



Learn English in Ireland
Where learning is a pleasure
2013



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When is the best time of the year to attend a course at the Slaney Language Centre?

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"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

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Welcome to Ireland and to the Slaney Language Centre!

The Slaney Language Centre was established in 1999. 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.



The Slaney Language Centre

Friendly learning environment

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.

Multinational

We enjoy meeting people from all over the world. In recent years we have had students from Germany, Spain, Portugal, Italy, France, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, Latvia, Belgium, Hungary, Finland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Holland, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Romania, Greece, Japan, South Korea, Columbia, Ukraine, Syria, 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.

Young and old

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 16.

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

- An **English and Golf Course** at Easter for young students aged 11 plus and families.
- Five **Family (parent and child) Courses** at Easter and in July and August.
- Two full time **FCE Preparation Courses** (May, August) and two part-time FCE preparation courses (March, September).
- **English and WWOOFing** for students who wish to combine their language course with work on an organic farm in Ireland.
- A **Language and Culture** package course for those with an interest in culture, music, art, theatre, opera and literature.
- **Stay and study in the teacher's home**

More information on page 11.

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. 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'.



Student and hostmother

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.



Students at The Hook lighthouse

Irish traditional music, storytelling and sports are very popular with young and old in Ireland.

Age is not important in Ireland as young and old alike socialise together. 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.

Ireland's climate is considered to be mild and changeable. This is due to the Gulf Stream in the Atlantic Ocean. Temperatures range 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?



Family Course students taking part at a sand castle competition.

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. 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. They speak with clarity as you will soon discover while chatting with the 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!



Wexford Harbour



Wexford Town

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



Curracloe beach

About our Courses



Slaney Language Centre quiz

Our language courses provide language learners with the opportunity to improve their language skills and gain confidence in a relaxed, friendly and encouraging environment with support from our dedicated staff. We develop the language students' 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. 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

April, May, June, September and October

- 2 afternoon/evening activities
- 1 weekend trip per week

November to April

- 1 afternoon/evening activity



Birdwatching on the Saltee Islands

Please note: Minimum no. of students required for an afternoon activity: 5
Minimum no. of students required for a daytrip: 10

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.



Busdriver Jim

Jim, the bus driver will make sure that you don'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.

Your first lesson will start on the bus!

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 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.



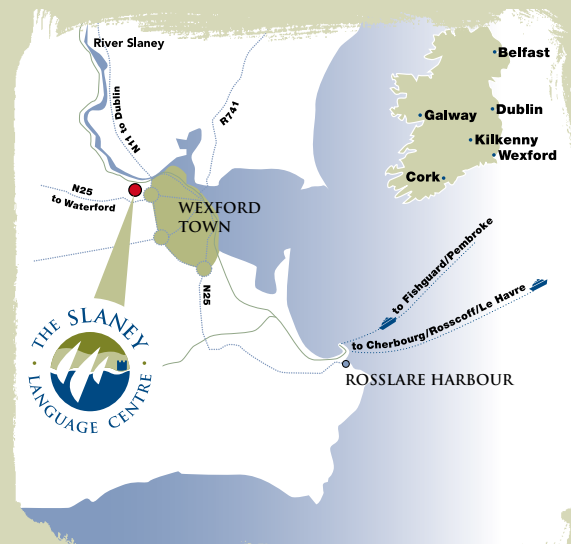
Irish dancing

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 €159.

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 €72 (Waterford) or €39 (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, 42, Primary School teacher who attended a family course



Kayaking workshop

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 really appreciate everything you've done for me. Everyone I met in the school helped me so I want to say thank you. It was a wonderful time. I had a great experience. Thank you.

Takeshi, 32, Japanese baker, who attended the General English Group Course Intensive



Kilmore Quay

We would like to thank all of you for everything! It's hard to believe that we have to leave Ireland today. We had such a great time and are very sad that we have to leave. It was a pleasure for us to spend 5 weeks together with you. We learned so much, our English has improved a lot and we enjoyed all the activities with you. The time in class and also our work-experience were really good experiences. It was not only a school of teaching English, it was like a big family!! We wish you all the best and hope that you'll stay as you are because you are such a great team. A million thanks to everyone of you! We would love to come back next year.

