

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

Your Future is Here
2027

Galway, Ireland
Salthill · Ireland · Est. 1989





IRELAND

Welcome to

Galway Cultural Institute

One of Ireland's premier language schools, on the Atlantic edge of Europe.

Choose to study at GCI and prepare for an unforgettable experience. This is a place you will call home, where you will make lifelong friends and achieve the results in English fluency you need for your future success.

Since 1989, GCI has provided English language programmes to students from all over the world — in fact, we have welcomed people from more than 50 countries. Our facilities are excellent and our teachers are the best, and our contemporary building is in a stunning location overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and Galway Bay.

Whether you need English for study, work or simply for pleasure, we can offer a course tailored to meet your specific needs, with a start date every Monday, and the warm welcome Ireland is famous for.

"Your future is here." Est. 1989 · Salthill, Galway

WELCOME

Why Galway Cultural Institute?

One of Ireland's premier language schools. Since 1989 we have provided English language programmes to students from all over the world — our facilities are excellent and our teachers are the best.



A full study pathway

From language courses to foundation and degree programmes at Galway Business School.



Expert, supportive staff

High levels of student support, with student support drop-in meetings every week to help.



Over 30 nationalities

A genuinely international community year-round, so English is always the common language.



Technology-enhanced classes

Interactive screens in every room, free Wi-Fi, and flexible e-learning tools.



Excellent feedback

Superb customer service and consistently excellent student feedback.



Student Portal & Moodle

E-learning resources, your learner handbook and materials, additional online study.



Social & cultural programme

A weekly activity programme with volunteering opportunities and Irish culture.



Results & progression

A proven record of excellent exam results and student progression.



Accredited & recognised

QQI, TrustEd, IALC, Eaqals, ELE Ireland and International House — quality you can trust.



Authorised exam centre

An authorised Cambridge centre — sit your exam at the school.



A vibrant, safe city

Galway is compact, welcoming and full of festivals, music and things to do.



Your future is here

A warm Irish welcome, and a course tailored to meet your specific needs.

A start date every Monday. Aligned with the CEFR, most of our programmes run year-round from A1 Beginner to C2 Advanced — with the flexibility to begin your learning journey at the best time for you.

Your goal is to become an efficient and confident English communicator; our mission is to make sure you get all the support you need to achieve it. Our courses and tailored programmes are clearly structured with weekly learning goals and assessments, so you always have a clear overview of your academic journey, and can monitor your progress, receive feedback and guidance throughout the programme of your choice.

Whatever you choose, we are here to help you succeed.

YOUR LOCATION

From the world to Galway, Ireland

Since 1989 we have welcomed students from all over the world, in fact, over 30 nationalities join us each year. Galway is easy to reach, and once you're here, an unforgettable place to live and learn.



Getting to Galway — easy & cheap

The easiest way from Dublin or Shannon airports is by coach; cheap, frequent and direct to Galway Coach Station located in Galway city centre within easy reach to local public transport and taxi services.



Dublin Airport Coaches every 30 min, almost all day · ~208 km, 2.5 hrs



Shannon Airport About 1.5 hours by coach



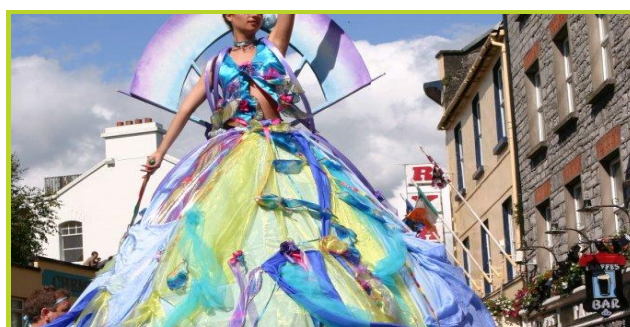
Knock & Cork Regional airports within easy reach



Meet & Greet / Taxi Private transfer from any airport to your accommodation



Galway life: the colourful Claddagh and Latin Quarter · Salthill promenade and beach · the Galway International Arts Festival · Traditional Irish Music, festivals and the Wild Atlantic Way on your doorstep.



OUR PROGRAMMES

English language programmes for every goal

Whether you need English for study, work, exams or pleasure, there's a GCI programme for you. With a start date every Monday, from A1 Beginner to C1 Advanced. Here's everything we offer for 2027.

