popular in recent years with people who like a hands-on approach to working and learning in a natural environment. We place students with farms who are members of WWOOFing Ireland.

The organisation WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) lists organic farms in Ireland who take wwoofers for a couple of weeks. www.wwoof.ie

Placement fee €50



English and Internship Programme (October to June only)

Students on the English and Internship Programme start with an English language course (min 4 weeks). Following this the participant will work with an Irish company (unpaid work). This programme allows students to gain practical work-experience abroad and to improve their English fluency in a professional, English speaking work-environment.

Together with your booking confirmation we will send you a level assessment test. You will need to return the completed test to our school together with a CV, written in English.

Minimum length of English course	4 weeks
Age group	20 to 30 years
Minimum English level	Upper-Intermediate
Minimum work placement	2 weeks
Maximum work placement	8 weeks

Placement fee €278



Highschool Placement

Suitable for 14 to 18 year old secondary school students from Europe.

The student will be placed with a local secondary school for one term (16 weeks) or a full year (40 weeks).

During this time the student will be staying with a local host family. All hostfamilies have been carefully selected and the majority have many years of experience in hosting secondary school students

The student will be collected in person by the highschool placement officer or one of our staff. Each student has a nominated advisor to assist in all aspects of the settling in period. Parents are contacted regularly with an up-to-date report on their child's progress.

Wexford is a small and friendly town and a safe place for young people. It is also a vibrant town offering diverse activities in culture, recreation and sport.

Dates One term: September to January. Full school year: September to June

Age group 14 - 18

Language levels Elementary to advanced

Daily programme Normal school hours and curriculum

Prices

September to January (16 weeks) €4,700

September to June (40 weeks) €10,300

Optional

FCE Preparation Evening course.

Please contact us for details.

Price includes

- Airport transfer (personal pick up on day of arrival, direct Airport bus drop off)
- School and host family placement
- Host family accommodation (full board)
- Uniform
- Nominated advisor
- 24 hour emergency number

Price does not include

- School fees up to €150
- Bus tickets for school bus up to €300
- School books up to €400
- Pocket money
- Teaching materials
- State exam fees, if applicable



Accommodation

Stay with a local family

Full board or self-catering

Experience life in a host family and improve your fluency by talking to local people. Our host families have been carefully selected and most of our host families have been taking students from our language school for many years. They will make sure that you feel welcome and at home during your stay. We have a variety of host families with different backgrounds and interests. Some are single people or older couples, others have many children and a very lively household. Some families have pets. If you have any preferences please let us know.

Our host families are located within walking distance of Wexford town centre and only a short stroll from a bus stop for the morning bus to our language centre.

Please inform us of any special requirements you may have, e.g. if you are a vegetarian, or have allergies to cats or dogs etc.

Please also let us know if you have any medical conditions that require a special diet, such as diabetic food or food suitable for coeliacs.

Prices per week

(full board – breakfast, packed lunch, evening meal)

€199 single room

€175 sharing with a friend

€229 single room with private bathroom

€229 single room during SLC Christmas holidays

**There is a supplement of €50 per week if any specific diet is required e.g. diabetic food or food suitable for coeliacs.*

Prices per week (self-catering)

€129 single room

€109 sharing with a friend (limited availability)

Self-Catering Accommodation

If you prefer to cook your own meals you may be interested in renting an apartment or a house in Wexford town, in the countryside or by the beach etc. We recommend self-catering accommodation especially to families who attend our parent and child course. This gives families freedom to come and go as they please, have mealtimes at whatever time is convenient to them and to have food suitable for their own taste.



Please let us know which size apartment you are looking for and if you are planning to rent a car. We will then e-mail details of available apartments and houses.

Prices range from €350 to €800 per week depending on size, location and season.

Administration fee: €50

B&B Accommodation

Right beside the Slaney Language Centre

If you require quality accommodation in a relaxing scenic location this is the right choice for you. You can take it easy in the morning, as the accommodation is located right beside our language school. We recommend this accommodation especially to language students who rent a car. A taxi to the centre of town costs approximately €8.



The Manor House

Georgian style bedrooms en-suite, with four-poster beds, T.V., d.d., telephones, tea making facilities and hairdryers.

