

Where we are in Europe



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Application Procedure

1. Complete the application form on our web site www.wae.ie and submit it either on-line or by e-mail to info@wae.ie
2. Scan and e-mail notarised translations of your academic transcripts, English competence certificates and a brief CV to info@wae.ie
3. Your application will be reviewed and, if you are qualified, an offer letter and a fee invoice will be e-mailed to you.
4. It is an Irish visa requirement that fees are transferred to The school prior to the issue of the final acceptance letter and fee payment receipt. You need these documents for your visa application.
5. If you are a non-EU citizen, you need to check the Irish study visa requirements at justice@gov.ie or inis@gov.ie

If you have any queries about the programme or the application / visa process, please e-mail or telephone us and we will be happy to assist you.

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Study English in Ireland

Pre-University English Foundation Courses for International Students



www.wae.ie

Why study English in Ireland?

The number of students selecting Ireland for the study of English has been increasing rapidly in recent years. This is because Ireland is a very pleasant and safe country for students, it's affordable and there are great opportunities to progress to top Universities and Institutes of Technology worldwide. Many of these are in Ireland as it has had a high level of state investment in higher education and research in recent years.

The English spoken in Ireland is very clear, standard and unaccented. It is interesting to note that many of the great writers in the English language were Irish – Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw, Jonathan Swift, James Joyce, WB Yeats, to name but a few.

Ireland is also strongly committed to the European Union and is often referred to as the “Gateway to Europe”. Because of this and the high quality of its graduates, Ireland has become the EU headquarters of many large multinational companies.

Waterford

Waterford is the fifth largest city in Ireland and is located in a beautiful scenic area just two hours South of Dublin, near the coast and mountains. The city itself is safe and welcoming and has a wide range of social, sporting and cultural amenities for students. Student accommodation is very high quality.

Reasons for selecting this English School

This English School is recognised by the Irish Department of Education as a quality provider of English as a Foreign Language. The Directors have extensive experience in running pre-university programmes and in placing international students in the universities of their choice.

The school is recognised by Irish Immigration for the granting of study visas.

The main reason for selecting WAE is the personal support provided for students by the Directors and staff. From the moment you arrive in Ireland your study, welfare and happiness are our concern. Classes are small and you will have lots of opportunity to practice your English and prepare for study overseas.

The Pre-University English Foundation Programme

This is a very flexible and innovative programme designed to prepare students for admission to Irish, UK or USA Universities and Institutes of Technology. Most Universities and Institutes recommend that students from overseas take a Foundation programme like this. Unique features of our programme include:-

- Integrated work placement
- Both internal examinations and additional English and Computing certificates.

In addition to improving your English, you will become accustomed to new teaching and learning styles and acclimatise to living on your own in a new country.

Social and Cultural Programme

We believe that language learning is enhanced by opportunities to practice your skills outside the classroom. To support this we organize an extensive programme of excursions, recreational and relaxation opportunities and celebrations. At least one organized event weekly is included in the programme fee.



Entry Requirements, Curriculum and Assessment

Entry Qualifications

Applicants for the programme should hold the following qualifications:-

1. Have completed at least 12 years formal schooling in their own country
2. Have attained a High School Diploma at a level acceptable for University admission.
3. Have attained an English level equivalent to at least IELTS 3.5.

The duration of the programme will depend on your IELTS admission score. The table to the right is a guideline.

Program	Entry Level IELTS	Number of terms	Exit level IELTS
A	3.5	3 or 4	5.5/6
B	4.5	2 or 3	5.5/6.5
C	5.5	1 or 2	6/7+

Assessment and Certification

Students will sit for both internal and external examinations. This combination gives them the maximum opportunity to gain admission to a University or Institute.

- Internal Assessment (oral and written papers and project work).
- External Assessment :-
 - An internationally recognised English Language Competence Test e.g. IELTS or ETAP
 - European Computer Driving Licence

Progression and Guidance

We will provide each of our Foundation Students with personal guidance in selecting the most suitable course and University / College for their future studies. We will also assist the student in completing the application forms and in preparing for interviews if required. The Directors have extensive personal contacts with the Admissions Offices of all Irish and many UK and USA Universities and Colleges. Completion of this programme will greatly enhance the applicant's chances of getting a place in a good institution and will enhance their chances of success in the programme of their choice.

Term 1

Module title	Hours per week
Everyday English	4
General English 1	4
EAP 1	4
English Grammar 1	4
Study skills / IT skills	5
Specialist module or work placement	4

September to December

Term 2

Module title	Hours per week
General English 2	4
EAP 2	4
English Grammar 2	4
ESP 1	4
Specialist module or work placement	4/5
Specialist module or work placement	4/5

January to April

Term 3

Module title	Hours per week
EAP 3	4
English Grammar 3	4
E-English	4
ESP 2	4
Research skills and critical thinking	5
IELTS Examination preparation	4

May to August