**General English**

G20 • G26 • G20 PM

Our most popular course — practical English for everyday communication, 20 or 26 lessons a week, morning or afternoon, for a short stay or a full year.

**Study Abroad Year**

SAY20 • SAY Business • SAY ICT Skills

Long-stay programmes for non-EEA students — 25 weeks tuition plus 8 weeks holidays, with the option to work part-time and add business or ICT modules.

**Exam Preparation**

EP20 • EP34 • Cambridge & IELTS

Targeted preparation for Cambridge (B1, B2, C1) and IELTS Academic — sit your Cambridge exam right here at our authorised testing centre.

**Erasmus+ Teacher Training**

CLIL • CULT • MULTI • AI • HE

Five EU-supported courses for academics, primary, secondary and tertiary teachers — methodology, culture, multilingual classrooms and AI in teaching.

**Specialised & Professional English**

E30+ • EX30+ • CC26 • CC30 • 1:1

Mini-group 30+ classes, Combination courses and fully personalised one-to-one tuition — built around your career and your goals.

**Academic English**

HECERT • GAP • ACADSK

Pathways to university — academic English, IELTS preparation and real academic credit at Galway Business School.

**Tailored Programmes**

50+ • SSWP

A relaxed 50+ programme and closed-group tuition for school and school groups, each with a tailored social and activity programme.

G20 / G26 / G20 PM

General English

Whether you need English for study, work, travel or conversation, our most popular course makes you more proficient in everyday situations.

Our General English group classes develop your English for real-life situations, in interactive lessons where communication skills are the priority. The programme follows a structured syllabus at all CEFR levels, from A1 Beginner to C1 Advanced, focused on skill-building across speaking, writing, listening and reading, and on developing your vocabulary and grammar.

Each week has clearly stated learning outcomes in line with the CEFR, so your journey is logical in its progression, with an excellent balance of skills and language work. Our experienced teachers supplement lessons with materials of local interest and extra resources to meet your needs.

Short weekly assessments let you see how you are progressing, with regular feedback from your teacher. You will study in multinational classes with motivated learners at your own level, with access to the Student Portal and our Moodle platform, and a teacher available to help in Student Meetings drop-in sessions every week.

Choose the course that suits you

Your level, step by step

Aligned to the CEFR

C1 Advanced

B2 Upper-Intermediate

B1 Intermediate

A2 Pre-intermediate

A1 Elementary

Pre A1 on request

- ▶ **G20: General English 20** — 20 lessons a week, mornings (Mon–Fri from 09.00). Our most popular option.
- ▶ **G26: General English 26** — 26 lessons a week, mornings and three afternoons (Tue, Wed, Thu) for faster progress and more contact time.
- ▶ **G20PM: General English 20 Afternoon** — 20 lessons a week, afternoons (Mon–Thu 13.30–17.00, Fri 13.30–15.30), at a lower price ideal around work or other commitments.

LEVEL A1–C1	LESSONS 20 or 26 / wk.	MIN. AGE 17	CLASS SIZE Max 15	START DATES Any Monday
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Who is General English for? International students at any level who want to communicate freely and confidently, from those applying to university to professionals brushing up their skills. Before you start, a placement test ensures you are in the right class, and continuous assessment, tutorials and end-of-level testing track your progress. With dedication and expert help, you can move from one CEFR level to the next in as little as twelve weeks.

What's included in the course fee



Written & oral placement test and weekly assessment



Access to supplementary e-learning materials



Physical Certificate on completion of course



Use of multimedia facilities, student common room and free Wi-Fi



Ongoing support and monitoring by the academic team



Student Portal & Moodle access

A special induction on your first day includes a welcome pack, a short interview and your timetable. Lessons are 45 minutes each.

Study Abroad Year

The ideal way to fully immerse yourself — study, work and explore Ireland over a long-stay programme.

Our Study Abroad Year (SAY) courses give you the chance to study, work and learn about the local culture while developing real fluency. Specifically designed for non-EEA students, the main course is a long-stay General English programme of 25 weeks — 20 lessons a week, mornings or afternoons — plus 8 weeks of holidays.

Students who require a visa have the option of working part-time, which reinforces the language met in class, making it one of the most popular ways to work and study English in Ireland. Because GCI is part of **Galway Business School**, students also benefit from close links with the local business community and support in finding a job in Galway.

SAY Business options combine intensive General English with lectures at our sister school, Galway Business School, ideal for budding entrepreneurs or those progressing into higher education.

