



GRIFFITH COLLEGE

Griffith Institute of Language

Dublin, Cork and Limerick

ENGLISH
LANGUAGE COURSES



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Introduction from the President of Griffith College, Diarmuid Hegarty

Dear Student,

I am delighted to introduce you to Griffith Institute of Language, Griffith College's constituent language school. Having a personal interest in the learning of languages I understand, as you do, the necessity to speak a second language. Moreover, those of us who successfully acquire these skills will always have more opportunities to find success in the careers we choose.

If you choose to study English at Griffith, you will have a teaching team and support network that is utterly committed to improving your skills. You will also have many opportunities to interact and build relationships with learners representing 77 different nationalities from across the globe. Many of these learners started in our English language school and moved on to undergraduate and postgraduate studies with us, something that you too may consider.

Remember that yours is an exciting journey of discovery, which will have many challenges, trials and triumphs, but whilst you are with us, you will be supported in every step you take. You will meet many people on your journey and I have no doubt that every interaction you have will be an opportunity to learn something new.

The secret of effective language learning is to immerse yourself in the language and culture of the country that speaks it, and at Griffith you have the opportunity to be immersed and in turn to acquire your skills in the most effective and efficient way.

May I wish you every success and joy in your period at Griffith College.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Diarmuid Hegarty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath it.

Diarmuid Hegarty
PRESIDENT
Griffith College

Griffith Institute of Language

Griffith Institute of Language is one of Ireland's leading English language schools and offers the very best English language learning programmes within fun and safe college environments. We offer English language programmes in a number of locations around Ireland, including Dublin, Cork and Limerick. We have a wide variety of programmes, including General English, Business English, English for Academic Purposes and Exam Preparation not to mention an exciting social programme. So apply today and prepare to experience language learning in an exciting and immersive environment.



Our Accreditations:

Griffith Institute of Language is recognised by ACELS, a service of Quality and Qualifications Ireland, for English language teaching (ELT).



Griffith Institute of Language is a member of Marketing English in Ireland.

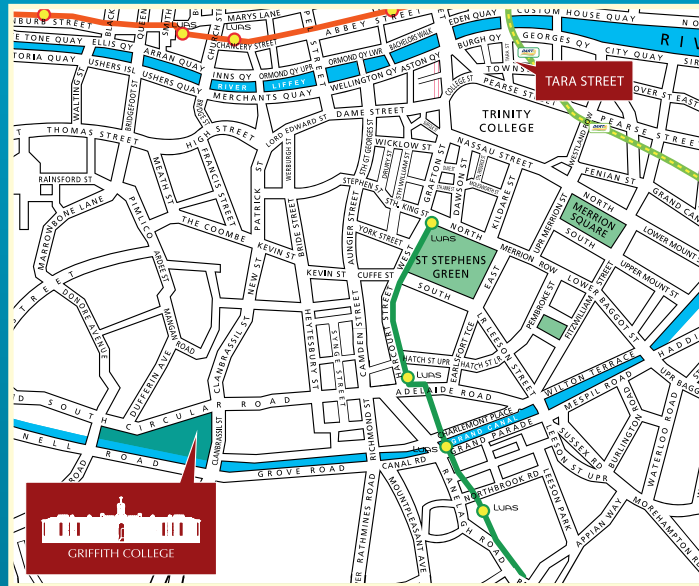


Griffith Institute of Language is an accredited Cambridge ESOL Examination Centre.



Griffith Institute of Language is the constituent language school of Griffith College one of Ireland's largest independent providers of third level education. Griffith College is accredited by QQI and delivers programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels across a diverse range of faculties including, Journalism and Visual Media, Computing, Business, Design and Law. Griffith College also delivers a range of professional programmes including ACCA, Professional Law and ICM programmes, for more information please contact admissions@gcd.ie.

LOCATIONS





Dublin

Ireland's capital is a lively European city with a large student population. There are a lot of cafés, restaurants, cinemas, pubs, clubs and music venues. Also, the beautiful and tranquil Irish countryside and coastline are very close by. So whether you prefer an exciting city life or the quiet countryside; Dublin with its great traditions and friendly people, is a fantastic choice for you.



