

Edinburgh College

Summer School Programme

2026



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This city is so beautiful and so interesting.
And people are so kind. I love this city!

YUKA, JAPAN

It was a fantastic experience. I met a lot of new friends, with whom I learned new things about English and life. I totally recommend this Summer School to people who want to improve their English and who want to discover the magical city of Edinburgh.

AMADEO, ITALY



WELCOME TO EDINBURGH COLLEGE

Edinburgh College is one of Scotland's largest English Language providers.

For more than 35 years we've been welcoming students from all over the world to study English at our Sighthill Campus.

Our summer courses during July and August offer varied, interesting and challenging English programmes in a friendly environment. Our classes are suitable for English Language students of all levels from Elementary to Advanced (our courses are not suitable for beginners). Classes are small (maximum 15 students), and led by experienced and enthusiastic tutors. Edinburgh College is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK, so our courses are externally inspected and meet high quality standards. You can choose to study with us for a minimum of 2 weeks up to a maximum of 8 weeks, and can book a combination of courses to ensure that your time spent studying at Edinburgh College is productive and enjoyable.

Scotland is a historic nation famous for its warm welcome and long tradition of learning and culture. You will never be short of things to do here: you can experience outdoor activities, festivals, museums, nights out and our delicious Scottish cuisine.

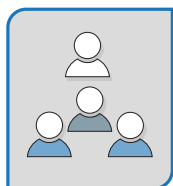
Edinburgh is Scotland's capital city, and its second largest city. The city is compact, safe and cosmopolitan. It's easy to get around using the excellent public transport system and the great social scene makes it a fantastic place to study. Every August you can experience Scotland's distinctive culture in the Edinburgh International Festival – a celebration of music, dancing, drama and comedy.



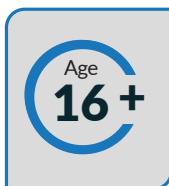
For more information

www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/summerschool

Summer School



Maximum 15 students per class



Minimum age 16. No maximum



Dates 29 June - 21 August 2026

Location

Edinburgh, Scotland

Sighthill Campus

20 minutes by bus or tram from the city centre

Campus Facilities

Library, free internet, Sports Centre, coffee shop, cafeteria

Start dates

29 June, 6, 13, 20, 27 July, 3, 10 August 2026

Courses

General English

Intensive English, options include:

- Academic Writing for Higher Education
- English and UK Culture
- English for Business
- English for Tourism
- IELTS Preparation
- Presentation Skills

Social and Cultural Programme

Accommodation

Homestay available

My favourite thing about the course was being able to speak my mind, finding new friends and just having fun while studying.

KIRILL, RUSSIA



COURSES

There are a range of flexible study options available to you throughout your time at Edinburgh College Summer School. All students follow the core programme **General English**. Students on our **Intensive English** programme may choose from a range of modules including English for Business, English and UK Culture, IELTS Preparation and Presentation Skills. Students on all courses can choose to join our **Social and Cultural Programme**.

General English

This course focuses on all the skills you need to improve your English. Our communicative lessons work on your speaking, listening, reading and writing as well as activating and extending your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. Suitable for elementary to advanced level, our aim is to help you feel more confident when using English in a range of everyday situations. Students receive an Edinburgh College certificate on completion.

You will:

- Improve your communication skills, functional language and pronunciation.
- Focus on developing practical and functional skills, rather than just learning grammar or vocabulary.
- Engage in project-based work that will allow you to explore the local community more and build collaborative and employability skills.
- Prioritise meaningful, communicative language over traditional exercises.
- Be encouraged to develop an awareness of your own strengths and weaknesses.
- Be encouraged to reflect on your own progress and set goals for your improvement.

Social Programme

Our social programme gives students the opportunity to visit places of historical and cultural importance in and around the city, as well as a chance to experience Edinburgh's great entertainment scene.

The Social and Cultural Programme includes 2 afternoon activities, 1 evening activity and 1 full-day Saturday excursion per week.

Incredible teacher, teaching methods are perfect, he makes learning fun and enjoyable for everyone, when I become an English teacher I want to be like him.

NOAH, FRANCE

Intensive English

We recognise that every student's learning needs are unique to them. We have developed a dynamic curriculum that allows you to choose and change your modules each month. With different modules on offer you can put more focus on areas of English you would like to develop or simply what you enjoy!

