



**ELI** ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE  
INSTITUTE

# WELCOME GUIDE **DUBLIN**



## A small, safe country in Europe

Ireland is famous for its hospitality and the Irish people are naturally warm & friendly. The country has a rich cultural heritage in music, art, poetry and dance and the cities are buzzing with things to see and do. The nightlife is world famous, but equally attractive is the accessibility of the great outdoors and the range of activities from hiking to biking and sailing to cycling.

**We can't wait to meet you!**



## Welcome to ELI Schools

Founded in 2017, ELI Schools is a leading English language training company with three year-round schools in Ireland. In 2021 we were nominated among the best **New English Language School - Europe.**

We hire friendly and enthusiastic people who love what they do and give them the tools and training to deliver the best experiences for our students.

Our teachers are all university graduates with internationally recognised teaching qualifications and significant teaching experience both in Ireland and overseas.

Our support teams come from a variety of backgrounds and most have travelled, so they know it is the simple things that make the difference.





ELI have been awarded the **COVID-19 Safety Charter** which is an initiative endorsed by the Irish Government and designed to give comfort and reassurance to employers, employees and customers that our business is ready to reopen and to teach safely.

We are proud founding members of the Independent Language Schools Group (ILSG), and members of MEI Ireland and ALTO.





## Community

We encourage a sense of **community** in all aspects of life at ELI. Through a series of social events, activities, and workshops we help you to get to know the city and to meet likeminded students who are on the same journey.



## Diversity

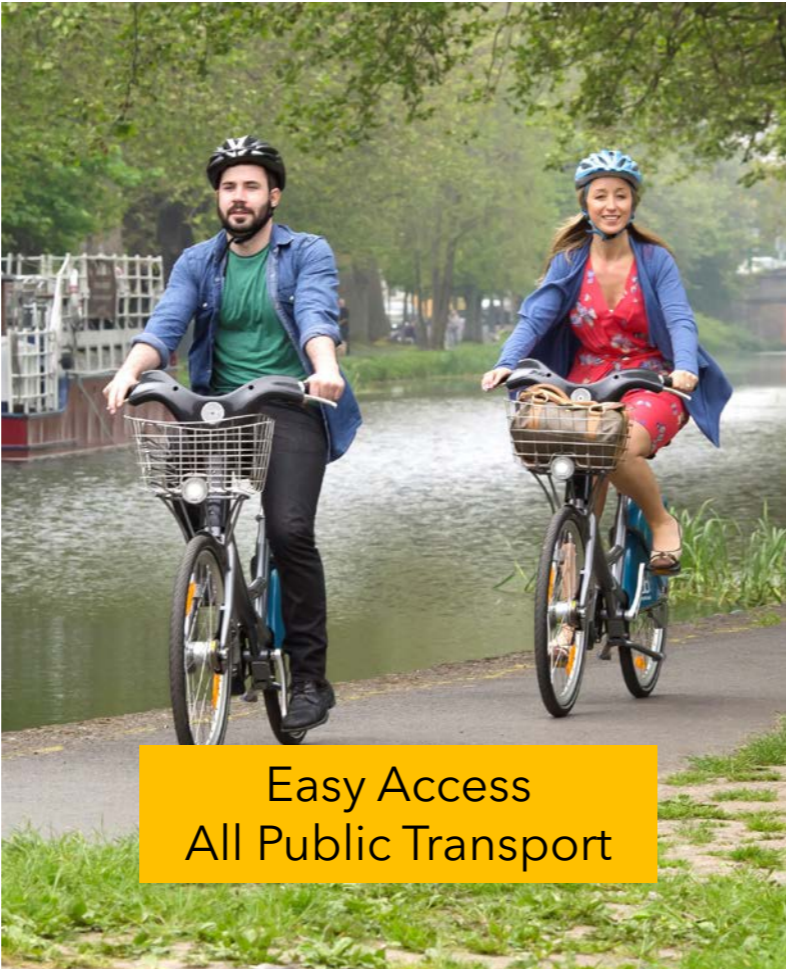
We thrive on **diversity**. We seek to create a global community of learners from different countries, lifestyles, cultures and traditions all united by a common goal to transform their lives through English.

