
Erasmus+ Courses 2026



Beyond Language Learning



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Experience Tradition, Embrace Innovation

Gain confidence, skills and new perspectives



Why choose Emerald for your Erasmus+ Programme?

Our Erasmus+ courses combine expert-led tuition with hands-on workshops and vibrant intercultural exchange.



We are accredited by EAQUALS, QQI, and we are proud members of Quality English and IALC.

Who can apply?

These courses are funded by the EU Erasmus+ Programme for teachers, trainers, school staff, professionals, and higher education personnel.

We provide all necessary documentation (including STT invitation letters) to support your mobility grant application.

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What is Erasmus+?



Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme for education, training, youth, and sport, supporting professional development and mobility across Europe. At Emerald Cultural Institute, Erasmus+ funding enables teachers, educators, and staff from schools, colleges, and universities to take part in subsidized English language and professional training courses. These immersive programmes enhance language proficiency, intercultural skills, and modern teaching methodologies—equipping participants to thrive in international, multilingual environments.



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All courses include:

- Pre-course assessment & onboarding
- Teaching materials*
- Access to GEL learning platform
- Welcome kit
- Social and cultural activity programme
- Certificate of participation
- Full support from our academic and welfare teams

** Textbook, where required, not included*

English Language and Irish Culture

This course blends English language development with an exploration of Irish culture. Perfect for learners with at least A2 English, it aims to boost communication skills while exploring aspects of Ireland's rich heritage.

Mornings focus on building essential language skills – speaking, listening, reading, and writing – in an engaging classroom. Afternoons offer the opportunity to are all discover more about Irish culture, with one afternoon module focusing on Irish Culture and access to our social and cultural programme on other afternoons.



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| Required Level | A2+ |
| Start | Every Monday |
| Programme Hours | 25 hours per week |
| Fees | €495 per week |

Learning outcomes

- Improve English language skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing).
- Boost communication through cultural immersion.
- Gain a greater understanding of Irish culture, including its language, festivals, and history.

Enhanced English for Professionals

The Enhanced English for Professionals course blends English language improvement with essential professional skills. Morning sessions focus on general English development. One afternoon a week participants can access a module focusing on English for the workplace, including professional modules covering topics such as business presentations and interview techniques. Participants also enjoy a city orientation. This course delivers a comprehensive mix of language learning and career-focused communication.

Learning outcomes

- Improve English language proficiency for everyday and professional contexts.
- Develop essential workplace communication skills, including presentations and interviews.
- Gain confidence in professional interactions through targeted learning and personalised coaching.

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| Required Level | B1+ |
| Start | Every Monday |
| Programme Hours | 25 hours per week |
| Fees | €495 per week |



English and Intercultural Communication

The English & Intercultural Communication course combines robust English language learning with the opportunity to explore Irish culture and heritage. Participants will participate in our afternoon social and cultural programme which includes some guided tours and engaging on-campus activities. Participants also enjoy a full-day Saturday Heritage Expeditions to iconic sites such as Kilkenny's historic city and the Glendalough Monastic settlement.*



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| Required Level | A2+ |
| Start | Every Monday |
| Programme Hours | 25 hours per week |
| Fees | €495 per week |

Learning outcomes

- Demonstrate improved English proficiency through effective oral and written communication.
- Develop a deeper understanding of Irish culture and heritage via guided tours and cultural activities.
- Strengthen critical thinking skills.

*Please note, some activities may incur an extra cost.

English Language Development

The Language Development course develops the language skills needed for social interactions, professional settings, and travel, with a strong focus on real-world communication. Participants may also join Emerald's afternoon and evening social and cultural programme to practise their English in authentic settings.

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| Required Level | A1+ |
| Start | Every Monday |
| Programme Hours | 20 hours per week |
| Fees | €450 per week |



Learning outcomes

- Build the skills needed for everyday situations.
- Develop language for common real-life contexts.
- Strengthen your ability to handle routine interactions.
- Improve your confidence in familiar scenarios.

Lifelong Skills Pathway

Our Skills Pathway follows a general English foundation with a focus on skills needed to navigate everyday life and the professional sphere. The Skills Pathway is mediated via a task-based approach which may involve collaboration, applied communication and creative project work.

