General English

General English courses for all levels

Quickly improve your English on our most popular English language course

English is the world's most widely spoken language, and you need it to succeed in the global community. We offer General English courses at all levels to help you build fluency in speaking, listening, reading and writing. What's more, you'll be immersed in a thrilling English-speaking city and provided with exciting cultural and social activities where you can practise your English. Whether you want to learn English for school, work or travel, our General English courses will speed up learning and open doors.

Reasons to take General English Courses at EC

- You want to learn English at your level—from beginner to advanced
- You want to take your English to the next level.
- You want real-world immersion and experience to speed you to fluency!

Level

Available for all levels

Course Duration

1 week minimum

Course start dates

Every Monday

Lessons per week

20, 24, 26 or 30 lessons

Lesson Duration

1 Lesson = 45 minutes

Locations

General English is available in all EC schools

Please note

In the USA, our General English course is known as "Vacation English."

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What can you expect on our General English courses?

Creative and energetic classes

When it comes to creating engaging lessons, our teachers know what works. Classes are dynamic and motivating, designed to build upon your strengths, while giving targeted attention to the areas in which you need more help. Relaxed and informal classroom environments create an encouraging atmosphere to help you build your confidence, realise your potential, and advance toward fluency.

Real-life application

We help you to develop your English systems (grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation) and skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening), while also building the learning skills that will give you the confidence to use what you've learned in real-life situations.

Learn by doing

At EC, progress is maximised as you are encouraged to learn by doing. Our task-based lessons promote class participation and interaction between students, We provide you the targeted support to help you achieve your academic goals. And our assessments give you feedback on how you are progressing and where you need more help.

Improved 'thinking time'

As your skills and confidence develop with support from your teachers, so too will your ability to listen, understand and respond quickly and effectively in English. You'll really notice these improvements when you take your English outside the classroom into everyday conversation with English-speaking locals, and find you need to think quickly on your feet.

Exceptional support

Your teachers are trained to deliver ongoing support, feedback and care throughout your time at EC. You will be taught by at least two teachers, exposing you to a variety of voices, improving your listening and boosting your vocabulary.

Authentic materials

We believe there is no substitute for authentic English, so in addition to textbooks, our teachers use real-life resources taken from newspapers, TV, radio and the internet. These authentic materials will give you an appreciation for how the English language is used in a variety of everyday contexts.

Explore our destinations

Boston
New York
New York 30+
San Francisco
Los Angeles
Montreal
Toronto
Toronto 30+
Vancouver
Vancouver 30+
London
London 30+
Cambridge
Brighton
Brighton 30+
Manchester
Dublin
Dublin 30+
Malta
Malta 30+
Cape Town
Cape Town 30+
Dubai

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Gives you a practical understanding of the English language and takes you all the way to fluency. See your confidence improve as we train you in all communication skills.

20 General English Lessonsper week

Locations: All schools
Min. course length: 1 week
Hours per week: 15
Lesson length: 45 minutes
Level: All levels
Start date: Every Monday

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This option includes four lessons per week in your choice of Special Focus lessons. This amount is a good balance of lesson time and free time during your stay.

20 General English Lessonsper week

+4 Special Focus Classes

Locations: All 30+ Schools, USA and Canada
Min. course length: 1 week
Hours per week: 18
Lesson length: 45 minutes
Level: All levels
Start date: Every Monday

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Combine 20 General English lessons with six Special Focus lessons every week. This is a more rigorous academic schedule with less free time for other activities compared to 20 lessons a week.

20 General English Lessonsper week

+6 Special Focus Classes

Locations: All 30+ Schools, USA and Canada
Min. course length: 1 week
Hours per week: 19.5
Lesson length: 45 minutes
Level: All levels
Start date: Every Monday

Get personal attention in small classes

Our maximum class size is 16 students or less, depending on the destination. Which is right for you?

Max 14

Malta
Malta 30+

Max 15

Boston
Brighton
Brighton 30+
Cambridge
Cape Town
Cape Town 30+
Dubai
Dublin
Dublin 30+
London
London 30+
Los Angeles
Manchester
New York
New York 30+
San Francisco

Max 16

EC Canada, on limited occasions, may reserve the right to teach classes up to a max of 18

Toronto
Toronto 30+
Vancouver
Vancouver 30+

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This intensive option allows you to personalise your course by taking ten lessons per week of Special Focus options. This is a good choice for students who want to progress quickly.

20 General English Lessonsper week

+10 Special Focus Classes

Locations: All schools
Min. course length: 1 week
Hours per week: 22.5
Lesson length: 45 minutes
Level: All levels
Start date: Every Monday