In Dublin, GIL has two locations, both with their unique characteristics:

Griffith College Dublin, South Circular Road

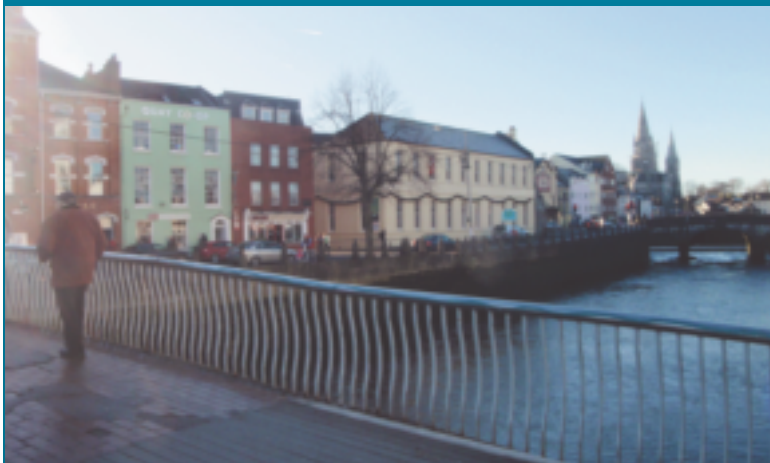


Griffith College Dublin, Tara Street



Cork

Located in the south west of Ireland, Cork is both a historic and vibrant city. It has a student population of over 40,000 and being a compact city, all amenities and facilities are within walking distance. It has an international airport, rail, ferry and national road links. It is the gateway to Ireland's south west, the most visited area of Ireland outside of Dublin. It is home to galleries, museums and theatres, and with a year round calendar of festivals ranging from folk, to jazz and film, as well as a wealth of leisure activities including biking, hiking, fishing and golf, it is no surprise that 'The Lonely Planet' guidebook voted Cork one of the 10 best places in the world to visit. For more information about our Cork centre please contact gil@gcc.ie.





Limerick

Limerick is a medieval city, standing where the river Shannon, the longest river in the British Isles, becomes tidal. Being rich in history it has many interesting features as well as being an important port and industrial centre. The city itself dates from at least the Viking settlement in 812 and many historic sites are found scattered around the city. The city is close to other historic and scenic sites of Ireland including, among many others; the Cliffs of Moher, the Burren, Bunratty Castle, the Ring of Kerry and the Ailwee Caves.

Limerick is also a university city and home to many centres of learning. There are many theatres, museums, cafes, restaurants, cinemas, music venues, pubs and clubs to choose from which makes it an exciting place for students. It is situated 20 kilometres from Shannon International Airport. There are few better cities in which to enjoy your time at college. The city's mix of cultural and economic success, along with the variety of social and sporting activities available to students, makes Limerick an ideal place to study. At Griffith College Limerick you will be in the heart of it, just a few minutes walk from the city centre itself. For more information about our Limerick centre please contact gil@gcl.ie.



GRIFFITH COLLEGE DUBLIN

Griffith College Dublin is located on a 7 acre campus, a 20 minute walk from Dublin's main shopping district. On campus there is an extensive range of facilities designed to support our learners both academically and socially. This creates a dynamic environment for English language learners, who have many opportunities to interact with over 77 different nationalities creating a unique immersive experience.

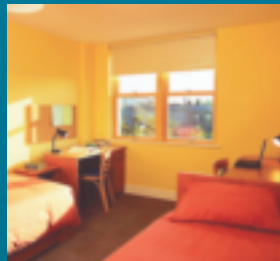


Griffith College Dublin Facilities

Halls of Residence

Griffith Halls of Residence is a development of student accommodation built in two blocks: it comprises 165 apartments that provide accommodation for over 600 students. The majority of the apartments contain two shared bedrooms and a shared living space. There are also a number of single rooms available in shared apartments. Each two bedroom apartment has two bathrooms, one of which is en-suite.

There is 24-hour security, free internet access and laundry facilities. Self catering and full board options are also available.