Learning outcomes

- Communicate effectively and confidently in a range of personal, professional, and intercultural contexts using appropriate language, tone, and strategies.
- Demonstrate enhanced collaboration, teamwork, and emotional intelligence through participation in task-based group projects and reflective activities.
- Critically engage with global, cultural, and environmental issues, showing awareness of diverse perspectives and applying this understanding in meaningful discussions and tasks.
- Apply digital tools and creative problem-solving strategies to complete project-based tasks, presentations, and real-world challenges.
- Reflect on personal learning goals and progress, identifying transferable skills for future academic, professional, or personal development.



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| Required Level | A2+ |
| Start | Every Monday from Summer 2026 |
| Programme Hours | 20 hours per week |
| Fees | €450 per week |

Effective English Teaching: Primary Years

This interactive course is specifically designed for primary school English language teachers, focusing on key pedagogical strategies for young learners. You'll gain a deeper understanding of effective teaching methodologies and explore practical approaches for the primary classroom. We'll cover inclusive teaching techniques to cater for diverse learner needs.

Each engaging session features hands-on activities, collaborative discussions, and a practical takeaway ready for immediate classroom application. By the end of the course, you'll be confident in creating and presenting comprehensive lesson plans that seamlessly integrate all the concepts learned.

Learning outcomes

- Design and adapt language activities tailored to specific proficiency levels.
- Develop effective classroom management techniques and engaging activities for young learners.
- Create differentiated language tasks that cater for diverse learner needs.
- Apply practical pedagogical strategies to enhance student engagement and language proficiency in the primary classroom.

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| Required Level | B1+ |
| Dates | July 13-17 August 10-14 |
| Programme Hours | 25 hours per week |
| Fees | €550 per week |



Effective English Teaching: Secondary Years



Learning outcomes

- Design and adapt language activities tailored to specific proficiency levels.
- Develop effective classroom management techniques and engaging activities for teenage learners.
- Create inclusive language tasks that cater for diverse learning needs.
- Apply practical pedagogical strategies to enhance student engagement and language proficiency in the secondary classroom.

This interactive course is specifically designed for secondary school English language teachers, focusing on key pedagogical strategies for teenage learners. You'll gain a deeper understanding of effective teaching methodologies and explore practical approaches for the secondary classroom. We'll cover inclusive teaching techniques to cater for diverse learning needs.

Each engaging session features hands-on activities, collaborative discussions, and a practical takeaway ready for immediate classroom application. By the end of the course, you'll be confident in creating and presenting comprehensive lesson plans that seamlessly integrate all the concepts learned.

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| Required Level | B2+ |
| Dates | July 13–17 |
| Programme Hours | 25 hours per week |
| Fees | €550 per week |

Integrating Digital Tools and AI in Language Teaching

Ready to transform your language classroom with the power of AI? This dynamic course, Integrating Digital Tools and AI in Language Teaching is designed for language educators eager to enhance their instructional practices with artificial intelligence.

We'll move beyond the basics, diving into diverse AI applications that powerfully support vocabulary development, writing improvement, listening, and speaking skills, alongside evolving methods for language assessment.

Each session is highly interactive, featuring group discussions, hands-on activities, and peer collaboration. You won't just learn about AI; you'll use it, developing concrete strategies and resources for immediate classroom implementation. By the end of the week, you'll have crafted personalised lesson plans and assessment methods, and developed your own ethical guidelines for using AI responsibly and effectively in your teaching.

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| Required Level | B1+ |
| Dates | April 20-24 May 25-29 Oct 19-23 |
| Programme Hours | 25 hours per week |
| Fees | €550 per week |

Learning outcomes

- Identify and critically assess a range of cutting-edge AI tools that enhance language learning across various contexts.
- Apply AI technologies to create innovative and interactive activities for vocabulary, writing, listening, and speaking, tailored to diverse student needs.
- Evaluate the effectiveness and ethical implications of AI-driven assessments in measuring language proficiency and informing instructional practices.
- Design and develop lesson plans that seamlessly integrate AI tools to promote student engagement and deepen language acquisition.

CLIL in Action: A Practical Toolkit

This interactive course is designed to help you create engaging new lessons that will revitalise both you and your students. You'll discover effective techniques and learn how to adapt materials specifically for CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning).

