Academic Year Abroad

Academic Year at a glance

Level

Available for all levels

Locations

Academic Year is available in all EC destinations

Course Duration

24+ weeks

Course start dates

Every Monday

Lessons per week

20 / 24 / 26 / 30

Lesson Duration

1 Lesson = 45 minutes

Study English abroad for 24 weeks or more

24+ weeks of English full immersion. A lifetime of doors opening.

You already know that learning English can change your life. Maybe you just haven't taken that step yet. The EC Academic Year is that step: a structured, supportive, and fully immersive long-term English program that helps you go further than you imagined. This is not a holiday English course or just a few weeks of classroom drills. It's 24 weeks, 32 weeks, or even a full year living, learning, and growing in an English-speaking city. You'll build real fluency, real confidence, and an international network that stays with you long after you return home.

Why choose Academic Year Abroad

- Become a confident English speaker.
- Discover a new culture.
- Learn with the same class.
- Enjoy immersive activities.

What you get on an EC Academic Year Programme

Whether you want to prepare for university, your future or improve your language skills, we've got you covered.

Guaranteed English progress

EC's promise is simple: as long as you follow your personalised learning program, your English will improve. We support this with a rigorous, research-based curriculum built with National Geographic Learning, which is used in all EC schools worldwide. Every four weeks, you'll get a detailed progress assessment with specific feedback, so you can always see your growth.

A personalised learning journey, not a one-size-fits-all course

From your first day, your programme is shaped around you. You'll take a placement assessment, set personal goals with your academic adviser, and use EC's MyEC platform to track your progress and access additional learning resources. As your language level grows, so does the difficulty and complexity of your coursework, you're never standing still.

Cultural immersion

You'll experience first-hand the history, culture, and traditions of your host city, and you'll have plenty of opportunities to interact with English-speaking locals. You can even choose a multi-destination programme option and experience several cultures—with no disruption to your curriculum.

International certification recognised by universities and employers worldwide

EC Academic Year students can prepare for the world's most trusted English language qualifications, including IELTS, TOEFL, Cambridge B2 First and C1 Advanced, and TOEIC. These certifications are required by universities in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, and more, and are respected by employers in every major industry. (Exam offerings vary by school and require a minimum language level.)

Special Focus classes for targeted skill development

As part of your personalised learning programme, you can take Special Focus classes to focus on a particular area of need, such as grammar or exam skills (Special Focus classes are available on 24, 26 and 30 lessons per week courses). You can also take free language workshops, attend lectures and join conversation and pronunciation clinics for more ways to practise your English skills.

Full cultural and social immersion

Your EC experience goes beyond the classroom. You'll join a program of cultural and social activities like city tours, sports events, food experiences, concerts, day trips, and more. These activities put you in real English-speaking situations with classmates from around the world. The relationships you build here last.

English classes designed for interaction and growth

Our schools prioritise interaction and growth. We design our English programmes to encourage personal attention and connections between you, your classmates and your teacher. Receive the right amount of support you need to succeed!

Max 14

Malta
Malta 30+

Max 15

Boston
Brighton
Brighton 30+
Cambridge
Cape Town
Cape Town 30+
Dublin
Dublin 30+
Dubai
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+