Alissa(21) and Tanja (19) from Germany who attended the English and Internship Course

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, 61, teacher, Japanese who attended an Intensive Plus Course

Have I told you that we had a great time in Ireland and that you are very much to blame for that? Have I told you that Anita's helpful assistance together with Lisa's made it all very easy-going? That we absolutely enjoyed every activity, the weather, even the classes, the entertainment by the Great Circus Ring Master Jim, the food, the landscape, the music.... should I go on? Suffice to say that Javier jr wanted to stay and live in Ireland. All the best and as we say in Spanish – a big fat hug –.

Javier, 50, Spanish, School principal who attended a Family Course

Our Team

I just wanted to let you know that my daughter came home excited, happy and very much in love with Ireland and Irish people. She told us how she felt at home, how helpful everybody was, how kind and friendly. She told us about the charming places she visited, her excellent teachers and Jim of course. Last but not least her classmates – they made a great group and she learned a lot about lives in their countries, too. I appreciate very much all you have done for Hana and wish you all the best.

Marie, mother of Hana (18), Czech Republic

Hello everybody, a short email to tell you I arrived at home. Today I'm still a little bit in Ireland, it's raining (lol). I would like to thank everybody for the quality of your welcome and of the lessons but also for the friendly atmosphere in the school. Now I know to find the sun in Ireland you only have to look the eyes and the smiles of Irish people and to find the warmth you have only to listen their heart.

Thank you very much for everything.

Christian, 43, French, who attended an Intensive Plus 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, 19, Austrian who attended the General English Group Course Intensive



Speedboat trip



Lisa Bartsch

B.A., PGCE in Education
Managing Director

Other languages: German (native speaker)



Anita Moloney

Administrator and Accommodation Officer

Other languages: Dutch (fluent)



Emma Misiti B.A., T.E.F.L.

Director of Studies, Teacher

Other Languages: French (native speaker), Spanish (fluent), Italian (elementary), German (elementary)

13 years of teaching experience



Sinead Power B.A., M.A., T.E.F.L.

Teacher

Languages: Irish (fluent), Spanish (elementary)

9 years of teaching experience



Christian O'Morchoe

B.A., T.E.F.L.

Teacher

Other languages: French (fluent), German (fluent), Mandarin (elementary)
Over 20 years of teaching experience



Susan Doyle B.A., T.E.F.L.

Teacher

Other languages: Japanese (elementary)
Over 20 years of teaching experience



Jennifer Mulcahy Lu

B.A., H.Dip in Education, T.E.F.L.

Teacher

Other 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!

When is the best time of the year to attend a course at the Slaney Language Centre?

If you are flexible with your travel dates we can recommend the following months:

June

June is our anniversary month. In 2013 we will celebrate our 14th birthday. We organise events such as barbeques, karaoke nights, picnics etc. Not only is June a very sociable time, the weather can be just as good as July or August while things are still much quieter and flights are cheaper.

Last week in October and first week in November

The internationally renowned Wexford Festival Opera takes place every year during the last week in October and the first week in November. These two weeks are without a doubt the highlight of the Wexford social calendar and a magical time for all- not just for opera lovers. High quality events take place for all tastes such as concerts (classical, jazz, rock etc.), musicals, light operas, plays, art exhibitions, singing and swinging pub competitions just to name a few. If you have never experienced Wexford during the Opera Festival it's time to book your flight. Please check page 14 for more details on the Language and Culture Course



Students enjoying the June sunshine



Students at Curraclloe Beach



View from a Slaney Language Centre classroom window

SLC Specialised Courses

Five Family Courses this year

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 five courses for parents and their children, grandparents and their grandchildren etc. Family courses are very popular and fill up quickly. To secure a place we advise you to book as early as possible. Find out more on page 15.



Making new friends on our Family Course

English and Golf Course for young students aged 11 plus and families

This course also makes an ideal family holiday for parents and their children, aunts or uncles and their nephews or nieces or grandparents and their grandchildren. The younger golfers will be taught English in a group of young learners aged 11 to 14 (*Young Learners Course*). The older golfers and parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. can join the *General English Group Course Intensive* which has been designed for language students aged 16 and over. 15 year old students can choose between the *Young Learners Course* and the *General English Group Course Intensive*. See page 15 for more information.