The College Library

The College library holds an extensive range of English language learning material including many graded readers, textbooks, self-study, vocabulary and grammar books. There are also novels, magazines, journals and DVDs, all of which serve to enhance your learning experience. Further to this, the library has a number of PCs, digital photocopiers, scanners and printers as well as two large study rooms.



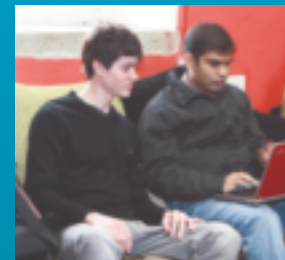
The College Restaurant

The restaurant provides food all day long, and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner at fixed times during the day. The restaurant is reasonably priced with many food options available, including vegetarian and halal options.



The College's Open Computer Labs and College-wide WIFI

Students are free to use the open labs in order to complete homework or surf the web. There is also WIFI across the College so if a student has a laptop or a smart phone they will have free access to the internet.



The College's Fitness Room

This is available to all senior students and contains cross trainers, exercise bikes and a variety of weight machines.



The College Students' Union Building

This is available to all Griffith College Dublin students and comprises 3 floors of recreational space for students to enjoy, including chill out spaces, with gaming machines, DVD players, table football, TV and music systems, and spaces for more energetic activity including table tennis and pool tables.



The Students' Union

The Students' Union is staffed by 4 full-time employees, three of whom are elected from the student body. They are responsible for clubs, societies, entertainments and events during the academic year (September – May). All of our English language students are welcome to join any of the clubs and societies organized by the Students' Union. These include: football, basketball, rugby, cricket, pool, table tennis, golf, dance, film society, choir, paint balling, debating, toast-masters, swimming, Gaelic football, LGBT, taekwondo, cheerleading, mixed hockey, weight training and zumba.



Entertainment and Events

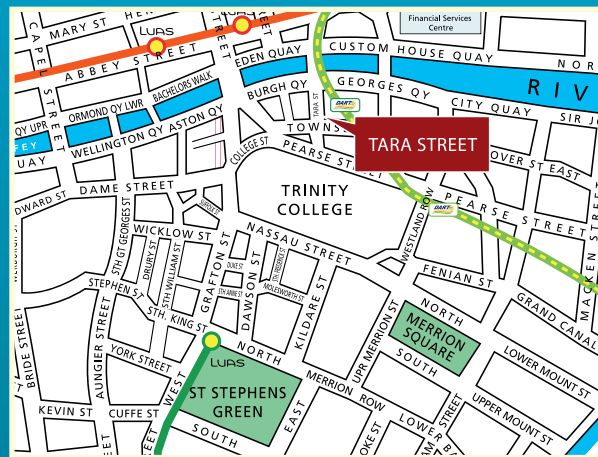
The Students' Union organizes a wide range of events throughout the academic year, providing affordable quality entertainment in a safe and student friendly atmosphere. These events include fresher's week and fresher's ball, weekly GCD nights, rag week, DJ competitions, the battle of the bands, and seasonal Halloween, Christmas, Valentines and St Patrick's Day celebrations, as well as an end of academic year ball. Find the Students' Union's dedicated page on Facebook and you will see just what we are talking about.

Summer Activities

At Griffith we offer an exciting range of summer English programmes. These programmes are designed to take advantage of our expert teaching team and thorough assessment strategy whilst also offering an extensive cultural programme. We also provide extensive information on things to do in the evenings and, subject to demand we may also organise evening social activities.

For full details of our cultural offerings please visit our website www.gcd.ie/gil.

GRIFFITH COLLEGE DUBLIN, TARA STREET



Griffith College's Tara street campus is located in the heart of Dublin's city centre, on the banks of the river Liffey, and only 5 minutes walking distance from the main shopping districts. It is the perfect location for learners who need the convenience of a city centre location and also the quality of Griffith College's language programmes. Further, with state of the art classroom facilities and full access to our online learning resources, we ensure that you are fully supported in your language learning. For more information please visit our website www.gcd.ie or contact us at gil@gcd.ie.



