

# DELFIN



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# WELCOME TO DELFIN

“People often ask me why I called my language school Delfin. I started in 2005 with the objective of providing students with a quality learning experience and great social environment, a place where students could learn English and make friends for life. Dolphins are known to be intelligent and sociable animals, so I thought they would be a good mascot for my school.

At Delfin we make a promise to our students: we'll provide a fresh, contemporary environment in iconic locations and ensure you receive a complete student experience with quality teaching and great value for money. All of this is delivered with that unique and personal touch that makes us Delfin. What makes Delfin unique is the 'Delfiners' - you, our students, and our dedicated and passionate team. Come join us and find out why Delfin is Different.”

Gareth Butler, Founder





# ACCRED-ITATIONS

Delfin Dublin is accredited by **ACELS QQI**, an association for English language schools in Ireland. This means that we are regularly inspected by **ACELS**, which guarantees the quality of our teaching, administration, premises, resources, accommodation and welfare. Our courses are registered on the **Interim List of Eligible Programmes (ILEP)**, which is a requirement for the recruitment of Non-EEA students.

Delfin Dublin is a member of **Marketing English in Ireland (MEI)**, the leading association for private and public language teaching establishments in Ireland and we adhere to its code of practice. Membership of MEI provides our students with Learner Protection.

**18**  
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

**50K+**  
STUDENTS

**135+**  
NATIONALITIES

“I wanted to study English in a country with a quality education system, fascinating culture and amazing landscape.”

- Talita



Dublin has it all, a charming mix of medieval, Georgian and modern architecture, a wealth of history and culture, a legendary literary tradition, wonderful shopping, dining, nightlife and of course fantastic characters! Throughout Dublin city and county you will find numerous attractions to discover and explore, from the internationally renowned cultural sites and museums to modern centres of entertainment. Whether your interest is sport, history, art or literature, whether you want to follow a heritage trail, visit a zoo, eat in a castle or follow in the footsteps of Dublin's many musical greats, there's something for everyone in Dublin!

Make sure to venture outside Dublin as well, to experience Ireland's breath-taking landscape. In the east of the country, the granite Wicklow Hills sit in contrast to the horse-grazing plain of the Curragh just a few kilometres away. In Connemara on the west coast, you can walk from beach to mountain, from seaweed covered bay to lily covered lough, in just a few hours. You'll see that Ireland's reputation as having some of the most beautiful and unique landscapes in the world is fully justified.



# DUBLIN FACTS

- The Vikings founded Dublin in 988 AD
- There are 1.66 million people living in the greater Dublin region
- There are no snakes in Ireland, this is supposedly to do with St. Patrick banishing them from the country
- There are over 1,000 pubs in Dublin
- Dublin's O'Connell Bridge is the only bridge in Europe which is as wide as it is long
- The Phoenix park is the largest urban park in Europe
- The prestigious "Oscar" statuette used at the Academy Awards was designed by Cedric Gibbons, who was born in Dublin in 1823
- The title of the novel 'Dracula', which was written by Dubliner Bram Stoker, is said to come from the Irish words "Droch Ola", which means "bad blood"
- Famous Dubliners include Bono, Colin Farrell and Oscar Wilde





## FACILITIES

Delfin is located in the heart of Dublin, beside the main thoroughfare of O'Connell Street and moments from the iconic Spire monument. You can reach the bustling Temple Bar within 10 minutes walk, historic Trinity College Dublin in 15 minutes and either of the city's main public parks - St. Stephen's Green or Phoenix Park, in 20 minutes.

### Modern Classrooms

Our classrooms are equipped with projectors and modern seating arrangements, ensuring that every lesson is engaging and interactive. Whether you're a visual learner or prefer hands-on activities, our classrooms are tailored to accommodate various teaching styles.

### Canteen

Need a quick snack between classes? Our canteen offers a delightful selection of coffee, pastries, and snacks to keep you energised throughout the day. Grab a cup of our excellent coffee and savour delicious treats while socialising with fellow students.

### Library

Our Library is stocked with an extensive collection of books to help you improve your English language skills. Whether you're a literature enthusiast or looking to expand your vocabulary, our library is a quiet retreat for your studies.