Your year at a glance

A long-stay programme built for real fluency

18 +

25 weeks of tuition

20 lessons per week

8 weeks of holidays

Work part-time
up to 20 hrs/week while studying

Start any Monday
8-month immigration permission

Study Abroad Year options

- ▶ **Study English Abroad Year** — General English, with the option of Cambridge or IELTS Exam Preparation · 25 weeks + 8 weeks holidays
- ▶ **SAY Business English & ICT Skills** — General English plus 4 ICT and business modules delivered at Galway Business School
- ▶ **SAY Business English Communications** — General English plus a business-communications module in a higher-education setting

DURATION	LESSONS	START DATES	PERMISSION	MIN. AGE
25 wks + 8 hols	20 / week	Any Monday	8 months	18

Who is SAY programme for? Non-EEA students who want to develop real fluency while living and working like a local and who may progress to university or college in Ireland through our pathway programmes. The SAY programme is specifically designed for students who wish to develop their skills and fluency in English, develop transferable digital and business skills and enjoy a unique experience of living and studying in Galway

Programme highlights

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|  Work part-time in term, full-time in the holidays |  85% attendance is obligatory (a visa condition) to support maximum progression |
|  Sit a recognised external proficiency exam at the end — GCI is a Cambridge centre |  Listed on the ILEP eligible-programmes list (INIS) as approved provider |
|  Escrow learner protection (ELE Ireland) |  Classes start any Monday, except for bank holidays |

Timetable: AM classes 09.00–12.30 · PM classes 13.30–17.00. Business SAY students join morning General English, then 3–6 hours of business lectures each week. International exam fees are paid before arrival, as part of the visa regulations.

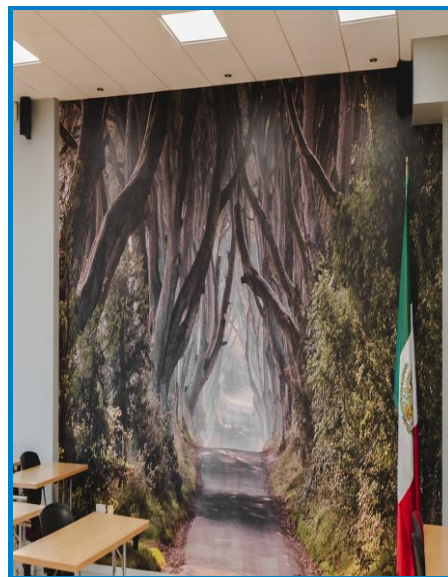
Exam Preparation

Ace your English exam with a targeted course built around a practical goal — a great result.

An internationally recognised English qualification is more important than ever. Accepted by education institutions, employers and governments worldwide, it is the perfect proof of your English level if you want to live, work or study in another country.

At GCI you can choose from Cambridge (B1, B2, C1) and IELTS Academic. You'll be guided by expert teachers who make sure you optimise your study time, through a rigorous timetable of class and home study with progress reviewed regularly and high levels of support. Exam practice and study techniques are central to every course.

GCI is an authorised Cambridge testing centre, so you sit your Cambridge exam right here in the school. One of the largest Cambridge exam centres in Ireland, GCI offers many starting dates a year, you can plan your journey at a time that suits you.



Sit your exam right here at GCI

Which exam should you choose?

EXAM	LEVEL	WHAT IT PROVES
B1 Preliminary (PET)	B1	Shows you can handle everyday English at work, school and leisure.
B2 First (FCE)	B2	Proof you can live, work and study in an English-speaking country.
C1 Advanced (CAE)	C1	Accepted by 8,000+ institutions for postgraduate study or management.
IELTS Academic	B1+	The world's most popular test for higher education and migration.

LESSONS 20 or 34 / wk	DURATION 4 or 6 wks	MIN. LEVEL B1+	START DATES 15+ a year	SIT EXAM At the school
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Who is exam preparation course for? Anyone who needs an internationally recognised qualification for university, employment or migration, a mark of excellence trusted by thousands of organisations worldwide. Preparing for Cambridge exams helps candidates develop the skills they need to use English to communicate effectively in a variety of practical contexts.

Why take an exam preparation course?



