



Edinburgh College

English Language Learning and Professional Training

Accredited by the
BRITISH COUNCIL
for the teaching
of English in the UK



Welcome to Edinburgh College

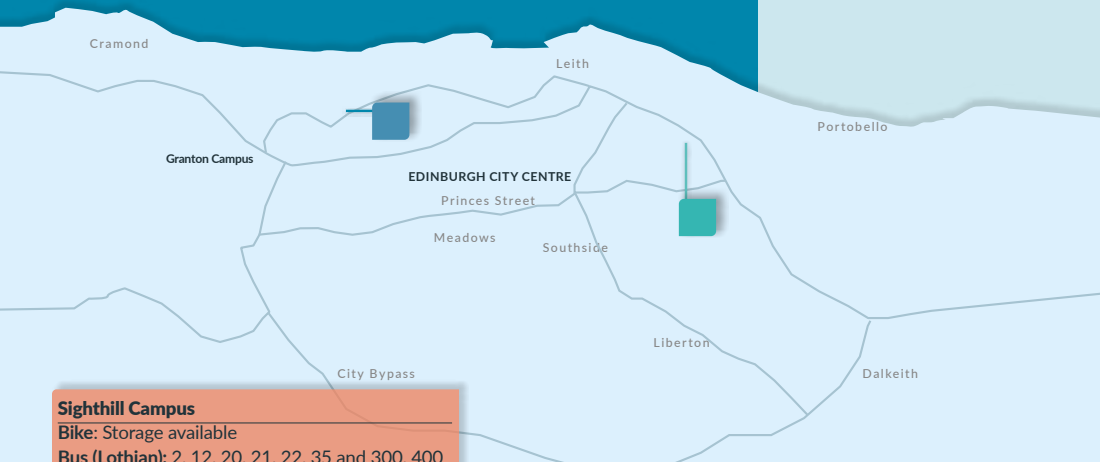
Edinburgh College is one of Scotland's largest colleges with around 26,000 students across four campuses in Edinburgh and the Lothians. Offering a wide variety of vibrant vocational and academic courses, Edinburgh College provides flexible learning opportunities to suit all learning needs. Whatever path you choose we offer over 700 courses from access to degree level and continuing professional development to help you achieve your future career ambitions.

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 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.



Sighthill Campus
Bike: Storage available
Bus (Lothian): 2, 12, 20, 21, 22, 35 and 300, 400
Car: Car parking with permit
Liftshare: Share journey with others
Train: Edinburgh Park stop
Tram: Bankhead Avenue stop

Our English Language programmes are delivered at our Sighthill Campus, located in the west of the city.

You can plan your journey to campus using the Traveline Scotland website here [travelinescotland.com/its/#/travelInfo](https://www.travelinescotland.com/its/#/travelInfo)

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Why Edinburgh College?

High quality teaching

We pride ourselves on our high quality course provision. Our large English teaching team are highly trained, experienced and qualified.

Experience

Each year we deliver courses to over 1500 students, teachers and professionals on our English Language and Teacher Training programmes, which have been running for over 30 years.

Quality assurance

Edinburgh College is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK. As a government funded Further Education college we are also externally inspected by Education Scotland – the Scottish Government's quality assurance body.

Extra mile student support

The health, safety and happiness of our students is our priority and our dedicated international support team are here to help. All students receive a 24-hour emergency phone number in case they experience difficulties outside of our opening hours.

Immersive college experience

With four campuses across Edinburgh we are one of the top providers in Scotland for local and international students to study and gain new skills for their career. You will experience studying in a British and international setting.

A social programme to remember!

Our social programme gives students the opportunity to explore the historical and cultural highlights of Edinburgh and Scotland, including Edinburgh the festival city in August.

Friendly homestay hosts

We have our own dedicated Accommodation Officer and we provide a bespoke service to match students with one of our friendly homestay hosts.



Professional development

Many students improve their English in order to further their careers. As one of Scotland's largest vocational colleges we offer a wide variety of career programmes.



Experience Edinburgh

Welcome to Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city and one of the world's top student destinations.

What makes Edinburgh such a great place to study?

In 2018, Edinburgh was ranked "the best place to live and study in the UK", and was rated the second best city in the world for excellent quality of life.^{1,2}



Historic Capital

You can visit the world famous Edinburgh Castle, or take a walk down the historic cobbled streets of the Old Town. Throughout the city you can also discover fascinating museums and galleries.



¹Royal Mail, 2018, ²Financial Times, 2017, ³Luxury Travel Guide Awards, 2017

Culture

The city has an amazing variety of visitor activities including historic sites, landmarks and statues, nature and parks, cultural tours, religious sites and places of worship, and many more points of interest for you to explore.