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 16.

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 17.

Stay and Study in your teacher's home

From November to February we are now offering one-to-one English lessons delivered by a teacher from their own home. During your stay at your teacher's house you will be the only student. This ensures personal attention and guaranteed progress. The lesson timetable is flexible for both you and the teacher, accommodating any work demands or deadlines you might have during your stay.

Our homestay teachers are highly qualified and experienced, having proven themselves by teaching at The Slaney Language Centre. We can confidently guarantee the highest quality of tuition in a relaxed and friendly environment.

This course would especially suit professionals who want to improve their business English rapidly or students preparing for exams such as Cambridge English First (FCE), Advanced (CAE) and IELTS. See more on page 17

English and Culture Course during the Wexford Festival Opera

A course for anybody with an interest in culture, art, music or literature.

The highly acclaimed, world famous Wexford Festival Opera runs from Wednesday 23 October to Sunday 3 November. Visitors from all over the globe attend the festival every year. During these two weeks you can experience Wexford at its best, as the town is full of life, with daytime and evening events of music and art for all ages and all tastes. Find out more on page 14.



We offer tailor-made language courses for secondary school groups and other groups on request

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	€263
Two weeks	€483
Each additional week	€233
Long term 1* per week	€200
Long term 2* per week	€180

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

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	€142 per week
Longterm (8 weeks+)	€132 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



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

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 €329 per week
Longterm (8 weeks+) €303 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



students at break time

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 €689
Two-to-One 20 lessons €399

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.

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**

English and Culture Course during the Wexford Festival Opera

This course is for anybody with an interest in culture, art, music or literature. The highly acclaimed, world famous Wexford Festival Opera runs from Wednesday 23 October to Sunday 3 November. Visitors from all over the globe attend the festival every year.

During these two weeks you can experience Wexford at its best, 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 and the fringe event brochure and you can choose for yourself, which events you would most like to attend.

Course dates	Monday 21 Oct to Friday 1 Nov
Length of course	2 weeks
Students per class	2 - 8
Language levels	Elementary to advanced
No. of lessons	36 plus an alternative programme on Monday 28 October
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 €615



Price includes

- Level assessment test (before arrival)
- Course tuition
- End of course level assessment (if required)
- Certificate of attendance (level mentioned)
- **5 afternoon/evening Wexford festival events** (e.g. gallery tour, lunchtime recital, short works opera, hits of the musicals, singing and swinging pubs)
- **1 weekend activity based on the festival** (e.g. a visit of the gardens of Johnstown castle with its arts and craft market)
- **Daily transport from town to our language centre**
- Transport from Wexford bus station to accommodation on the day of arrival

Family Courses

for parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, aunts/uncles and nephews/nieces etc. These courses take place at Easter, 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		Easter*	Summer 1	Summer 2	Summer 3*	Summer 4
Course start date	Monday	25 March	1 July	15 July	29 July	12 August
Course finishing date	Friday	5 April	12 July	26 July	9 August	23 August
Length of course		1 or 2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks
Age of children		6-14 years	6-14 years	6-14 years	6-14 years	6-14 years

*Monday 1 April and Monday 5 August are national holidays. Our school will be closed on these days but an alternative will be offered.

Price

per 2 weeks for Children

1 Child	€415
2 Children	€390 each
3 or more Children	€350 each

Parents' Prices: see General English Group Course Intensive (as stated in main programme page 12.)

Accommodation Options

Self-catering apartments or host family accommodation.

early booking
recommended

No registration fee
No charge for
course materials

English and Golf Course

for young students aged 11 plus and families

This course is also suitable as a family course for parents and their children, aunts or uncles and their nephews or nieces or grandparents and their grandchildren. The younger golfers will be taught English in a group of young learners aged 11 to 14. The older golfers and parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles etc. can join the General English Group Course Intensive which has been designed for language students aged 16 and over. 15 year old students can choose between the young learners course and the General English Group Course Intensive.