Prices per week Bed and Breakfast

€429 per person sharing

€529 single room

The Courtyard

High quality en-suite bedrooms with TV, tea-making facilities and hairdryers

Prices per week Bed and Breakfast

€275 per person sharing

€363 single room



B&B, Guesthouses & Hotels in Wexford Town

If you are not planning to rent a car we would advise you to book a B&B, guesthouse or hotel within walking distance of the town centre.

Due to the wide selection of accommodation in the area, individual tastes and needs are sure to be met. Please let us know your requirements and we will be happy to find you suitable accommodation

Administration fee: €50

Other Details

Please Note

- Courses may be combined. E.g. you may book the General English Group Course Intensive Plus 10 for the first week, the General English Group Course Intensive Plus 4 for the second week, and a one-to-one course for the third week.
- The SLC will be closed on all public holidays and for four weeks over Christmas. When Monday is a National Holiday, courses start on a Tuesday.
- We offer one-to-one courses to complete language beginners. The entry level for group courses is elementary. Students who test less than elementary on arrival must book 'one-to-one' tuition.
- The SLC reserves the right to have a maximum of nine students in a group in order to match language levels more effectively. This is an exception and not the norm.
- Should a student's level in any week not match any existing group, we will be pleased to provide the student with 10 private lessons plus self-study activities.
- To avoid misunderstandings, please read our terms and conditions carefully.

Holidays in 2011

17 March, 25 April, 2 May, 6 June, 1 August, 31 October. Fees will not be refunded for public holidays. Christmas holidays run from Monday 19 December 2011 to Friday 13 January 2012.

Useful Websites

Flights to Dublin

www.aerlingus.com
www.ryanair.com

Car Rentals

www.autoeurope.ie
www.hertz.ie
www.budget.ie
www.europecar.com

Wexford

www.wexlive.com
www.wexfordopera.com
www.wexfordfringe.ie
www.wexfordartscentre.ie
www.wexfordraces.ie
www.thehook-wexford.com
www.wowwexford.com

Visa Information

www.justice.ie
www.inis.gov.ie
www.gov.ie/iveagh

Flights to Waterford

www.aerarann.com

Bus and Train Services

www.buseireann.ie
www.irishrail.ie
www.wexfordbus.com

Ireland

www.discoverireland.com
www.lookaroundireland.com

Irish Weather

www.met.ie



Terms and Conditions

Registration, Payment and Booking

Registration with our language centre is **free of charge**. On receipt of the application form and a deposit of €200 we will send you confirmation of your place on the selected course and an invoice for the balance of fees. The final payment must be made three weeks before beginning the course. The deposit is non-refundable and is part payment of fees, not an additional charge.

Bank account

The Slaney Language Centre Ltd., AIB Bank,
North Main Street, Wexford, Ireland
Sort Code: 93-33-41, Account no: 07922081
Iban Code: IE 73AIBK93334107922081
Swift Code: AIBKIE2D

Bank charges

We regret that any bank charges incurred by the school on your behalf will be passed on to you on arrival.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be made in writing. The cancellation date will be the date on which the SLC receives the written cancellation.

Cancellation fees

- Up to two weeks before commencement of course: deposit (€200)
- 8 days to 14 days before commencement of course: 50% of full payment
- 7 days notice or less: 100% of full payment

Tuition or accommodation fees are non refundable if a participant arrives late or wishes to leave a course early. The SLC will not refund any fees for absence or illness. Students on courses of 10 or more weeks' duration may break their study for a holiday. The duration of the holiday, giving exact dates, must be stated when making the booking. There will be no refund for any absence or shortening of the duration of the course as a result of the holiday.

Visa

Nationals of the following Non-EU countries do not require a visa to enter Ireland:

Andorra, Antigua, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hong Kong, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Macau, Maldives, Norway, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sait Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino Seychelles, Singapore, Soloman Islands, South Africa, South Korea, Swaziland, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, United States, Uruguay, Vanuata, Vatican City, Venezuela, Western Samoa.