Modules are subject to availability and will run according to student demand. Options include:

- Academic Writing for Higher Education
- English & UK Culture
- English for Business
- English for Tourism
- IELTS Preparation
- Presentation Skills

IELTS Preparation | B1+

For Intermediate+ students who are preparing to take an IELTS examination in the future. An overview of the reading and writing components of the exam, the strategies needed for the question types and tasks, and a close look at vocabulary.

Academic Writing for Higher Education | B2 +

Preparation for further study at college or university level. Develop critical analysis skills and writing structure.

English and UK Culture | A1-C1

This module will enable you to learn more about UK and Scottish language and culture, and will focus on local customs, dialects and regional slang.

English for Business | A2-C1

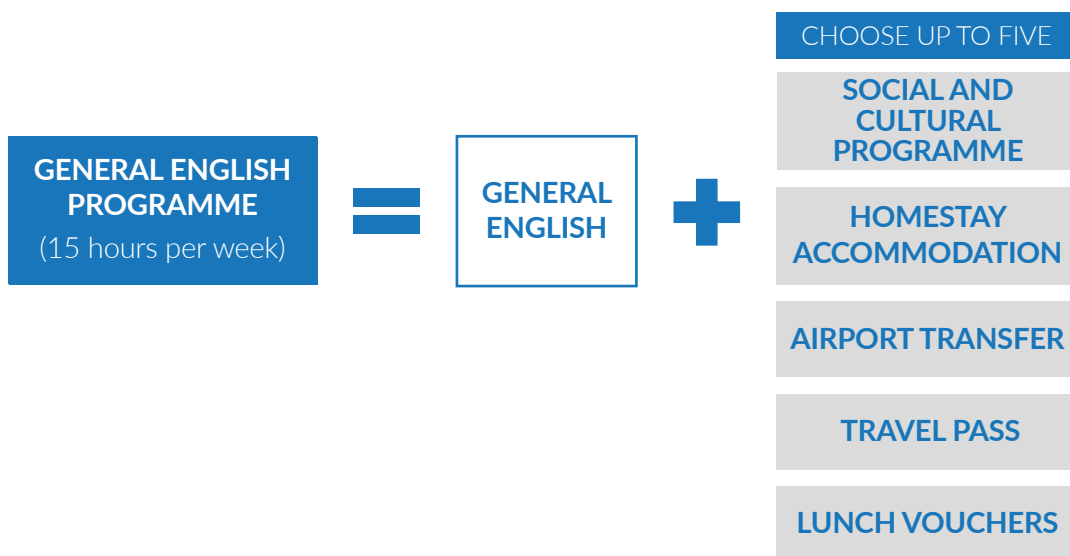
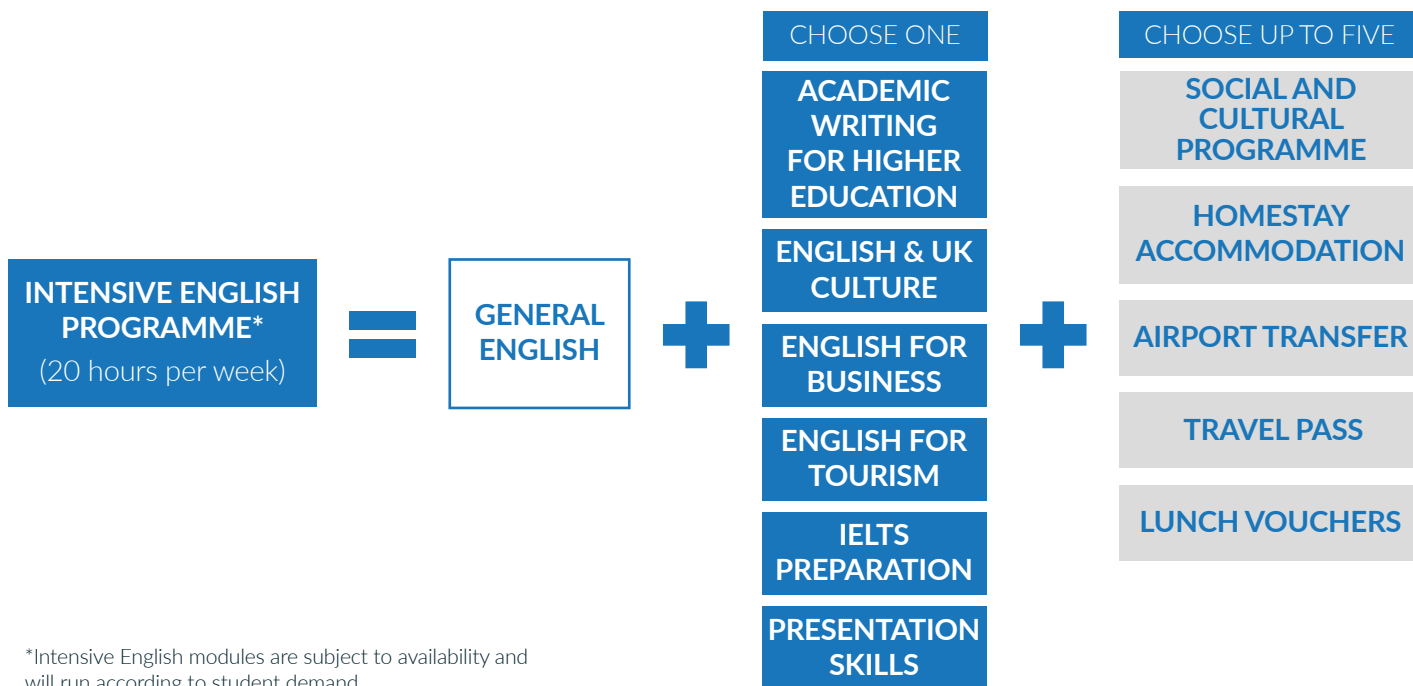
This module will enable you to learn key phrases, concepts and communication styles to help you with future studies in Business subjects as well as skills for your future career.