A mark of excellence, trusted worldwide



Boost your work, study and travel prospects



Sit Cambridge exams on-site at our authorised centre



High levels of support and regular progress reviews

Minimum age 17+. Minimum level: B1 for PET, B2 for FCE, C1 for CAE. Students complete a short pre-test to confirm their level before the course. Our academic team also assists with the IELTS application process.

Erasmus+ • OID E10323567 • Code TTP

Erasmus+ Staff Mobility & Teacher Training

Discover and practise new teaching methods for primary, secondary and beyond, in beautiful Galway.

Our Erasmus+ programmes are designed for teachers at primary, secondary and tertiary level who teach subjects through English or plan to teach in English. These EU-supported courses inspire participants to upskill, broaden their expertise and bring new energy, ideas and approaches to their schools, enriching learning both inside and outside the classroom.

You'll discover and practise new methodologies, learn to combine language and subject teaching within a practical lesson framework, and explore a wide variety of tasks and activities you can use immediately, all while building relationships and sharing experiences with teachers from around the world.

By the end of any of our teacher training courses, you'll be able to make a greater contribution in your home school, college or university – inside and outside the classroom. Our programmes focus on giving you knowledge and skills you can share with colleagues too.

Choose from five course courses.

Erasmus+ teacher training

EU-funded professional development

20 lessons per week, 45 min each

1 week + social programme

Min. level B1+
for all teacher-training courses

Erasmus+ KA1 funding
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Add 6 or 10 lessons
to meet your funding requirements if required

Our courses

CLIL — Content and Language Integrated Learning (Primary & Secondary)

Start dates: 12 April, 12 & 19 July, 18 October 2027

Helps teachers integrate language-supportive methodologies into their lessons, making learning more inclusive and engaging. Primary participants explore practical strategies to enhance young learners' language acquisition; secondary participants focus on teaching subject content in a foreign language, crafting engaging, language-rich CLIL lessons and harnessing digital tools.

Ideal for: Teachers who deliver, or plan to deliver, their subject through English.

English Language & Irish Culture

Start dates: 15 February & 16 August 2027

Experience Ireland through language, culture and creativity. The programme blends language development with cultural exploration — Irish literature, folklore, music and history — through interactive workshops and social activities and introduces innovative teaching methodologies to refresh your classroom practice.

Ideal for: Anyone passionate about Irish heritage and intercultural communication.

Supporting Multilingual Learners in Diverse Classrooms

Start dates: 15 February & 19 July 2027

Designed for educators working in increasingly diverse classrooms. You'll develop practical strategies to support multilingual learners, design inclusive lessons, address linguistic diversity and promote cultural awareness, with a focus on critical thinking, language development and student engagement.

Ideal for: Teachers, subject leaders and coordinators responsible for inclusion and language policy.

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Erasmus+ Teacher Training

Our courses — part two, plus what's included and how funding works.

AI for Smarter Teaching and English for Higher Education Professionals complete the range: one focused on technology and AI in the classroom, the other on academic and professional English for university staff.

The courses are ideal for educators who wish to build technologically informed classrooms without losing sight of core teaching values. Designed with productivity and innovation in mind, the programme helps participants develop SMART, effective classroom strategies that enhance workload management, engagement, and learner outcomes.

Every course is 20 lessons a week over one week, and includes a welcome pack, materials, an end-of-course certificate, a daily social activity programme, and access to the student portal and e-learning resources before and after your stay.

All courses are fully compatible with Erasmus+ Key Action 1 funding, GCI provides the documentation to make your application straightforward.

Included & start dates

Everything you need to apply

Welcome pack & materials
ready before you arrive

Student portal & e-learning
pre-arrival and post-departure

End-of-course certificate
recognised professional development

Daily social programme
5 days a week, exploring Galway

Multiple start dates
across the year

Our courses

AI for Smarter Teaching

Start dates: 21 June & 18 October 2027

For educators seeking to modernise their teaching, this forward-thinking course focuses on integrating educational technology and AI into everyday teaching. You'll explore digital tools for lesson planning, assessment and personalised learning, developing strategies to manage workloads and enhance classroom engagement.

Ideal for: Primary, secondary and vocational teachers, and school leaders planning whole-school digital strategies.

English for Higher Education Professionals

Start dates: 21 June & 23 August 2027

Tailored for staff in universities and colleges, this course enhances English proficiency for academic and professional contexts. Participants develop academic writing, presentation and professional-communication skills, with a focus on fluency, clarity and intercultural competence.