All other Non EU countries require a visa. Please contact your nearest Irish embassy for detailed information and allow at least 8 weeks to process your VISA application. The Irish Department of Justice requires proof of payment and proof of proper medical and travel insurance before they will issue a visa.

In case of a visa refusal we will refund all fees paid (except for the deposit of €200).

Attendance is obligatory for all visa students.

Postponements

If you cannot attend your course, you may postpone it. All postponement requests must be made in writing. You have three months in which to inform the SLC of your new dates and pay the re-arrangement fee of €65. The SLC will hold all fees already received for the three month period. A course may only be re-arranged once.

Our liability

The SLC reserves the right to alter prices, lesson times, conditions and details without notice. The right is also reserved to decline the application at any time without liability. The SLC gives notice that all arrangements for transport, activities or for accommodation are made by the SLC as an agent upon the express condition that they shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through the acts of default of any company or persons engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangements of the programmes, or otherwise in connection therewith or of any family member. No responsibility is accepted for losses or additional expenses due to delays or changes in air, sea, rail, bus or other services, sickness, weather, war, quarantine, strikes, or other liability.

Teacher's absence

In the event of a teacher's sickness or inability to travel to work due to unforeseen circumstances such as natural catastrophes the SLC will do their utmost to find cover as soon as possible. The SLC will not guarantee however, that immediate cover will be found and classes might have to be merged. No refunds will be made on these occasions.

Insurance (Health and Travel)

All participants should provide their own health and travel insurance. EU nationals should obtain form EHIC from their local social welfare office before departing. This only entitles you to free emergency hospital care and attendance at certain doctors. It does not cover elective, medical or dental treatment. Any person undergoing medical treatment should bring a medical certificate and sufficient medicine to cover their stay. We strongly advise you to insure against loss of fees, personal effects etc. that you may incur due to cancellation or early departure.

The school's insurance provides cover for accident/injury on the school premises only. Students are not insured by the SLC against illness, theft, damages or loss of personal effects and the SLC accepts no responsibility in the event of such occurrence.

Troubleshooting

Should the occasion arise that you may require medical or dental treatment during your stay we can make an appointment with a reputable doctor or dentist. Please inform us about any medical condition that we may need to be aware of i.e. epilepsy, diabetes, pregnancy, etc.

Prices at a Glance

Course Price List 2011

***Winter Discount:** November to February €10 less per week

	One Week	Two Weeks	Three Weeks	Extra Week	8-23 Weeks per week	24 Weeks plus per week
General English Group Course Intensive	€260	€478*	€708*	€230*	€199*	€179*
General English Group Course Intensive Plus 4	€400	€758*	€1,128*	€370*	€329*	€309*
General English Group Course Intensive Plus 10	€585	€1,128*	€1,683*	€555*	€499*	€479*
One-to-One Course 20 lessons per week	€685	€1,370	€2,055	€685	N/A	N/A
Two-to-One Course 20 lessons per week	€395	€790	€1,185	€395	N/A	N/A
Easter Language Course for students over 30	N/A	€575	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Family Course English for Parents with Children or Grandparents with Grandchildren	N/A	€478 parent €410 child Discount for siblings available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Language and Culture Course in October	N/A	€575	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Business English for Executives Full Immersion Course	€1,705	€3,410	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cambridge First Certificate Exam Preparation Course	N/A	N/A	€1,073	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cambridge First Certificate Exam Preparation Evening Classes	8 weeks plus 1 Saturday Total price: €698					

Accommodation Price List 2011

Accommodation Type	Prices per week per
Full board family stay Single room	€199
Full board family stay Single room, private bathroom	€229
Full board family stay Sharing with a friend	€175
Full board family stay During SLC Christmas holi-	€229
Self Catering family stay Use of kitchen	€129
Manor House B&B Single room	€529
Manor House B&B Sharing with a friend	€429
Courtyard B&B Single room	€363
Courtyard B&B Sharing with a friend	€275
Self-catering Apartments and Houses	From €350 - €900 depending on season and no. of bedrooms Administration Fee €50
B&B in Town Centre	From €280 Single €210 Sharing Administration Fee €50
Hotels in Town Centre	From €525 Single €350 Sharing Administration Fee €50



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