GRIFFITH INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE PROGRAMME OFFERINGS

Year Round Programmes

Pathway Programmes (English + Degree)

For learners who are looking to enrol on Griffith College degree programmes but do not meet the language requirements.

Griffith Institute of language offers a range of excellent pre-degree supports for those learners looking to study at degree level who do not meet the language requirements. This includes extensive cultural and academic orientation as well as core language skill development. In addition we offer further supports in English language, such as English for Academic Purposes and English for Specific Purposes during degree programmes for those learners that require it.

If you are interested in a degree programme at Griffith College why not check out our website www.gcd.ie where you will find a wide range of programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.



Semester Abroad and Gap Year (English + Academic Modules)

For learners with a higher level of English who need to develop their language skills in specific areas related to their continued study, or professional development.

Learners have an opportunity to choose academic modules carefully selected from Griffith College's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, they can then support these choices with 15 hours of English in our language institute.

Modules include:

- Introduction to Photography (Journalism Faculty)
- Understanding Society (Journalism Faculty)
- Event Management (Business Faculty)
- E-Business (Business Faculty)

Participation in academic modules is subject to availability and dependent on the language level of the students. For full details on our academic modules please check the college academic website www.gcd.ie and for specific queries please contact gil@gcd.ie





Year Round Programmes

Medium and Long-Term English 12-25 weeks +

For learners who wish to significantly develop their language skills.

With our high quality teaching team and strong assessment strategy, we will ensure that learners get the most from their time with us, and move on in their careers or further study with significantly enhanced language skills.



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Summer English Programmes 2-12 weeks

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Summer Programme Accommodation

During the summer we offer short stay, residential accommodation in June, August and September. We also offer host family accommodation for 12 months of the year. For full details, or to enquire about availability, please visit our website www.gcd.ie/gil or email gil@gcd.ie.

Summer Programme Restaurant

During the summer months our College restaurant offers a full day menu including breakfast, lunch and dinner. There are vegetarian and halal options available.



OUR PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

At Griffith we have a flexible programme structure that allows you to tailor your programme to suit your needs. (See page 18 for timetable)

General English 15 hours per week (Morning only)

This is our standard programme structure and allows you to take full advantage of all the resources, facilities and supports that we have whilst giving you free time in the afternoon.

General English 20 hours per week (Morning + 2 afternoons)

This is our premium programme that gives you an additional 5 hours of tuition across two afternoons. At the levels of elementary and pre-intermediate you will receive additional general English. For those who are intermediate and above we provide an exciting range of elective options including:

Irish Culture and Society

This elective is designed to promote discussion and debate. You will focus on Irish history, culture and society.

You will be encouraged to compare your own culture and traditions with those of Ireland and in doing so you will internalise, activate and take ownership of more complex language structures. This leads to overall improvement in fluency and confidence in language use.

**This structure applies to Medium, Long-Term English, Pathway (English + Degree) and Summer Programmes*





The Language of Journalism

This elective is designed to develop English language use in journalistic contexts.

You will focus on developing key journalistic competencies across the four core language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. This development will be set in the context of current social, economic and political issues in Ireland, Europe and beyond.

Exam Preparation

This elective is designed to develop effective exam strategies and testing skills.

You will focus on preparation for externally accredited examinations such as IELTS, and the Cambridge suite of examinations. You will focus on clearly understanding the rubric of your chosen examination, and the different task types and questions that may be presented. You will also focus on employing effective task completion and timekeeping strategies to give you the best chance of exam success.

Business English

This elective is designed to develop language use in business contexts.

You will focus on gaining a wide-ranging overview of the business world. You will also acquire key communication skills that are necessary for professional situations and further studies within the field.

English for Academic Purposes

This elective is designed for learners who wish to progress onto academic programmes.

You will focus on the development of language skills in academic contexts including developing an awareness of academic style in both written and spoken discourse. You will focus on the organisation and structure of academic texts and presentations as well as developing skills for effective participation in seminars and lectures.



