

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK · LANGUAGE CENTRE

Study English at a world-ranked university

アイルランドの名門大学で英語を学ぶ

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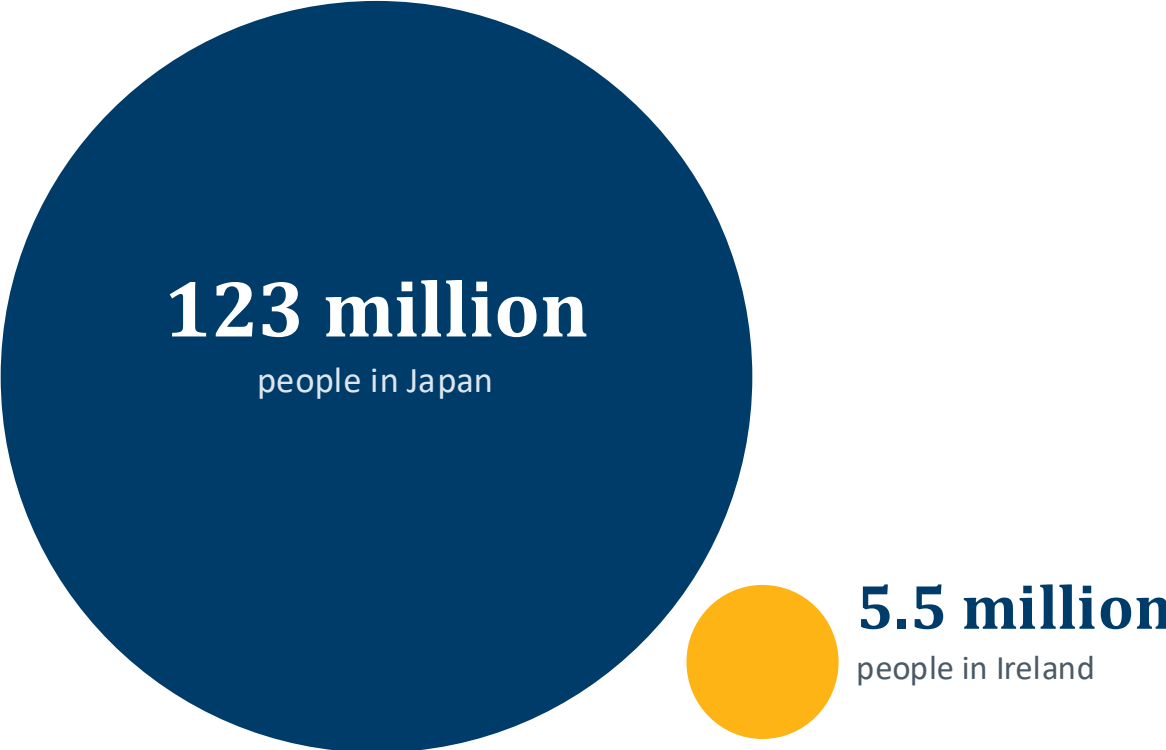


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A small island with a big welcome



123 million
people in Japan

5.5 million
people in Ireland



The only majority English-speaking country in the EU

Total immersion in English, inside Europe



8 hours behind Japan

9 hours in winter. Easy to call home in the evening



Euro currency

One currency for Ireland and most of Europe

SAFE AND PEACEFUL

Top 5

Ireland is one of the five most peaceful countries in the world

Global Peace Index 2026: Ireland ranks 5th of 163 countries.

[Read the Global Peace Index 2026 >](#)



OUR CITY

Cork: Ireland's 'Real Capital'



Ireland's second city

Small, friendly and easy to walk around



Festivals, food and music

Jazz and film festivals, the English Market, live music



A global business hub

Apple's European HQ and around 190 multinationals



National Geographic

Named on the 'Best of the World 2025' list

[Watch: Cork >](#)

[Fly over Cork >](#)

PART 2

Our university

University College Cork: Begin. Belong. Become.

[Watch: Welcome to UCC >](#)



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK IN NUMBERS



A world-class university

1845

Founded

Over 180 years of history

#220

QS World Rankings 2027

Up 26 places. Highest since 2013

26,000+

Students

From more than 100 countries

2nd

In the world for sustainability

UI GreenMetric 2025

1st

Green Flag campus

The first university in the world to earn one

30+

Years of the Language Centre

Teaching English at UCC since 1994

Not just a language school. A university.

Your English course comes with everything a world-ranked university offers.