We will try to place all golfers with hostfamilies who have an interest in golf themselves. If the hostfamilies are not located within walking distance of Wexford golf club we will arrange transport for you. We assist our golf students with booking green fees and golf lessons.* If students don't want to play golf every afternoon they may book Slaney Language Centre activities and trips.

Course start date	Monday	25 March	Monday 1 April is a national holiday. Our school will be closed on this day but an alternative programme will be offered.
Course finishing date	Friday	5 April	
Length of course		1 or 2 weeks	
Age of children		11 years +	

Prices

Per one week booking:

Young learners course	€645
General English Group Course (16 yrs plus):	€693

Per two week booking:

Young learners course	€915
General English Group Course (16 yrs plus):	€983

Accommodation Options

Homestay accommodation.

Families have the option of booking a self-catering house or apartment. Please contact us for further details.

Price includes

- English tuition in a small group (20 lessons for the first week and 36 lessons for two weeks. plus an alternative activity on Easter Monday)
- Certificate of Attendance
- **Airport pick up on arrival and Airport drop off on departure**
- **Daily bus to and from Wexford town to our language centre**
- **Assistance in booking greenfees and golf lessons**
- **Transport to and from the golf course if hostfamily is not within walking distance**

* Private/group golf lessons should be booked well in advance to avoid disappointment.

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 September.

Course dates	Monday 13 May to Friday 31 May (3 weeks) Monday 2 September to Friday 20 September (3 weeks)
Group size	3 - 8
Language levels	Upper Intermediate with good communication 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 €1,084

(General English: €716

+Exam Preparation: €368

Textbooks €25

If you wish to take the FCE exam in Dublin following the course please let us know well in advance. Exam fees apply.

Price includes

- 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 week 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 practice and exam strategy advice. The programme is highly intensive and will require private study assignments in addition to class work.

Course dates	Tuesday 26 March to Thursday 16 May + Saturday 25 May Tuesday 24 September to Thursday 14 November + Saturday 23 November
Group size	3 - 8
Language levels	Upper Intermediate with good communication skills
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)

FCE exam dates:

June exam:

Saturday 8 June

(Reading, Writing, Use of English, Listening)

Window for Speaking Test: 24 May to 16 June

December exam:

Saturday 7 December

(Reading, Writing, Use of English, Listening)

Window for Speaking Test: 15 November to 8 December

Learn English in the teacher's home NEW!

Our homestay teachers are highly qualified and experienced, having proven themselves by teaching at The Slaney Language Centre. We can confidently guarantee the highest quality of tuition in a relaxed and friendly environment. If you have been a student at the Slaney Language Centre before and would like to have lessons with a particular teacher in their home please let us know and we will try to organise it, if possible.

As a homestay student you will have the option to choose between 15 hours or 20 hours of one-to-one tuition per week. The lesson timetable is flexible for both you and the teacher, accommodating any work demands or deadlines you might have during your stay. We will send you a level assessment test and a needs analysis form along with the booking to meet your individual needs.

You will stay at your teacher's home and you will be the only student at that time, ensuring personal attention and guaranteed progress. This course would especially suit professionals who want to improve their business English rapidly or students preparing for exams such as Cambridge English First (FCE), Advanced (CAE) and IELTS.

Course start date Mondays from Monday 7 January to Monday 4 March 2013 and in winter 2013/14
(other dates available upon request)

Group size 1

Prices for lessons and full board accommodation

€1100 per week

including 15 hours of one-to-one tuition

€1300 per week

including 20 hours of one-to-one tuition

Prices for lessons only

This option is for language students who prefer to stay in a B&B, guesthouse or hotel and only go to the teacher's house for the time of the lesson.

€830 per week

including 15 hours of one-to-one tuition

€1030 per week

including 20 hours of one-to-one tuition



One-to-one lessons

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 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.

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

Registration fee €20

(Registration with WWOOF Ireland and support)



Organic Farm

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



Work-experience

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 TIE, 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. Please contact us for details.

Secondary School Placement

We arrange placements in local secondary schools for 14 to 18 year old students from Europe.

The students will be placed with local secondary schools for one term (16 weeks) or a full term (40 weeks). During this time the student will be staying with a local family. All hostfamilies have been carefully selected by the placement officer and the majority have many years of experience in hosting secondary school students.