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Griffith Institute of Language Programme Structure

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 – 9:45	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English
9:45 – 10:30	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English
30 Minute Break					
11:00 – 11:45	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English
11:50 – 12:30	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English
12:30 – 1:15	LUNCH				
1:15 – 2:30	Cultural Activity* / Elective Class	Elective Class	Cultural Activity* / Elective Class	Elective Class	Cultural Activity* / Elective Class
		Break		Break	
2:45 – 4:00		Elective Class		Elective Class	

**Afternoon Cultural Activities run from June – Mid September.*

GRIFFITH INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE RESOURCES AND METHODOLOGIES

By giving you every opportunity to become immersed in the language you can improve your level rapidly...

Classroom Contact Time

Practice and learn English in a fun and focussed multi-national environment and improve your level with expert help. Our teachers are highly experienced and dedicated to the vocation of teaching. Check out our website www.gcd.ie/gil and read about the teachers that work in Griffith.



Learning Portfolios

By completing a learning portfolio through English you can reflect on your learning needs and track your improvement in a continuous way. By completing tasks in a continuous way you will consolidate your learning and improve your English more quickly.



Virtual Learning Environment

With our virtual learning environment you will not miss any part of your lessons. You will be able to access all of your classroom lesson materials online, so you won't miss a thing. There are also a lot of other materials for you to use, as well as the possibility to ask your teacher questions through the forum links.

Social Programme (Academic Year)

Hang out in the Students' Union* and socialise with students from all over the world including native English speakers from Ireland and America. Join the clubs and societies free of charge. Meet up in the College restaurant. Go out on great student nights or weekend trips away. Improve your English by immersing yourself in the language and become truly fluent.

**These facilities are currently only available at our Dublin campus.*



OUR APPROACHES TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

Social Programme (Summer)

Regular cultural activities take place 2 – 3 times a week, and give you the inspiration and ideas to complete your project work. There are also weekly Saturday excursions that give you the opportunity to visit many places in Ireland including, Kilkenny Castle, the Cliffs of Moher and Newgrange.

Campus Facilities

Campus facilities include: an extensive library, online virtual learning environment, dedicated student computer labs, a fitness room*, a Students' Union building*, a restaurant*, an all weather playing pitch*, and on campus accommodation*. Every facility and service that we offer provides you with an opportunity for you to improve your English as we believe that every student interaction is a learning opportunity.

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Student Feedback

Our teachers continually provide feedback and advice on a group and individual basis to ensure that you know what areas of language to improve on. We also like to hear what you think about us, and we ask you on a regular basis!

All Classroom Resources Provided

We give you all of the materials to succeed with your language learning including; books, photocopies and audio material at no extra cost.

Our methodologies are designed to get you communicating...

We build your language skills and give you the time to practice and become confident. In class you will focus on skills development, which means a lot of practice with speaking, listening, reading and writing on topics that are interesting and relevant to you.

...and with our assessment strategy you will know how good you are and what areas you need to improve...

We believe in assessment to help students improve. At Griffith Institute of Language we help you to keep a learning diary, where you put your homework and class work as well as your thoughts on what areas of language you are good at and what areas you need to improve. We prepare you for exams and assist you in the cultural projects you need to complete. We help you to give presentations, improving your speaking ability and developing your confidence in using English.



OUR ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

On Campus Accommodation



Students who wish to study with us at our main campus can choose from two main accommodation options to suit their needs:

On-campus accommodation

- Available for long-term stays in September and January
- Available for short-term stays in June, July, August and September

Host family accommodation

- Available all year round



Host Family Accommodation

Arriving in a new country can be a daunting experience, but getting a true Irish welcome from one of our Host Families will make you feel like you are in a home from home. Not only that, it is a great way to improve your English and learn about Irish culture and life.



Our Recruitment and Inspection Policies

At Griffith we have a policy of recruiting families, in safe and secure areas, with high quality houses. We inspect all of our families against a set of national standards, as well as some additional standards that we have added ourselves.

In the interests of safety and in-line with our accreditation standards, all of our families are vetted by **An Garda Síochána** – the Irish Police service.

Read what our students think

What are the best things about living with a host family?