A typical private language school

- ✗ One standalone building
- ✗ Language students only
- ✗ Classrooms and little else
- ✗ A commercial school timetable
- ✗ Few chances to meet local students

UCC Language Centre

- ✓ A historic campus, founded in 1845
- ✓ 26,000+ university students to meet
- ✓ Libraries, gallery, sports arena, 100+ societies
- ✓ A QS World Top 220 university
- ✓ A pathway to UCC degree study

PART 3 • OUR LANGUAGE CENTRE

A friendly team at the heart of campus

O'Rahilly Building, main campus

Max 15 students per class

Ages 18+, no upper age limit

Courses all year round

Care. Community. Curriculum.



1. Care

- Your own Individual Learning Plan
- Regular feedback from your Main Course Tutor
- Highly qualified teachers
- Help settling in and pastoral support



2. Community

- A welcoming international environment
- Conversation exchanges and cultural events
- Access to 100+ UCC societies and clubs
- A strong sense of belonging



3. Curriculum

- Real-world English for work, study and life
- Presentations, writing and teamwork
- Problem-solving and intercultural skills
- Confidence for interviews and careers

FULL-TIME ENGLISH PROGRAMMES

Your learning, step by step



Placement and needs analysis

We find your level and put you in the right class



Individual Learning Plan

Personal goals that you and your tutor track together



Regular assessment

Scheduled feedback so you can see your progress



English beyond class

Activities that get you speaking English every day

Find the right course



English for Work and Life

General English, A2 to C2, from 2 weeks



Academic English

B1+ to C1, from 4 weeks, IELTS focus



Study & Work Programme

8 months: 25 weeks of classes plus work



Semester Abroad

For partner universities, credit transfer



Pre-sessional

Reach the English level for your UCC degree



Summer School

Mid-June to late August, join any Monday



Business & Professional

Summer course, B1+ to C2



Teacher Training

CELTA and Erasmus+ teacher courses

MOST POPULAR

English for Work and Life

General English for daily life, work and travel

20 or 16

lessons a week

Max 15

students per class

A2 to C2

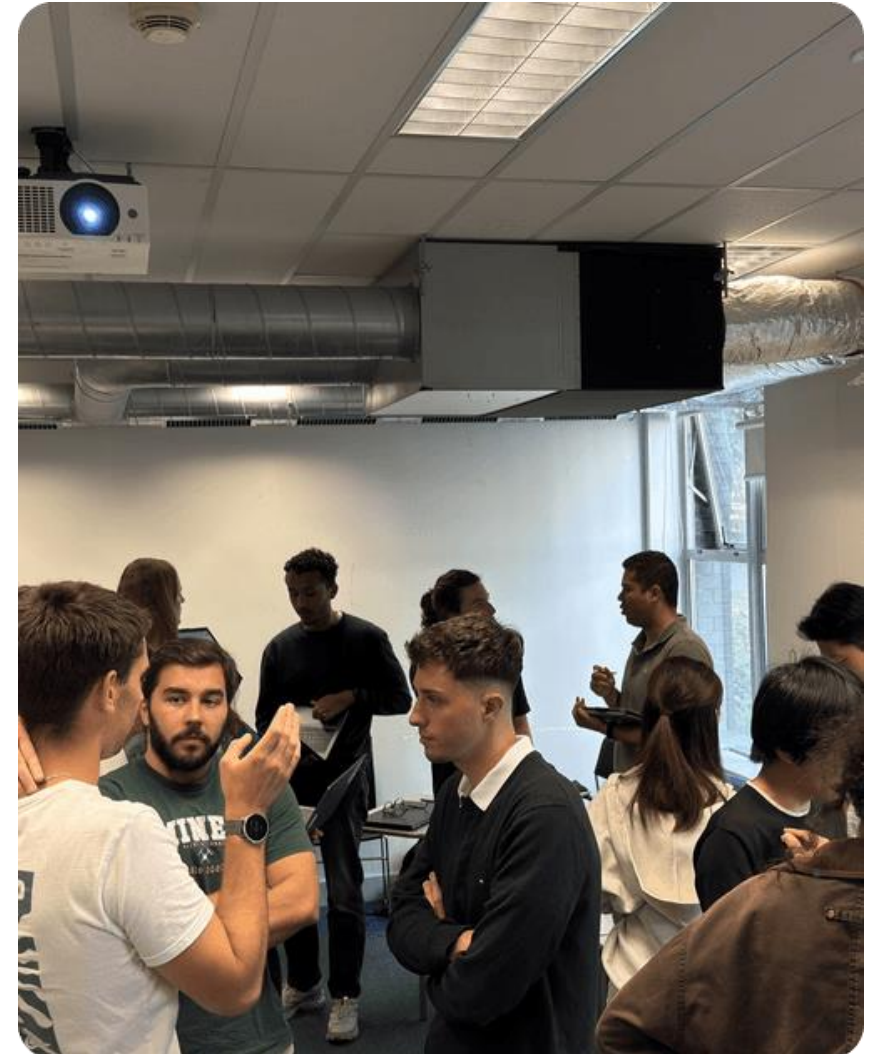
all levels welcome

2 wks+

flexible length

Classes	09:00 to 13:00, plus independent study
Free extra	2 Communicative Skills lessons a week, free of charge
Start dates	Published Mondays all year; any Monday in summer
Exams	IELTS, Cambridge B2 First, C1 Advanced, C2 Proficiency
You receive	Language Centre assessment and certificate

[Course page >](#)



Academic English and Pre-sessional



Academic English

Academic skills for English-medium university study

- ✓ CEFR B1+ to C1 (IELTS 4.5 to 6.5)
- ✓ From 4 weeks, 20 or 16 lessons a week
- ✓ Classes of 6 to 15 students
- ✓ IELTS preparation (exam fee extra)

[Course page >](#)



Pre-sessional

Have a conditional offer from UCC? Close the gap.