English for Tourism | A1-C1

This module will enable you to learn key phrases, concepts and communication styles to help you with future studies in Tourism and Travel subjects as well as skills for your future career.

Presentation Skills | A2-C1

Learn to create successful presentations and gain confidence to speak in front of an audience.



Timetable	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	General English		Social and Cultural Programme	
Tuesday	General English		Intensive English modules	
Wednesday	General English		Social and Cultural Programme	
Thursday	General English		Intensive English modules	Social and Cultural Programme
Friday	General English			
Saturday	Social and Cultural Programme: Full day excursion			

Morning classes include a 30 minute break. Afternoon classes include a 15 minute break



SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The Atrium

The Atrium is a large, bright social space where students can relax between classes.



Cafeteria

The cafeteria provides a good selection of hot and cold meals, sandwiches and refreshments Monday to Friday. The Sighthill Campus also has a coffee bar where you can buy coffee, tea and snacks.

Computer Access

Computers and WiFi are available across the campus and can be accessed for free by our students.

Our computer-aided language software can help to improve your English grammar and vocabulary.

Library

The College offers a range of resources and materials to support students with their studies, including English Language study books, graded readers, exam practice materials, newspapers and magazines.

Prayer Room

Male only and female only Prayer Rooms are available to students of all religions for quiet prayer and meditation.

Social Rooms

A Quiet Room and a Social Room are available for students to use during break times. The College also has a large Atrium and outdoor gardens where students socialise outside of class time.

Student Support

We are proud of the support that we offer to our international students.

Our dedicated International Team are available to help from your first point of enquiry through to completion of studies, progression to another course of study, or your return back home.

We provide:

- Application support
- Accommodation advice and homestay placements
- Visa support and advice
- Pre-arrival information, course and college induction
- A programme of social and cultural activities
- Information on activities in Edinburgh and Scotland
- A 24-hour emergency contact number

Care of Under 18s

The college works to ensure a safe learning environment for all our students, but this is especially true for those under the age of 18. There are a range of support systems in place for our Summer School students.

However, please note:

- Edinburgh College does not provide 24 hour supervision of students
- Students under the age of 18 will study in classes with adults of all ages
- Students will travel unsupervised between homestay and the college
- Students will be unsupervised when not in class or in their homestay

For more information about the care we provide for students under the age of 18, please request a copy of our Summer School Information for Parents.