Ideal for: Lecturers, researchers and administrative staff in higher education.

Add more lessons. An additional 6 or 10 lessons a week can be added to meet Erasmus+ National Agency funding requirements. GCI provides all documentation for your application: OID E10323567 · PIC 929605806 · Registration number 142062.



E30+ / EX30+ / CC26 / CC30 / 1:1

Specialised & Professional English

English for your career — smaller groups, one-to-one hours and mature-learner courses, built around your goals.

For learners who want the most tailored experience, our one-to-one options put an expert GCI teacher's full attention on exactly the English you need — whether that's a presentation next week, the vocabulary of your profession, or the confidence to lead a meeting.

Before your course, you complete an extensive needs analysis, followed by a conversation with our academic directors and teachers to design your lesson plan around your goals, so no two courses are ever quite the same.

There are several options of English language course for professionals to satisfy your individual learning needs. These tailored courses are designed to improve your English for business purposes with a practical, skills-based approach that develops confident, articulate communicators.

Whether you learn best in a small, focused group of peers or one-to-one with an expert teacher, we'll shape the content around your personal or organisational requirements, so you feel confident using English in real-life business situations.

English for professionals

Practical, skills-based, tailored

8 max
mini-group class size

Business-focused
real-life professional situations

One-to-one options
fully tailored to your goals

Needs analysis first
your course, built around you

Different levels available
start when it suits you

E30+ Available Starting Dates
26 April – 11 September

Courses for Professionals

English for 30+ E30+

Designed specifically for more mature students wishing to learn English in a professional, focused environment with like-minded peers. Study with peers of a similar age in our Galway school, in a mini-group of no more than eight, and develop networking opportunities with other international learners.

English for 30+ Executive EX30+

Keeps the small class size of English for 30+ but offers 30 lessons — 20 morning group lessons plus 10 lessons of one-to-one English tuition. This tailors your experience to your individual needs, making it ideal for professionals looking to elevate their capabilities and excel in their roles.

Combination Courses CC26 / CC30

The ideal option for students who wish to combine General English classes in the mornings with individual business training in the afternoon. The afternoon lessons are customised to your learning needs, and the content of your specialised training is determined by your personal or organisational requirements.

One-to-One Courses 1:1

Packages of private lessons — one-to-one tuition with an expert GCI teacher. Before beginning, you complete an extensive needs analysis and a conversation with our academic directors and teachers to design your lesson plan, so every session works towards your specific goals.

Our English for Professionals courses will:



Offer a practical, skills-based approach to English



Develop and further your professional language skills



Give you the confidence to use English in real business situations



Build confident, articulate communicators

Academic English

Pathways to university — academic English, IELTS preparation and the skills to succeed.

The Certificate in English for Entry into Higher Education (HECERT) is a 25-week programme for students who plan to enter higher education and need to demonstrate English proficiency through an internationally recognised exam. It combines General English classes with a 6-week IELTS Exam Preparation module and runs from January to March so you complete your IELTS and receive results in time for the September university intake.

For shorter stays, the English for Academic Success Skills Course pairs General English with IELTS and academic-writing preparation, a focused way to build the academic English you need before you begin your studies.

Across every route the focus is the same: the academic writing, presentation and research skills — and the grammar and vocabulary — you need to succeed at college or university in an English-speaking environment. If you'd like to earn real academic credit as well, see our Gap Year programme overleaf.

Your pathway to university

Academic English + ECTS credits

25 weeks
HECERT programme

30 ECTS
Gap Year credit

IELTS preparation
built into every route

Progress to GBS
or other universities

Level B1–C1
for higher-education entry

Who is Academic English for? Students with a current level of B1 to C1 who are planning to pursue higher education in an English-speaking environment and want to arrive ready for academic study.

HECERT 25 weeks	RUNS Jan–Mar	INCLUDES IELTS module	LEVEL B1–C1	MIN. AGE 18
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What you'll develop

Throughout the programme, students learn how to produce clear, structured academic essays and reports, while strengthening their English grammar for higher education contexts. They also expand their English vocabulary for higher education, enabling them to understand and use the specialised language commonly found in academic texts, lectures, and discussions.



Academic writing, presentation & research skills



IELTS preparation to support university readiness alongside your English



The grammar & vocabulary for academic contexts



An internationally recognised exam



A clear pathway to foundation & degree programmes



Confidence studying in higher education

HECERT available January to March; students begin any Monday at 09.00. Course fee includes placement test, tuition, materials, multimedia and Wi-Fi, ongoing support, certificate, Student Portal access and the IELTS Preparation course.