### Computer Room

Stay connected and productive with our computer room, where you can access essential digital resources and complete assignments efficiently. High-speed Wi-Fi is available throughout the building to support your online research and coursework.

### Games Room

Take a break from your studies and unwind in our Games Room. Challenge your friends to a game of pool, foosball, or indulge in some friendly competition on PlayStation. It's the perfect place to relax and recharge.

### Delfin Dollars

As a Delfin student, you can receive Delfin Dollars that can be used to purchase coffee, food, and snacks in our canteen. Additionally, enjoy exclusive discounts at selected local restaurants, making your experience in Ireland even more enjoyable.

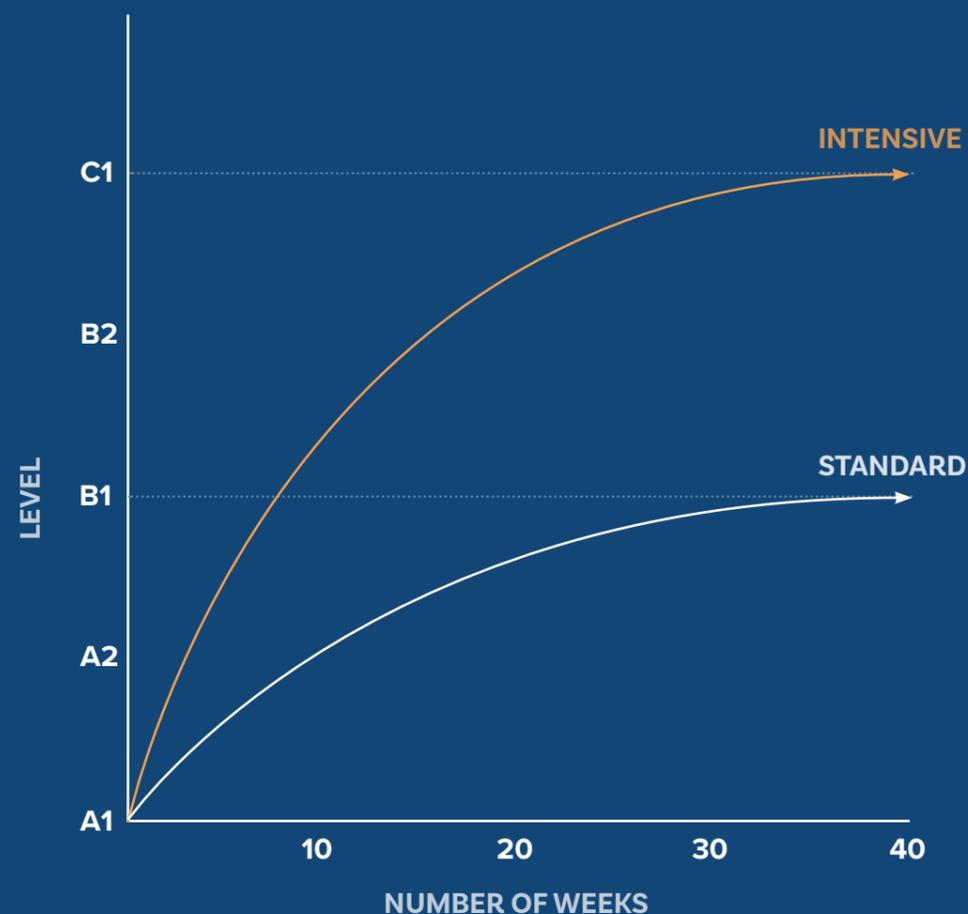
# METHODOLOGY & PROGRESS

At Delfin English Schools we have the passion and experience to ensure you achieve your learning objectives, and our schools have a positive, friendly environment where your progress is central.

The academic success of our schools is a direct result of the teachers we employ and our approach to teaching. We carefully select quality teachers who understand your goals and work hard to build a close relationship with you. Your teacher will treat you as an individual and will find out why you're learning English and what you need to learn. As you learn, your progress will be continuously monitored so you can move to a higher level when you are ready, or we can give you extra support when you need it. All of this leads to a truly personalised learning experience, where your abilities will improve rapidly, and you'll have fun, too!