- ✓ 6 weeks: €2,440 (online or on campus)
- ✓ 12 weeks: €4,230 (online or on campus)
- ✓ 16 weeks: €5,745 (online)
- ✓ Pass and you meet your degree's English requirement

[Course page >](#)

STUDY & WORK PROGRAMME

Study, work and travel for 8 months

25 weeks of English classes

20 hrs work a week during term

40 hrs work a week in June to Sept and 15 Dec to 15 Jan

€5,920 20 lessons **€4,890** 16 lessons

For non-EU students aged 18+. Exam fees separate. An exit exam is required.

Maya's story: from semester abroad to Master's

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If you are coming to Ireland, don't just learn English, but try to learn about Irish culture and history as well!

Maya Irie Menzl

Global Studies, Ryukoku University, Kyoto



2018

Semester abroad at UCC

Studied in a C1 class and lived with an Irish host family



Friends

Friendships that last

“The best part was that I met good friends here.”



Today

Master's in Applied Linguistics at UCC

She came back to Cork for her postgraduate degree

Semester Abroad for partner universities: 13 to 25+ weeks · UCC certificate and transcript · credits awarded by your home university

SUMMER SCHOOL 2027

Ten weeks of English and Irish summer



Join any Monday, stay from 2 weeks



20 or 16 lessons a week, 09:00 to 13:00



Free weekly social and Irish cultural events



Free communicative skills class



General, Academic, Business and Exam English

Summer 2027 starts on 14 June and runs to 20 August. 2027 prices will be published soon.

[Summer School page](#) ➔

PART 5 • STUDENT LIFE

It's not all about the classroom

The best way to improve your English is to use it every day, and as a Language Centre student at UCC, that is easy.



JOIN IN

Clubs and societies

50+

sports clubs

100+

societies

Japanese Society

Photography

Sailing

Karate

Fencing

Yoga & Meditation

Harry Potter

Sci-Fi

Trampoline

Equestrian

[Societies >](#)

[Sports clubs >](#)



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

From the Language Centre to first place

Yukoh Yamada from Japan joined the UCC Rowing Club and came first in his category at the 2025 University Rowing Championships.



SPORT AND LEISURE

The Mardyke Arena

One of Ireland's leading university sports centres. Free for Language Centre students.

25m

swimming pool

3

sports halls

2

squash courts

1

climbing wall

1

running track

mardykearena.com >



A beautiful campus to explore



Glucksman gallery

International art, workshops and a café



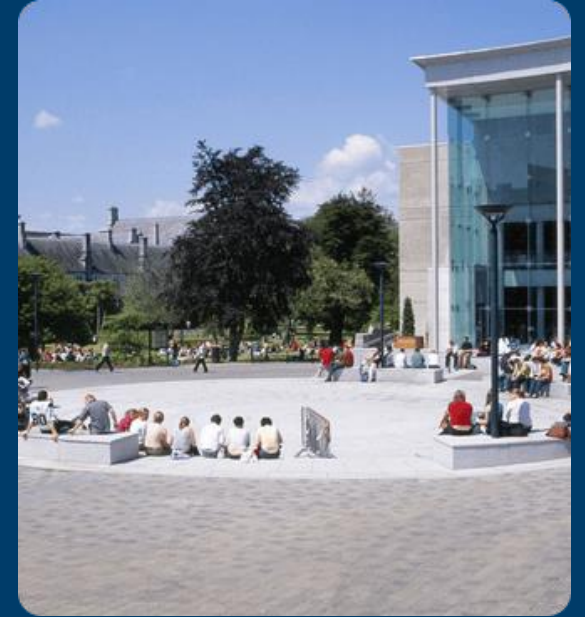
George Boole

UCC's first maths professor, father of the logic behind computers



Green spaces

Lawns, riverside walks and a wildflower meadow



Cafés and meeting places

Somewhere to relax with classmates after class



WELLBEING AND SUPPORT



We take great care of you

Your health and wellbeing matter to us. Help is always close by.