Student City

Edinburgh has a large student population as it is home to Edinburgh College and also four universities. It is a fantastic place to study with lively bars, clubs and restaurants across the city centre.



Festivals

Edinburgh hosts 12 major festivals every year with over 25,000 performers and 4.2 million visitors from over 70 countries. Our top picks are the summer's International Fringe Festival and Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations at New Year. These were both voted Event and Final Destination of the year.³



Getting around

Edinburgh is also an ideal base to explore the UK and beyond. From Edinburgh International Airport you can fly to London in just an hour and a half, visit some of Europe's most popular cities including Paris and Barcelona and fly to many international destinations including Beijing, Abu Dhabi and New York. With excellent rail and bus links throughout the UK, Edinburgh is the perfect place to begin your journey.

Edinburgh is only ...

1.5 hours from London

1.5 hours from Amsterdam

2 hours from Paris

8 hours from Dubai

11 hours from Beijing



Stirling Castle

Just 50 minutes from Edinburgh



Scotland's Highland Games

Dancers, traditional games and food.



The Jacobite Steam Train

Used in many Hollywood movies including Harry Potter.



Ben Nevis

The UK's highest mountain.

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

The Prayer Room is available to students of all religions for quiet prayer and meditation.

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:

- Help with making your application to Edinburgh College
- Accommodation placement and information
- Visa application advice
- Pre-departure advice before you travel to the UK
- Information on activities in Edinburgh and Scotland
- A 24-hour emergency contact number

Students Under 18

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 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 Information for Parents.

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.

Homestay Self Catering

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

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



Under 18s in Accommodation

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.

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

JULIE GUYOT, FRANCE

Our Courses

We are delighted to introduce our new international programmes which are specifically created to help you improve your English language skills, further enhance your professional skills and have a rich cultural experience in Scotland. Our new offer for 2022 includes:

Year-round English language programmes for all levels

- General English (15 hours per week of General English)
- Intensive English (20 hours per week of General English + Intensive English Modules)
- Monthly start dates
- Study for anything from 2-44 weeks

Summer School

- Our same great General English and Intensive English courses, but with weekly start dates
- Enhanced social programme

English Language Teacher Training

- Cambridge CELTA
- Online teacher training courses in Methodology, Trainer Training, CLIL and EMI
- Bespoke group programmes

a level test so you can join a class with students of a similar level. As you progress through your studies you will move up through the levels. Every month you will meet your tutor one-to-one to discuss your studies and receive personal support to ensure you progress.

* All class options are subject to availability depending on student numbers.



Level	Beginner	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Advanced	Proficiency
	A0	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
Exam equivalent	n/a	n/a	IELTS: 2.5 - 3.5 TOEFL 31 CAE KET	IELTS: 4.0 - 5.5 TOEFL: 32 - 46 CAE PET	IELTS: 5.5 - 6.5 TOEFL: 46 - 79 CAE First	IELTS: 7.0 - 8.0 TOEFL: 94 - 114 CAE Advanced	IELTS: 8.5 - 9.0 TOEFL 115 - 120 CAE Proficiency
Courses available	General English	General English Intensive English	General English Intensive English	General English Intensive English Professional Certificates	General English Intensive English Professional Certificates Teacher Training	General English Intensive English Professional Certificates Teacher Training	Teacher Training

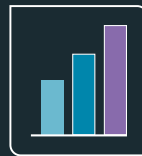
Year-round English Language programmes



General English

Our engaging syllabus 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. You will improve your communication skills, functional language and pronunciation. Our aim is to help you feel more confident when using English and to progress through the levels. Our team of lecturers are experienced in getting the best out of our students and will help you make the improvements in your English you are looking for. Our teaching team receives consistently excellent feedback and are dedicated to their subject. All of our teachers are enthusiastic, experienced and teach in a friendly and interesting way. You will take a placement test on your first day, so we can find the best level to meet your needs. You will have opportunities during your course to give feedback and input on what you would like to do in your monthly one-to-one tutorial.

Key Facts



Beginner to Advanced Level



15 hours per week



Maximum class size 15 students

How will you learn?

In lessons you will study together as a class, in small groups or with a partner. Your teacher will expect you to participate in all class activities by giving opinions and ideas and by listening to others. Throughout your course you will have the opportunity to choose projects and topics that are relevant and interesting to you.

You will:

- 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.

Monthly Tutorials

Your main teacher will also be your tutor. You will speak to your tutor individually at the beginning of your course to agree a learning plan for you. If you are studying for more than 4 weeks, you will meet your tutor monthly to discuss your plan.