I loved every moment that I've spent here so it's very difficult to choose only one. The friends that I've made here made every memory more enjoyable..

AINA, SPAIN



SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Join our Social & Cultural Programme to make the most of your summer in Edinburgh!



The Social Programme gives you the opportunity to explore some of the historical and cultural highlights of Edinburgh and Scotland, as well as having time to get to know your classmates better outside the classroom.

Edinburgh city has an amazing variety of visitor activities including historic and religious sites, parks and beaches, museums, galleries, theatres, a castle and a royal palace. Edinburgh is also a great base to explore other parts of Scotland and the UK, and is home to dozens of major arts and cultural festivals throughout the year, including the world's largest arts festival, Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August.

The Summer School Social Programme includes 2 afternoon activities, 1 evening activity and 1 full-day Saturday excursion per week.

Here are some sample activities based on previous years:

- Discover Scotland's past, present and future at the National Museum
- Relish the Royal grandeur of The Palace of Holyroodhouse and Falkland Palace & Gardens
- Connect with nature at Edinburgh's Royal Botanic Gardens, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park
- Explore iconic Edinburgh Castle and experience the spectacular Edinburgh Military Tattoo performance
- Visit Glasgow and pretty seaside towns like St Andrews and Anstruther
- Enjoy an evening of dance and music at a traditional Scottish ceilidh

Useful Websites

Visit Scotland
www.visitscotland.com

This is Edinburgh
www.edinburgh.org

Edinburgh Festivals
www.edinburghfestivalcity.com

Edinburgh Fringe Festival
www.edfringe.com

Edinburgh International Festival
www.eif.co.uk

Edinburgh Military Tattoo
www.edintattoo.co.uk

Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival
www.edinburghjazzfestival.com

Edinburgh is a miraculous city that enchants every visitor and makes them fall in love from first sight with its magnificent castles, wonderful architecture and stunning landscape.

**GULNORA KHOLIYAROVA,
UZBEKISTAN**



GROUP PROGRAMMES

English Language Groups

Teachers and agents should note that discounts are available for group bookings of more than 10 students.

We can design a programme for your students, including tuition, accommodation, a social and cultural programme and transport.

Tuition can be in international Summer School classes or, if your students have a particular interest or focus, we can tailor-make a course just for them. Edinburgh College offers a wide range of courses in different curriculum areas, and some groups may wish to combine their English Language studies with additional classes in a different subject area such as Business, Creative Industries, Engineering, Hospitality, Multimedia, Photography or Tourism.

Groups who are considering further study in the UK may also wish to incorporate a visit to a university campus, or experience a sample lecture from a visiting university lecturer.

A variety of accommodation options can be booked for groups, including homestay, residential accommodation, or hotel accommodation (subject to availability).

Airport transfers, lunch packages and travel passes can also be included if required.

I enjoyed the course. I have greater motivation to speak English. My favourite thing about the course were the games and group activities.

AKI YAMAMOTO, JAPAN

Edinburgh is a fantastic and nice city, you need to spend two or more weeks to visit all the places. Edinburgh looks like in the movies!

PEPE MELGARES NATOLI, SPAIN

Teacher Training

Edinburgh College is a long established provider of Teacher Development Programmes for groups of professionals from many different countries. Programmes are available for both teachers of English and teachers of other subjects. Teachers of all levels are catered for, from new teachers just entering the profession to experienced teachers requiring to refresh and develop their skills.

Teacher Development Programmes can take place at the College, online or in your home country - this can depend on the type of qualification required and your own preferences for delivery. Some programmes may combine delivery in both Edinburgh and your home country.



For more information about group programmes contact: summerschool@edinburghcollege.ac.uk





AND HOW TO APPLY

How to apply

Stage 1

Complete our online Summer School Application Form. www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/International/Apply-For-Summer-School. Students aged 16 and 17 will be sent the Summer School Information for Parents and Parental Agreement Form. This must be signed by a parent or guardian before we can confirm your place on the course.

Stage 2

We will check your application, and will send you a Conditional Offer Letter to confirm the details of your booking, and the total course fee. At this stage you will need to pay a £250 non-refundable deposit to confirm your place on the course. You may also pay your fees in full at this stage. If you require a visa to study in the UK, we may request a higher deposit / full fee payment.