“Delfin changed my life, I chose it randomly out of a list of schools and couldn't be happier that I ended up here. Not only the classes and teachers are amazing, but it also has a lot of social activities that allows you to practice your English, meet other students, and participate in very useful and helpful workshops that improves the whole experience of living abroad to name a few of them. I got to meet people from all around the world and made life long friends. I also found that Delfin is a school that actually cares about their students and tries to help them in everything they can, it's a very dynamic school and a friendly warm hearted place.

Definitely, my experience arriving in Dublin and adapting to life here would not have been the same without Delfin, and for that I'm forever thankful!”



Your progress will depend on your starting level of English, number of weeks studied and number of hours tuition per week. Our team is here to create the perfect learning pathway for you.



YOUR PROGRESS

# SHORT-TERM COURSES

## GENERAL ENGLISH (GE 15)

Students on this course will be studying the four main skills of language - reading, writing, speaking and listening - along with developing their grammar and vocabulary. The focus of all of our GE15 courses is to develop your communicative abilities and to activate your existing knowledge of English. Lessons are generally based on everyday topics and are active, task-based and relevant to daily life. Students have the choice of studying in the morning (GEM15) or the afternoon (GEA15). Students can start on a GE15 course every week.

GE15 is the best choice for students who want to combine learning English with exploring Dublin.

## GENERAL ENGLISH INTENSIVE (GE 30)

Students who take GE30 will be placed into classes in the morning and the afternoon, every day, and will study for a total of 30 hours per week. The GE30 syllabus has been carefully designed to ensure that students on this course are studying as wide a range of topics and language as possible. Students can start on a GE30 course every week.

GE30 is ideal for students who want to maximise their learning while abroad.

## BUSINESS COMMUNICATION SKILLS (BUS 20)

Business English at Delfin English School is a 20-hour course, where students are placed into a General English class in the morning, and then take a Business elective class for an hour afterwards. Studying this course combines level-specific language development with exposure to business situations and case studies. The objective of the programme is to give students the skills and linguistic tools for the workplace.

BUS20 is ideal for those who need to develop their business communication skills for the work place or further study.

## GENERAL ENGLISH PLUS (GE 20)

General English 20 is our most popular course, as it allows students to combine GE15 with an elective class. Students have the choice of taking GE20 in the morning or the afternoon. We have a variety of elective classes running throughout the year, including 'international communication', 'working in English', 'living in Britain', and 'writing skills'. In all of these elective classes students develop their skills through debates and discussions, role play, and class projects. Students can start the GE20 course every week. GE20 is ideal for students who need to put an extra focus on their speaking skills for work, study or travel.

## EXAM PREPARATION (EX 15)

Exam Preparation at Delfin English School is a 15-hour English course, where students are placed into a focused Exam Preparation and practice class in the morning. Studying this English course combines level-specific language development with examination preparation, tailored to the international English examinations (Cambridge Language Assessment and IELTS). Students can start on an EX15 course every week.

EX15 is perfect for students who would like to prepare for one of the international English language exams.

# STUDY & WORK PROGRAMME

Students on Academic Year Programmes are integrated in with students on the General English 15, 20 or 30 courses, in the morning or afternoon, depending on the number of hours per week booked. Part of the course programme will be examination preparation, as non-EEA students are required to take one of the internationally recognised English language examinations when enrolled on long-stay (25 week+) courses in Ireland. Once students have entered Ireland they will be required to register at the immigration office in Dublin and open an Irish bank account - Delfin will assist with all aspects of this process.

Students on this have the right to work 20 hours per week during the course, and 40 hours per week only during holidays from June to September & 15 December to 15 January inclusive.

- Start any Monday (except on bank holidays and during the Christmas break)
- 15 hours per week
- minimum 25 weeks study
- Study in the morning/afternoon
- Each 3-hour session includes a 15-minute break
- Levels available - Elementary to Advanced
- Class size - maximum 15
- Age - Minimum 18



# ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation is a really important part of your experience when studying abroad. There are lots of different options available, depending on what you would like. Some students like to stay with a host family, so they can be more integrated with the local culture. Others like our house shares – it’s becoming a really popular choice! – where they share a house or apartment with other language students. You can also choose one of our residences, which are usually blocks of rooms or apartments, with students sharing facilities, like in university. Even if you intend to find your own accommodation, it’s a good idea to book at least a few weeks accommodation with the school at the start of your programme, to make sure you have somewhere to stay when you arrive in the country. Speak to the accommodation managers in our schools to arrange accommodation, or if you need assistance with anything – it’s our pleasure to help.