GAP YEAR

Gap Year Programme

Take a year out to master your English — and earn real academic credit while you do it.

Our Gap Year programme lets you take a year out to become fluent in English while gaining genuine academic credit, the perfect way to advance academically, broaden your world view and prepare for an impactful career before you begin, or return to, university.

It combines Academic English and IELTS preparation with credit-bearing modules at our sister school, Galway Business School, worth up to 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme). You improve your English for academic purposes and acquire the study skills you need, then apply them in real higher-education modules, receiving ECTS credit and a GBS certificate on completion.

It's an immersive year on the Wild Atlantic Way: study, make friends from around the world, explore Ireland and Europe at the weekends, and come away with both fluent English and academic credit that can give you a head start at university.

Taking a gap year to focus on English language study offers the chance to immerse yourself in an English-speaking environment, whether through travel, living abroad, or attending language courses. Combining a gap year with business studies can be an excellent way to gain real-world experience, enhance your skills, and build a strong foundation for your future career in business.

Who is the Gap Year for? Students aged 18+ with a current level of B1 to C1 who want a structured, credit-bearing year abroad to improve their English and progress towards a degree at Galway Business School or another university.

DURATION 1–2 semesters	CREDIT Up to 30 ECTS	INCLUDES Academic Eng + IELTS	LEVEL B1–C1	MIN. AGE 18
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Why choose a Gap Year



Real academic credit — up to 30 ECTS



A GBS certificate on completion



Academic English and IELTS preparation



A genuine head start towards a degree



An immersive year exploring Ireland & Europe



Full academic and pastoral support throughout

Students are exempt from equivalent modules if they continue on a pathway to Galway Business School. Contact our academic team to plan your Gap Year around your level, goals and start date.

Gap Year at a glance

English + real academic credit

30 ECTS

credit at Galway Business School

1–2 sem.

one or two semesters

Academic English + IELTS

built into the programme

Level B1–C1

for higher-education entry

Progress to a degree

a real head start at university

50+

50+ Programme

A relaxed two-week programme — improve your English and enjoy the very best of Ireland.

GCI offers an amazing two-week programme that allows people in their 50s, 60s and beyond to improve their English while enjoying a wonderful programme of activities outside the classroom. Our 50+ Programme is designed for mature students who want to combine their language skills with an active social programme, suited to their tastes and needs.

You'll study 20 General English lessons a week in a closed group of mixed levels, on a morning timetable designed to maximise your use of English in everyday situations and build your confidence. It is a **multi-level** class from Pre-Intermediate (A2) to Upper-Intermediate (B2); if you fall outside these levels, you may join a General English class more suited to your level, subject to availability.

The afternoons are given over to a specialised social and cultural programme with a focus on Ireland's famous heritage — lessons emphasise communication, while the activities immerse you in the local culture and history, help you understand spoken English, and make learning a genuinely fun experience.

Club 50+ at a glance

Learn English, explore Ireland

2 weeks
relaxed programme

20 lessons
intensive General English

Levels A2–B2
mixed-ability, morning classes

Afternoons free
tailored social & cultural programme

1-week option
on request, subject to availability

Who is the 50+ programme for? Mature learners who want a relaxed cultural-and-language fortnight to improve their English, meet like-minded people and make new friends while exploring Ireland. The 50+ course offers mature students the opportunity to study with like-minded students of the same age range, from all over the world. The 50+ course includes exciting language practice and a range of cultural and social activities with a focus on Ireland's famous heritage.

DURATION	LESSONS	LEVELS	TIMETABLE	1-WEEK
2 weeks	20 / week	A2–B2	Mornings	On request

Social & cultural programme



Welcoming lunch with fellow students & GCI staff



Galway Museum tour & an Irish cultural workshop



Walking tour, Conversation Club & Prom walk



Corrib Princess boat trip and Trad on the Prom



Full-day excursion to the Cliffs of Moher



Return coach transfer from Dublin Airport

A one-week 50+ option is available on request, subject to availability. The social activity programme is subject to change due to availability, weather conditions and providers.

SSWP

Short Stay Group Programme

Tailored, closed-group tuition for school and college groups — English plus a full activity programme.