The course is structured around workshop-style modules. These hands-on sessions include practical tasks and provide immediate takeaways that you can implement in your lessons straight away. The workshops equip participants with a working knowledge of key CLIL concepts and a selection of practical activities suitable for both primary and secondary levels. Recognising the importance of a teacher's language proficiency in CLIL, the course also includes dedicated language-development classes every morning.

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| Required Level | B1+ |
| Dates | March 2-7 August 17-21 |
| Programme Hours | 25 hours per week |
| Fees | €550 per week |

Learning outcomes

- Develop tasks, activities, and materials that actively support CLIL in the classroom.
- Evaluate materials to ensure their effectiveness within a CLIL context.
- Plan effective CLIL lessons that carefully consider different learning stages.
- Demonstrate awareness of and apply approaches to inclusivity in CLIL.



Teacher Wellbeing

In the demanding landscape of modern education, teacher wellbeing is not just a personal benefit but a cornerstone of effective teaching and positive learning environments.

This one-week, immersive course delves into the science and practical strategies for cultivating and sustaining your own wellbeing, enhancing emotional resilience, and fostering truly positive classroom dynamics.

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| Required Level | B1+ |
| Dates | March 16 -20 July 27 -31 |
| Programme Hours | 25 hours per week |
| Fees | €550 per week |

Drawing on cutting-edge research from pioneers in the field, including insights from Sarah Mercer, Deci & Ryan's Self-Determination Theory, and Tish Jennings' mindful teaching approaches, this course offers a rich blend of theory and actionable techniques. You will be guided through reflective practices to explore your teaching identity and purpose, while developing a personalised toolkit of coping strategies to navigate stress and prevent burnout.

Join us to reconnect with your passion for teaching, enhance your resilience, and create a more joyful and sustainable professional life.

Learning outcomes

- Identify key factors influencing teacher wellbeing and emotional resilience.
- Develop and apply a personalised toolkit of practical strategies for managing stress and enhancing personal wellbeing.
- Analyse the interconnectedness of teacher wellbeing with student motivation, engagement, and learning outcomes.
- Reflect critically on your teaching identity and purpose to foster a more sustainable and fulfilling professional practice.
- Implement techniques to cultivate positive emotions and dynamics within the classroom environment.



Inclusive Language Learning and UDL

This dynamic course empowers language teachers with the essential knowledge and practical skills to design and deliver truly accessible and engaging lessons.

You will delve into the core principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), understanding how to proactively remove barriers to learning for all students, regardless of their learning styles, strengths, or challenges.

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| Required Level | B1+ |
| Dates | March 9-13 June 8-12 August 24-28 |
| Programme Hours | 25 hours per week |
| Fees | €550 per week |



Learning outcomes

- Explain the core principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and their relevance to education.
- Identify common barriers to learning in language classrooms and apply UDL guidelines to proactively remove them.
- Design and adapt materials and activities offering multiple means of engagement and representation for diverse learners.
- Implement differentiated instructional strategies to cater for a wide range of learning needs.
- Create an inclusive classroom environment that empowers all language learners.



Through interactive sessions, collaborative activities, and hands-on practice, you'll learn concrete strategies for adapting materials, differentiating instruction, and providing flexible pathways for language acquisition.

Sustainability: Empowering Educators for a Greener Future

This Programme is designed to equip educators with the knowledge, tools, and strategies needed to effectively integrate sustainability education into their teaching. Participants will gain practical activities, project-based learning ideas, student engagement strategies, and real-world connections to make sustainability education meaningful and impactful.



Learning outcomes

- Explore key sustainability concepts (environmental, social, and economic).
- Expand the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to achieve a sustainable and green future,
- Gain tools to integrate sustainability into any curriculum subject

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| Required Level | B1+ |
| Dates | Contact the Institute for dates and fees |

Accommodation Options



Residence

- Self-catering
- Single room ensuite/private bathroom
- Shared kitchen and lounge
- Summer Supplement:
(25 May – 31 August)



Homestay

- Half-board (breakfast and dinner)
- Single room



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Courses on fixed dates require a minimum number of participants.
Contact us for availability and further details.