## ACCOMMODATION KEYS:



SINGLE



SHARED



PERSONAL BATHROOM



CATERING AVAILABLE

### PREMIUM RESIDENCE



For more independent students who want to cook for themselves and avail of everything Dublin has to offer and meet more students from all over the world. Our Premium Residence is very modern and offers fantastic facilities like cinema room, games area, gym, wifi, comfortable rooms and plenty of space so that you can continue studying after school. Our Premium Residence is located on 5 minutes walk from Delfin.



### HOST FAMILY



For many students studying abroad, a large part of their experience is coming into contact with the local culture, and the best way to do this is to stay in our homestay accommodation. Generally located outside the city centre, homestay can offer you a number of options, including single or shared rooms, half or full board and en suite or shared bathroom.



### CITY HOST



Our City Hosts are similar to our host families but offer more freedom. You can cook for yourself, you will shared living facilities with the owner, and be closer to the city centre. Respecting the house rules is key. City Host are located on an average travel time from Delfin of 25-35 minutes walking.



### HOSTEL



If none of the above suit your needs, then we can provide you with recommendations for a wide range of hostel or hotel accommodation to fit any budget – ask our accommodation staff for more details. Please note that prices vary according to the season.



# SOCIAL PROGRAMME



At Delfin we want to make sure you get the most out of your time with us - this means that you will improve your English, learn about Dublin and Ireland's unique culture and history, and of course have a great time as well! There are so many exciting sights and activities in Dublin, you'll never be bored. Some of the famous cultural sights are the Chester Beatty Library and Trinity College Dublin. Make sure not to miss out on the live music scene in Dublin, it's one of the best and most varied in Europe. There are many great venues and you can see everything from Irish Traditional Music to cutting edge funky house tunes, all in the same evening!



**MON**

## NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

Go back in time and discover treasures, such as pre-historic gold and other wonders!

## WALKING TOUR OF DUBLIN

Explore Dublin up close with our free walking tour

**TUE**

## JAMESON DISTILLERY

Find out where John Jameson made his famous whiskey.

## CV & JOB WORKSHOP

Join the CV/Job Workshop to get valuable insights and guidance to stand out in the Irish job market.

**WED**

## KILMAINHAM GAOL

Explore one of the largest unoccupied jails in Europe and learn about Ireland's history between 18th and 20th centuries.

**THU**

## GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

See how the most famous beer in Ireland is made! You'll also get a free pint with one of the best views in Dublin.

## EPIC MUSEUM

Visit this unique modern interactive museum about Irish emigration with us!

**FRI**

## TRINITY COLLEGE

Visit one of the greatest universities in the world.

## DELFIN PUB NIGHT

Relax after classes and meet new friends at our local pub.

**SAT**

## DAY TRIP TO GIANT CAUSEWAY & BELFAST

**SUN**

## DAY TRIP TO GALWAY & THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

# HOW TO BOOK?

Booking a course at Delfin is easy, and we are here to help you at every step on the way. Whether you book online, by phone or in person, our friendly staff will make the process as simple as possible.



## ONLINE

Book or enquire about a course by using our online booking form on our website.

<https://delfinschool.com//booking/>



## EMAIL

Email your enquiry, and we will aim to answer you within 24 hours.  
[info@delfin.ie](mailto:info@delfin.ie)



## CALL

Office hours are 09:00 to 17:30, so please feel free to call us to have a chat about the programme you would like to study.  
+353 (0) 1 872 2037



## VISIT THE SCHOOL

If you are already in Dublin and would like to speak to someone face to face to discuss your study options, please come visit the schools! You don't need to make an appointment, and our offices are open from 09:00 to 17:30.



## CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AGENT

Many students feel more comfortable having a local agent in their home country advise them on their studies abroad. Delfin is proud to have agent partners from all over the world - if you don't have an agent, and don't know your local agents, get in touch with us and we can advise you.





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