Your Progression

Your teacher will check your progress regularly using project presentations, course tests and homework.



TIMETABLE	9.00 - 12.30	Lunch	13.30 - 16.15
Monday	General English		
Tuesday	General English		Intensive English Modules
Wednesday	General English		
Thursday	General English		Intensive English Modules
Friday	General English		

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

Intensive English Modules

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.

Academic Purposes

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 | C1 +

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

Vocational Skills

English and UK Culture | A2-B1

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-B1

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 Computing | A2-B1

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

English for Tourism | A1-B1

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-B1

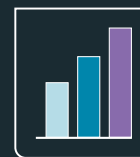
Learn to create successful presentations and gain confidence to speak in front of an audience.

What to expect:

- Focus on developing practical and functional skills, rather than just learning grammar or vocabulary.
- Engage students in practical tasks that relate to or simulate real-world English.
- Prioritise meaningful, communicative language over traditional exercises.
- Support a skills-based approach through ongoing assessments and tests.
- Encourage students to develop an awareness of their own strengths and weaknesses.
- Encourage students to reflect on their own progress and set goals for their improvement.



Key Facts



Elementary to Advanced Level



5 hours per week



Maximum class size 15 students



Summer School

During the months of July and August we welcome both individual students and groups for a summer learning experience in Edinburgh, with weekly start dates and an enhanced social programme to make the most of everything the city has to offer, including enjoying Edinburgh the festival city in August.

TIMETABLE	9.00 - 12.30	Lunch	From 13.30	Evening
Monday	General English		Social Programme	
Tuesday	General English		Intensive English Modules	
Wednesday	General English		Social Programme	
Thursday	General English		Intensive English Modules	Social Programme
Friday	General English			
Saturday	Social Programme: Full day excursion			

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



Key Facts



Maximum 15 students per class



Minimum age 16. No maximum



Minimum stay 2 weeks

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

As part of your course you can choose to join our social programme and visit places of historical and cultural interest in and around the city.

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.

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



Teacher Training

Bespoke Group Programmes

Edinburgh College is an 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 or in your home country or online. This can depend on the type of qualification required and your own preferences for delivery. Teacher Development Programmes for groups can take place at any time of year and can also include a social programme, accommodation, airport pickup and local travel arrangements.

Programmes available include:

- ELT Methodology
- CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning)
- EMI (English as a Medium of Instruction)



Online courses

Edinburgh College offers a range of online professional development courses for experienced teachers, with a flexible design to suit busy teachers. Each course runs for 8 weeks, with 6-8 hours of asynchronous learning activities per week which you can complete in your own time. There will also be 2 or 3 live workshop sessions during the course, giving you the opportunity to interact with your course tutor and fellow participants, to clarify ideas and concepts covered during the course, and to discuss any challenges you are facing and help each other to find solutions.

General Primary English Teacher Refresher | General Secondary English Teacher Refresher

These courses are for experienced teachers of English who feel that they would like to update the range of skills and techniques they use in the classroom. You will share experiences and best practice with other teachers and examine new ideas in teaching and learning. There will be a particular focus on integrating technology into your classes.

Train the Trainer

This course is for experienced teachers who are interested in making the move into teacher training. You will consider the difference between teaching and training and be introduced to key concepts in training. You will develop a toolkit for designing training sessions and develop your mentoring skills. You will also reflect on your own teaching beliefs and behaviours.

Cambridge CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

CELTA is an initial teacher training course and an internationally recognised form of entry into the English Language teaching profession.

The course is designed to give you the knowledge and skills to teach English effectively in a variety of contexts.

You will study theory and methodology and learn how to analyse language through tasks and discussions. You will observe experienced English Language teachers and undertake six hours of teaching practice.

CELTA courses are delivered in Edinburgh and online.

CLIL for Primary Teachers | CLIL for Secondary Teachers

These courses are for teachers of English who are teaching subject content, such as science, maths and geography, alongside English language, or are supporting subject specialist content during English lessons. You will discuss the benefits and difficulties of CLIL, develop tasks and activities to use in class and plan effective CLIL lessons. You will share best practice with other CLIL teachers and help each other find solutions to difficulties currently faced.

EMI (English Medium Instruction) for Tertiary level teachers

This course is for university level teachers who teach their specialist subject through the medium of English and communicate with international students from a range of countries in their courses. You will be introduced to the key principles of EMI and share experiences with other tertiary level teachers. You will develop a portfolio of ideas and techniques and reflect on best practice and identify development goals.



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