Our Short Stay Group Programme offers tailored, closed-group tuition for school and college groups, combining English lessons with a full activity and excursion programme. Choose 20 or 30 lessons a week, with flexible dates from October to May, and let us build an itinerary around your group's level, interests and goals.

Custom programmes for schools, institutions and organisations with specific learning outcomes are our speciality. Whether your group wants to focus on general communication, exam skills or a particular theme, we shape the tuition and the social programme to match so every day makes the most of both the classroom and the city.

A dedicated GCI representative looks after your group throughout the stay, coordinating lessons, activities, accommodation and transfers, so teachers and group leaders can relax and enjoy the experience alongside their students.

Group stays made easy

Closed-group tuition for schools

20 or 30
lessons per week

Closed-group tuition
just your school or college group

Flexible dates
October to May

Full activity programme
excursions & social activities

Dedicated GCI rep
with your group throughout

Who is it for? School and college groups, and organisations, who want a custom English programme with clear learning outcomes, a full activity schedule and dedicated support from arrival to departure.

LESSONS 20 or 30 / wk	GROUP Closed group	DATES Oct–May	AGE 16 -18	SUPPORT Dedicated rep
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What's included



Closed-group tuition, 20 or 30 lessons a week



A full activity and excursion programme



A dedicated GCI representative throughout



An itinerary built around your group's goals



Accommodation and transfers arranged



Certificate on completion of the programme

Programmes run from October to May and are tailored to each group. Contact our team to design a Short Stay Group Programme around your dates, level and learning outcomes.



ACCOMMODATION

A place to call home in Galway

Where you live shapes your time in Galway. We arrange accommodation for every student, so you can settle in quickly and get on with your course, with a host family or in one of our student residences, locations varying from within 10 minutes' walk to 45 minutes by bus of the school.



Host Family

The warmest welcome you'll get in Ireland. Live with a local family, share stories and practise your English from the moment you sit down for breakfast, the best choice if you want to see how Galway really lives.

- Half board Mon–Fri, full board at weekends
- Most families are non-smoking
- The right choice for under-18 students
- Sat/Sun to Sat/Sun (7 nights)

Student Residence

Bright, modern, fully equipped apartments and houses in and around Salthill. Self-catering, available all year round, and ideal if you'd prefer your own space and be independent during your stay in Galway.

- Self-catering, fully equipped
- Available all year round
- For students aged 18 and over
- Saturday to Saturday (7 nights)

Inside our student residences



How booking works



Book your course — accommodation is arranged only for enrolled students



Pay your fees to ensure your place is secured; residence deposits online only



Tell us what you need: diet, allergies, location or family requests



Receive your placement details and directions before you arrive

Good to know: Accommodation is reserved weekly (minimum one week) and organised only for GCI/GBS students. Special requests (diet, pets, allergies, close to school) carry a weekly supplement and is subject to availability. Current rates are in the Price List 2027.

LIFE AT GCI

Activities, culture & a warm welcome

Learning English at GCI is about far more than the classroom. Our varied social programme takes full advantage of everything happening in Galway, a lively university city, voted one of the world's friendliest, with more than 30 festivals a year.

Every week brings something to do: teacher-guided walking tours, an Irish culture class (language, music, history and Gaelic games), pub nights and festivals, film and conversation clubs, sports and beach days on Salthill promenade, right outside the school.

At the weekends you can head out along the Wild Atlantic Way: the Aran Islands, Connemara, the Burren and the Cliffs of Moher. And because GCI is part of Galway Business School with close links to the city, long-stay students can volunteer at festivals like the Galway International Arts Festival and take part in the life of the city, not just observe it.

The activity programme is designed monthly, and some highlights may include cultural events across the city and county, practical workshops on various themes and topics from grammar clinics to CV preparation and Irish culture, volunteer opportunities or weekend trips to famous landscapes across Ireland and the Wild Atlantic Way.

More than just lessons

A new activity programme every week

Over 30 festivals
in Galway every year

Weekly social programme
updated monthly, all year round

Weekend excursions
Aran Islands, Connemara, Cliffs of Moher

Clubs & conversation
film, running, chess, card & book clubs

Volunteer at festivals
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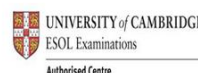
GCI's quality is recognised by the leading national and international bodies in English language teaching — your guarantee of an education you can trust.

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Full 2027 dates and prices for every programme including accommodation, transfers and fees, are in the GCI English Language Programmes Price List 2027, available for download at www.gci.ie.