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What our students say



"I really like the classes because they were small classes. It was easier to speak out loud in the class because the group was small."

Martine Hande
Norway



"Cork is a very unique place to go. I like the culture and friendliness. I improved my speaking and listening with native speakers."

Jae Kyung Lee
South Korea



"I really like the mix of nationalities in UCC. The teachers were amazing, funny and kind and I learnt a lot."

Mateo Olavarriu Ragueneau
France

Your home in Cork



Irish host family

All year

- ✓ €310 a week (+€60 per extra night)
- ✓ Breakfast and evening meal
- ✓ Families carefully selected and monitored
- ✓ Our Host Family Co-ordinator supports you



Campus apartments

2027 prices
not yet available

Summer only

- ✓ Ensuite apartment: €270 a week (2026 prices)
- ✓ Castlewhite (not ensuite): €255 a week (2026 prices)
- ✓ Self-catering, live independently
- ✓ A short walk to your classes

Host family price from 23 August 2026. Campus prices are for summer 2026 (24 May to 22 August); 2027 to be confirmed.

[Accommodation >](#)

Five tips for a happy homestay



You are joining a family, not staying in a hotel



Communicate clearly and early



Speak English every day



Small acts of kindness go a long way



Be open to cultural differences



“At dinner we have great conversations with our students. We also help them with their homework.”

Pat and Matthew

Language Centre host family, Cork

From Tokyo to Cork



Tokyo

Narita or Haneda



European hub

London, Amsterdam or Paris



Cork Airport

One connection



UCC

About 20 minutes by taxi

Or fly to Dublin and take the bus or train to Cork (about 2.5 hours).

55 min

to London

90 min

to Amsterdam

30 min

to Kinsale

25 min

to Cobh

20 min

to Blarney Castle

Simple for Japanese passport holders



Up to 90 days

No visa needed. Enter Ireland as a visitor with your Japanese passport and your letter of acceptance.

Perfect for Summer School and short courses.

More than 90 days (e.g. Study & Work Programme)



No entry visa needed

Enrol on a 25-week programme on the official ILEP list



Show your funds

€833 a month: €6,665 for an 8-month stay



Private medical insurance

Full hospital cover. UCC has a special rate with Study and Protect



Register with Irish Immigration

IRP card fee €300. You receive Stamp 2 permission

We help: an arrival letter and support booking your immigration appointment



Clear prices, no registration fee

English for Work and Life

	20 lessons	16 lessons
4 weeks	€1,260	€985
8 weeks	€2,435	€1,930
12 weeks	€3,465	€2,770

Study & Work Programme

	20 lessons	16 lessons
8 months	€5,920	€4,890

25 weeks of classes, plus time to work or travel. Exam fees separate.

Summer School (2026 guide)

	20 lessons	16 lessons
4 weeks	€1,300	€1,110

Join any Monday, from 2 weeks. Summer 2027 prices coming soon.

No registration fee

Homestay €310 a week

Exam fees separate

Pay by card, TransferMate or bank transfer

Full price list and term dates: ucc.ie/esol/courses/pricelist

Prices per person in euro, tuition only. Please confirm current prices and dates with the Language Centre before booking.



Why study at our Language Centre?



1

Highly qualified teachers

Career professionals
dedicated to your progress



2

Progress in every skill

Speaking, listening, reading
and writing



3

Classes that get you talking

Enjoyable, dynamic and
communicative



4

Your own learning plan

Personal goals and regular
feedback



5

A top 220 university

Full access to UCC study
facilities

We take great care of you



6

Sport and relaxation after class

Free use of the Mardyke Arena



7

150+ clubs and societies

The fastest way to make friends and put your English into practice



8

Friends from everywhere

Join a truly international community



9

A real home in Cork

Host family or campus apartment



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Memories for life

In a small, friendly and safe city

Let's get started



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[Our website](#)



[Instagram](#)



Go raibh maith agaibh

ありがとうございました

Thank you. What questions do you have?

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