Liliana Rafael Bueno – Mexico

I think that the best thing is that you can talk to them in English all the time and if you don't know how to say something or the meaning of some words, they help you all the time. Also because it's a family and in some way they are your family and that helps you to feel less homesick.



Lisa Prüfer - Germany

In my opinion the best thing is your English improves every day, by listening and speaking the whole day. Another very positive thing is that you can concentrate on studying and don't have to care about things like doing laundry or cooking food.



Maki Kittaka – Japan

My host family helped me a lot! When I first arrived in Ireland, they showed me around. They also helped me when I was opening a bank account. When I'm having problems to express myself, they always encourage me and they always make delicious food all the time.



TESTIMONIALS

Here are a few words from some of our students, past and present, for the full testimonials and much more please go to: www.gcd.ie/gil



JULIO CEZAR DE OLIVEIRA - BRAZIL

Programme – General English: 25 weeks
(15 hours per week)

Arrival Level: Beginner (A0)

Current Level: Pre-intermediate (A2)

Finishing Level: Intermediate (B1)

Why did you choose Griffith College to study English?

I chose Griffith because I saw the pictures online and I liked the place very much. Also because the price is good.

What is the best thing about Griffith College?

The best thing about Griffith College is that I had the chance to learn so many different things. It's not only about the English language, but a whole new culture that we've learned here.

Would you recommend Griffith to other students from your country? If yes, why?

I would recommend Griffith without thinking twice. In my opinion Griffith is the best place to learn English in Dublin.



BRYAN PORCELLO - SWITZERLAND

Programme – General English: 12 weeks
(20 hours per week)

Starting Level: Intermediate (B1)

Current Level: Upper intermediate (B2)

Finishing Level: Upper intermediate (B2+)

Why did you choose Griffith College to study English?

I was looking for an English school on the internet and I thought that Griffith had the best website with all the information I needed. That's why I chose Griffith College.

What is the best thing about Griffith College?

Griffith it's a big college with students from different nationalities. Everybody is kind and friendly, even the teachers.

Would you recommend Griffith to other students from your country?

Yes! Because the College is in a good area near the city centre. And you can meet a lot of new people and make new friends. The life in Dublin is great for young people.



IVAN BERTOLONE - ITALY

**Programme – General English: 24 weeks
(20 hours per week)**

Starting level: Pre-intermediate (A2)

Current Level: Intermediate (B1)

Finishing Level: Upper intermediate (B2)

Why did you choose Griffith College to study English?

I decided to go to Dublin and study in Griffith College when I heard about the programme at a study-abroad fair in Milan. I found the programme very interesting, so this is the reason why I chose Griffith College.

What is the best thing about Griffith College?

The best thing about Griffith College is the possibility to meet international students, you can learn a lot of things about other cultures. There is a fantastic atmosphere that makes me feel good.

Would you recommend Griffith to other students from your country?

I would recommend it for sure! Because I think it is a good opportunity to improve English with serious and professional teachers, you also have the opportunity to meet students from many different countries. Also you can take part in different interesting activities like football, rugby, basketball, film marathons, trips around Ireland and much more.



ESTELA CARAYOL MUÑOZ - SPAIN

**Programme Type – General English: 24 Weeks
(20 hours per week)**

Starting Level: Pre-intermediate (A2)

Current Level: Intermediate (B1)

Finishing Level: Upper intermediate (B2)

Why did you choose Griffith College to study English?

I chose Griffith College because it's the best College in Dublin to improve your English. The teachers are incredible and they use the best material for improving your English.

What is the best thing about Griffith College?

The best thing about Griffith is that the College gives you all services that you need. There is a Students' Union where you can find information about trips, parties, activities, sports, etc. There is a library where you can use computers, books, films and internet. There is also a fitness room and a restaurant.

Would you recommend Griffith to other students from your country?

Yes, I would recommend to Spanish people to come here and live the new experience in Griffith College because it's the best place to study English.



LISA PRÜFER - GERMANY

**Programme Type – Pathway Student: 20 Weeks
(20 hours per week)**

Starting Level: Intermediate (B1)

Current Level: Upper intermediate (B2)

Finishing Level: Advanced (C1)

Why did you choose Griffith College to study English?