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Your English is just the beginning: progress to a business degree at our business school, on the same campus.

Galway Business School (GBS) shares a campus and a leadership team with Galway Cultural Institute (GCI), our English language school. The two institutions operate side by side at GCI House in Salthill, with a shared commitment to quality, learner support and a genuinely international community, which means your English tuition and your academic studies are coordinated by staff who know each other's work. It's a genuine pathway: reach the English level you need with us, then progress into higher education without ever changing schools.

GBS is one of Ireland's leading independent third-level colleges, with more than 25 years' experience and students from around 20 nationalities. It offers QQI-validated undergraduate degrees, a pathway programmes and semester-long QQI certificates, from Level 6 to Level 8 on the NFQ (National Framework of Qualifications).

Classes in GBS are deliberately small, so lecturers know you by name. If you don't yet meet the English requirement, you begin with a GCI English programme and step onto the Foundation Programme once you reach the required level. See the full programme list overleaf.

Who is it for? International students who want to gain an internationally recognised business qualification and progress towards a rewarding career, right here in Galway. Having an undergraduate degree opens up rewarding opportunities and greatly increases your chances of getting the job you want.

Being a graduate from one of Galway Business School's undergraduate business programmes enables you to qualify for these additional opportunities and offers you more flexibility in where you choose to work.

Renowned for its friendliness, our safe and English-speaking country offers the warmest of welcomes to students from all over the world. You will study in one of the best education systems in the world.

Your pathway to a degree

From English to a business degree

GCI English

Reach the level you need

Foundation

University Foundation Programme

Bachelor of Business

NFQ Level 7 degree

Honours top-up

NFQ Level 8, International Business

ESTABLISHED
2000

AWARDS
QQI-validated

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NFQ L6–L8

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Why progress to GBS



Internationally recognised QQI awards



A clear route from English to an Honours degree



Employment-focused, work-ready graduates



A diverse, multicultural student community



Everything under one roof: English + degree



TrustEd International Education Mark & QQI-validated, with learner protection in place

What you can study at GBS

From a University Foundation Programme to Honours degrees and short professional certificates, GBS offers internationally recognised, QQI-validated qualifications to suit every stage of your journey.

Undergraduate programmes

Our degree programmes are practical and offer an industry-aligned education focusing on real-world business applications and highly adaptable professional skills. Students graduate with the strategic insight and confidence needed to step directly into competitive careers. Learners will develop a range of transversal skills that will allow you to deliver practical solutions to problems taking into account the implications of such management decisions on all aspects of the organization and ensure business success. These include:

- Skills in communication
- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving
- IT skills
- Creativity skills

Awards you can earn

QQI-validated, on the NFQ (National Framework of Qualifications)

NFQ 8 Honours top-up

NFQ 7 Bachelor of Business

NFQ 6 Higher Certificate

Bachelor of Business NFQ Level 7 · 3 yrs Degree

A clearly structured, innovative business education, developing the employment-focused, transferable skills that employers value. A comprehensive, modern business education centered on the core competencies and transferable skills required by global industries. We shape confident, resourceful professionals who are instantly ready for the workforce.

Bachelor of Business (Honours) in International Business NFQ Level 8 · Top-up Degree

An intensive, one-year acceleration program designed for Level 7 graduates to elevate their credentials to an Honours standard. This industry-aligned curriculum cultivates a deep global perspective, equipping ambitious professionals with the advanced cross-border strategies and cross-cultural leadership skills that international employers value.

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An advanced, strategic business education combining entrepreneurial innovation with robust management principles. This program develops the high-level, adaptive leadership skills essential for navigating complex markets, producing visionary graduates who are ready to drive enterprise growth.

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University Foundation Programme For international students

Your bridge into higher education, ideal for students who want to reach the required English level to progress into a GBS degree.

Semester-long QQI Certificates NFQ Level 6–7 · 18 weeks

Short, focused professional certificates in *Digital Marketing & Sales*, *Managing Digital Transformation*, *Human Resource Management*, *Sustainable Leadership*, *Supply Chain* and *Strategic Operations Management*.

Ready to progress? International learners need a high-school diploma equivalent to the Leaving Certificate and English at B2+ (IELTS 6.5). Reach that level with GCI, and we'll guide you into the right GBS programme. Talk to us: info@galwaybusinessschool.ie

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