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



Secondary School Placement

Summer Camp Placements for Children

Do you have children aged 6 to 12 who attend a bilingual school and/or have a good level of English?

If yes, we can place your children in local summer camps together with Irish children. Examples include:

- School summercamps offering a variety of activities (art and craft, drama, sports etc.)
- Art summercamps
- Sport summercamps (e.g. hurling, rugby, soccer)

Please contact us for further details.



Sports workshop with All-Ireland Hurling Champion (1996), George O'Connor

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. In July and August students are requested to arrive and depart on Saturdays.



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)

We also provide a homestay only option. Please contact us for details and prices.

Homestay only (limited availability)



Rent a Room in Wexford Town

Language students now have the option to rent a room in a house shared with others. The house is located within walking distance of Wexford town centre. Bedlinen and towels are provided.

Price: €19 per night

Administration fee: €50 (for booking and support)



Self-Catering Apartments & Houses

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. In July and August students are requested to arrive and depart on Saturdays. Prices range from €350 to €800 per week depending on size, location and season.

Administration fee may apply: €50 (for booking and support)

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.

More →

Prices per week Bed and Breakfast

€429 per person sharing

€529 single room



The Manor House 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 may apply: €50
(for booking and support)

Useful Websites

Flights to Dublin

www.aerlingus.com

www.ryanair.com

Car Rentals

www.eurocar.com

www.autoeurope.ie

www.hertz.ie

www.budget.ie

Wexford

www.visitwexford.ie

www.wexfordopera.com

www.wexfordfringe.ie

www.wexfordoperahouse.ie

www.wexfordartscentre.ie

www.wexfordraces.ie

www.hookheritage.com

www.inhp.com

www.wowwexford.com

www.wexlive.com

Flights to Waterford

www.aerarann.com

Bus and Train Services

www.buseireann.ie

www.irishrail.ie

www.wexfordbus.com

Please contact us if you require taxi or minibus services.

Ireland

www.discoverireland.com

www.lookaroundireland.com

Irish Weather

www.met.ie

Visa Information

www.justice.ie

www.inis.gov.ie

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.
- **The entry level for group courses is elementary (A1). Students who test lower must book a One-to-One Course.**
- 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.
- The minimum entry age for the General English Group Course Intensive is 16.

Holidays in 2013

18 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June, 5 August, 28 October.

Fees will not be refunded for public holidays.

Christmas holidays start on Monday 23 December 2013.

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 for EU and Non-EU Students (Health and Travel)

EU language students should take out 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.

Non-EU language students can take out a travel and medical insurance through our language centre for only €80 (€70 insurance premium + €10 administration fee). The insurance cover is valid for up to 12 months and can be renewed for another year.

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 2013

	One Week	Two Weeks	Three Weeks	Extra Week	8-23 Weeks per week	24 Weeks plus per week
General English Group Course Intensive	€263	€483	€716	€233	€200	€180
General English Group Course Intensive Plus 4	€405	€767	€1,142	€375	€332	€312
General English Group Course Intensive Plus 10	€592	€1,141	€1,703	€562	€503	€483
One-to-One Course 20 lessons per week	€689	€1,378	€2,067	€689	N/A	N/A
Two-to-One Course 20 lessons per week	€399	€798	€1,197	€399	N/A	N/A
Language and Culture Course in Autumn	N/A	€615	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Family Course English for Parents with Children or Grandparents with Grandchildren	N/A	Parents' Prices: see General English Group Course Intensive €415 child Discount for siblings available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
English and Golf at Easter	€645 - €693	€915 - €983	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	€1,084	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cambridge First Certificate Exam Preparation Evening Classes	8 weeks plus 1 Saturday Total price: €698					

Accommodation Price List 2013

Accommodation Type	Prices per week per person
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 holidays	€229
Homestay only (Limited availability)	€270
Self Catering family stay Use of kitchen	€129
Room in a house shared with others (located within walking distance of town centre)	€19 per night Administration Fee: €50 (for booking and support)
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 (for booking and support)
B&B in Town Centre	From €280 Single €210 Sharing Administration Fee: €50 (for booking and support)
Hotels in Town Centre	From €525 Single €350 Sharing Administration Fee €50 (for booking and support)



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