Stage 3

We will send you an Unconditional Offer Letter and an information pack with more details about your course, the college and Edinburgh, including maps and instructions for the first day of your course.

Stage 4

Book your accommodation. Edinburgh is a popular travel destination and becomes very busy during the summer months. We recommend you book accommodation early to avoid disappointment. You can book Homestay accommodation directly with us.

Stage 5

Pay your remaining fees. These will be due four weeks before your Summer School start date.

For details of our Refund Policy, please see our website or contact us

All applications and enquiries to:

Summer School Office

Edinburgh College

Sighthill Campus

Bankhead Avenue

Edinburgh EH11 4DE

Scotland UK

Tel: +44 (0) 131 297 9995

Email: summerschool@edinburghcollege.ac.uk

My favourite thing about my English classes was speaking with people of other nationalities. I have learned a lot and I think the next year I will be in intermediate level.

MANUEL ORTEGA, SPAIN

The IELTS teacher gave attention to every student and corrected individual problems. Everything she told us before the exam helped to avoid frequent mistakes.

ANA LARINA, LITHUANIA



ACCOMMODATION

Homestay - Affordable Accommodation

The College can arrange your homestay accommodation before you arrive. Most of the accommodation is close to our Sighthill Campus on the west side of Edinburgh, approximately 15 - 20 minutes from the city centre by bus or car.

A range of affordable options are available. Many students choose to stay with a homestay host, as this provides an excellent way of practising your English. We do our best to ensure students from the same country are not placed in the same household.

Edinburgh College has a dedicated Accommodation Officer who can arrange homestay accommodation for students, and is available to help with any accommodation questions or problems.

All of our homestay accommodation is inspected at least every two years by Accommodation staff in accordance with Accreditation UK (British Council) criteria.

You can choose either Half Board or Self Catering Homestay.

Homestay Half Board

Enjoy breakfast and evening meals with your homestay host. You are invited to participate in the life of the household, giving you more opportunities to practise your English and learn about the Scottish way of life.

£225* per week - single room.

Homestay Self Catering

You shop for food and prepare your own meals. This provides you with more flexibility and independence.

£195* per week - single room.

Demand for homestay accommodation in Edinburgh is high in the summer, so you should apply as early as you can.



Care of Under 18s

We strongly recommend that students under 18 should stay in homestay accommodation (half board) during their time in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh College will only place a student under the age of 18 with a homestay host following a satisfactory PVG scheme (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check on all adult members of the family.

Students under the age of 18 must return to their homestay by 11.00pm each night.

For more information about the care we provide for students under the age of 18, please request a copy of our Summer School Information for Parents.

My host is very kind and she takes care of me like her own daughter.

JULIE GUYOT, FRANCE

* includes £25 per week Summer School supplement

Hostels

Hostels are a cheap option for short stays. You will usually share a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen facilities.

To book, contact the hostel directly.

Staysafe Edinburgh
smart-city-hostel.edinburgh-hotel.org/en/

Tel: +44 (0) 131 524 1989

Edinburgh Central
(Scottish Youth Hostels Association)
www.syha.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0) 131 524 2090

Useful websites for other accommodation:

Hotels, guest houses, B&Bs, hostels:
www.visitscotland.com/accommodation

Student flats:
www.studentpad.co.uk
www.gumtree.com/edinburgh

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Halls of Residence

The Sighthill Campus does not have a student residence. There are student residences located at our Milton Road and Granton Campuses, please contact us for more details.

There are also a limited number of rooms in Halls of Residence in the city centre. It is more expensive than homestay accommodation, but some students prefer this chance to live independently.

You will normally have your own bedroom, and share a kitchen with other students. Some bedrooms have en-suite facilities; in others there will be a shared bathroom.

You should contact and book directly with:

Edinburgh First
(University of Edinburgh accommodation)
www.edinburghfirst.com

Tel: +44 (0) 131 651 2007

Euro Hostel Edinburgh
www.eurohostels.co.uk/edinburgh

Tel: +44 (0) 8454 900 461

UNITE
(Private student accommodation)
www.unitestudents.com/edinburgh

Tel: +44 117 302 7497

Edinburgh Napier University
www.napier.ac.uk/about-us/venue-hire/summer-accommodation






Tel: +44 (0) 131 455 3738





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