In February I am going to start my international management degree, therefore I wanted to improve my English. The rector of Buhmann Fachakademie and my English teacher recommended Griffith College Dublin to me. I have enjoyed it here since my arrival and I am happy to have come here.

What is the best thing about Griffith College?

The best thing about Griffith College is that it has many levels, the teachers are very helpful and I enjoy the way they teach. Another thing is that here in Griffith there are many different nationalities so your English will really improve. I have made a lot of friends from Spain, Brazil, China, Korea, France and many other countries.

Would you recommend Griffith to other students from your country? If yes, why?

Absolutely! There is a huge array of sports, a good cafeteria and always excursions to get to know Dublin. There is something for every taste: history, art, music and so much more.



MAKI KITAKA - JAPAN

**Programme – General English: 36 Weeks
(20 hours per week)**

Starting Level: Pre-intermediate (A2)

Current level: Intermediate (B1)

Finishing Level: Upper intermediate (B2)

Why did you choose Griffith College to study English?

I have been thinking about studying abroad for long time. I wanted to go somewhere where there wouldn't be a lot of Japanese people. When I arrived I was very happy when I was the only Japanese student in my language class. Whenever I ask for help people are always very kind and every day I make more friends.

What is the best thing about Griffith College?

Everybody is friendly so it's very easy to make friends, even though I am the only Japanese in the College. It's located very close to the city centre; it's really easy for me when I want to go to meet my friends.

Would you recommend Griffith to other students from your country? If yes, why?

I learned things about many different cultures and countries, and what is nice is that I can show them Japanese culture. In Japan we never speak up during the class but in Griffith all my classmates from other countries express themselves even when they are making a lot of mistakes. I have been inspired by them and started to speak up more often in my classes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where are you located?

Griffith College Dublin is located on the South Circular Road; it is about a 20 minute walk to Dublin city centre and 10 minutes to the Luas, Dublin's new tram service. There is also a regular bus service to and from the city centre.

Griffith College Dublin (Tara Street) is located beside Tara Street Dart station, two minutes walking distance from O'Connell Street, Temple bar, Grafton Street and Trinity College.

How do I get there from the airport?

You can take a taxi, which will cost you about €40 - €50. There is the bus number 16A which brings you very close to the College and there are public buses to the city centre from where you can take a taxi. We also offer a transfer service for €80, where the College Driver will collect you from the terminal building and bring you to your destination.

I have allergies and I cannot stay in a host family with pets, can you find me a host family without pets?

Absolutely, just indicate on your application form (or separately by email) your preferred accommodation requirements and we will do our best to meet your needs.

Do I get tested on arrival?

Every English language student completes an English language placement test, which determines your level and allows us to place you in the most appropriate class.

How many class levels do you have?

We can guarantee 5 levels, Elementary, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced.

Who will be in my class?

You will have a variety of nationalities in your class, from Europe, Asia, South America and the Middle East, the ages will vary from 16 up to 34 and there will be a mix of male and female

How many students will be in my class?

There will be no more than 15 students in a class and typically there are 10 - 12.



Will my classes be in the morning or the afternoon?

Currently, our 15 hour programme includes morning classes only, and our 20 hour programme includes lessons on two afternoons as well as the 15 hours in the morning.

If I think the class is the wrong level, can I change?

If you feel that the class is the wrong level, speak to your teacher and the Head of English. If they agree with you then you can move to a different level. Remember we want the best for you.

What qualifications do the teachers have?

All our teachers are qualified with at least a degree and approved teaching certificates. In addition, have a policy of employing those with more experience and higher levels of qualifications. We also support those who want to gain further qualifications through staff development.

How much are the courses?

For full pricing information please visit our website at www.gcd.ie/gil.

Is there a registration fee?

No, the course fee includes your registration fee.

Do I pay extra for books?

No, the price you pay is inclusive of all materials received, including text books and access to the virtual learning environment. Also if you are a medium – long term student (over 8 weeks) you will get to keep the course books you are given.

How do I apply?

The quickest way is to apply online at www.gcd.ie/gil. Your application will be received by our team who will contact you to confirm details and process your application. If you would prefer to work with a language travel agency, just email us at gil@gcd.ie and we will be happy to provide you with a list of our trusted partners that will support your application. If you are interested in studying in Cork or Limerick you can use the application form above or alternatively email gil@gcc.ie (for Cork) or gil@gcl.ie (for Limerick).

I don't speak any English, how can I apply?

This is no problem, just send an email in your own language to gil@gcd.ie and our multilingual team will deal with the rest.

For more frequently asked questions and all the other information you need please visit our website at www.gcd.ie/gil/faqs. Alternatively you can contact us by email at gil@gcd.ie.



GRIFFITH INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE COURSE LIST

COURSES	DURATION	HRS PER WEEK	LEVELS				
	(Indicative)		Elementary (CEF A1)	Pre-Intermediate (CEF A2)	Intermediate (CEF B1)	Upper (CEF B2) intermediate	Advanced (CEF C1)
General English Standard Programme	2 - 52	15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
General English Premium Programme (includes an elective choice)	2 - 52	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gap Year Programme (includes 2 or 4 modules)	14 - 28	20 - 30			✓	✓	✓
Pathway Programme	12 - 52	15 - 25	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ELECTIVE OPTIONS*							
Elementary Plus	2 - 52	5	✓				
Pre Intermediate Plus	2 - 52	5		✓			
Irish Culture and Society	2 - 52	5			✓	✓	✓
English for Academic Purposes	2 - 52	5			✓	✓	✓
Business English	2 - 52	5			✓	✓	✓
The Language of Journalism	14 - 28	5			✓	✓	✓
Exam Preparation	2 - 52	5			✓	✓	✓
SELECTED GAP YEAR MODULES							
E Business	14	3 - 5				✓	✓
Event Management	14	3 - 5				✓	✓
Understanding Society	14	3 - 5				✓	✓
Introduction to Photography	14	3 - 5			✓	✓	✓

ENROLMENT CALENDAR
(Students can join our English programme on any Monday)

	AUTUMN		SPRING		SUMMER	
Recommended Enrolment weeks	Semester 1		Semester 2		Semester 3	
✓ Optimum	Week 1	Week 7	Week 1	Week 7	Week 1	Week 7
✓ Acceptable	Week 2	Week 8	Week 2	Week 8	Week 2	Week 8
✓ Acceptable	Week 3	Week 9	Week 3	Week 9	Week 3	Week 9
✓ Acceptable	Week 4	Week 10	Week 4	Week 10	Week 4	Week 10
✗ NO ENROLMENT	Week 5	Week 11	Week 5	Week 11	Week 5	Week 11
✓ Acceptable	Week 6	Week 12	Week 6	Week 12	Week 6	Week 12

The enrolment calendar indicates to you when it is possible to enrol with us on a language programme. We accept students on any Monday. We also encourage students to enrol in week 1 or week 7 of any of the semesters as it will maximise the benefit of the programme. This is because our semesterised programmes are divided into 12 week blocks, with assessment taking place in the 6th week and the 12th week. For those students arriving in week 2 to week 10 additional support via our virtual learning environment will help the student to come to terms with the level and content of the lessons and to cover anything they may have missed in previous weeks. To see the enrolment calendar with the current dates for this year, please visit our website at www.gcd.ie/gil.

CROSS CAMPUS FACILITIES / RESOURCES / PROGRAMME MATRIX

Campus Location	Student Societies	Students' Union Building	Common Room	College Restaurant	Library Access	Fitness Room	Wifi	Off Campus Residential	On-Campus Residential	Host Families	Junior	Adult	Social	Computer Access
Dublin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dublin City Centre	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cork			✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Limerick			✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓



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THE COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK
OF REFERENCE FOR LANGUAGES

CEF	A0	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
Levels	Beginner	Elementary	Pre-intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Advanced	Proficiency
	Basic User		Independent User			Proficient User	
		Break-through	Waystage	Threshold	Vantage	Effective Operational Proficiency	Mastery



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