# Our Schools

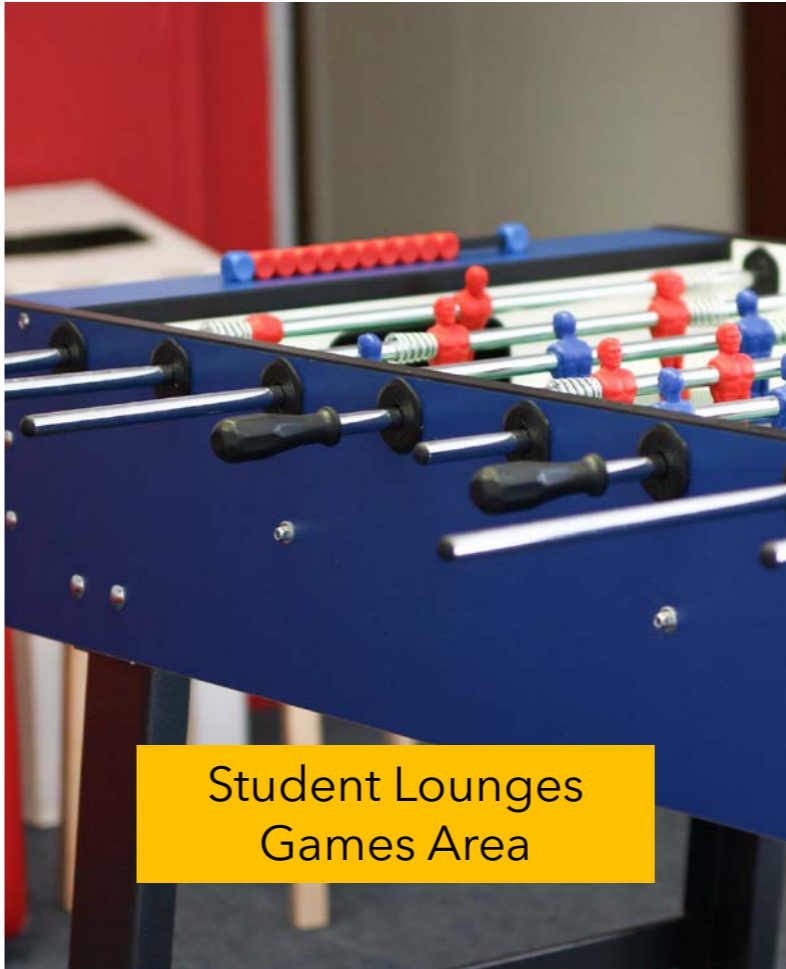
We invest in our school facilities to create an environment that inspires learning. Our classrooms are bright and spacious, and our student lounges are comfortable and creative. We believe that to create a truly positive learning environment the physical space should be as vibrant as the community.



Comfortable Classrooms



Easy Access All Public Transport



Student Lounges Games Area



Cafe & Lunch Area

## Welcome to Dublin

Dublin is young modern European city bustling with art, music, theatre & culture. The city-centre is small and easy to get around on foot, tram or on a free city bicycle. The city has a fun, vibrant atmosphere with something for everyone. See [VisitDublin.com](https://www.visitdublin.com)





# ELI Dublin

## Dame Street

Housed in a beautiful landmark building in the city centre, ELI Dublin is located on Dame Street just a short walk from all the main shopping, cultural and entertainment areas.

**Download:** ELI Dame Street School Profile



20 Classrooms



Beautiful school overlooking Dame Street



5-minute walk to Trinity College



Student lounges, games area and café



# ELI Dublin

19-22 Dame Street, Dublin 2, D02 E267



## By bus

To Dame Street: 140, 15, 16D, 27, 46A, 69, 151, 39, 39A, 56A, 77A



## DART or Train

Pearse Station < 10 minutes walk



## Dublin bikes

City Hall < 1 minute walk



## LUAS

By LUAS: Green line to Trinity or Westmoreland







# ELI Dublin

## Grand Canal

Housed in a beautiful period building beside the canal, our classrooms have large windows and high ceilings, and the open spaces are brightly coloured with interesting artwork.

**Download:** [ELI Grand Canal School Profile](#)

-  9 Classrooms, Student Lounge & Garden
-  Boutique school in quiet, professional area
-  15-minute walk to Trinity College & Shopping
-  Young and vibrant city with friendly people



# ELI Dublin

7 Herbert Place, Dublin 2, D02 EH93



## By bus

To Herbert Street: 38, 38a, 38b, 38d, 39, 39a, 51d, 70, 77



## LUAS

By LUAS: Green line to St Stephen's Green + 15 minutes walk



## DART or Train

Grand Canal Dock < 10 minutes walk



## Dublin bikes

Herbert Place < 1 minute walk



## Arrival in Ireland

### **Airport Transfer**

We offer a pre-booked private airport transfer service on both arrival and departure if required. This must be booked at the time of registration. This is included in some packages and is compulsory for students aged under 18.

### **Aircoach or Public Bus**

If you do not have a pre-booked private transfer there are a number of options to get to the city. Aircoach and Dublin Bus both operate express bus services. The journey takes 30 minutes and departs from the coach carpark outside arrivals.

### **Airport Taxis**

Taxis are regulated, safe and available outside the arrivals hall. They are licensed, and will have a meter showing the cost of the trip. Taxis offer the most convenient alternative to a pre-booked transfer and should cost less than €50 for door to door service.



# Getting Around



## Walking

As a young modern city Dublin is bustling with art, music, theatre & culture and the city-centre is small and easy to get around. You can move around most of the city centre on foot, which makes it very accessible and suitable for all ages.



## Bus

Dublin Bus is one of the more popular transport services with routes all over the city servicing the suburbs and beyond. The main ticket information office is located on O'Connell Street close to the Spire. Although you can use exact coins, most students use a LEAP card.



## Tram & Train

Dublin has a train service called the **DART** which serves the city centre and coastal suburbs from Malahide in the north to Greystones in the south. There is also a tram service called **LUAS** which serves the city centre and suburbs to the west.

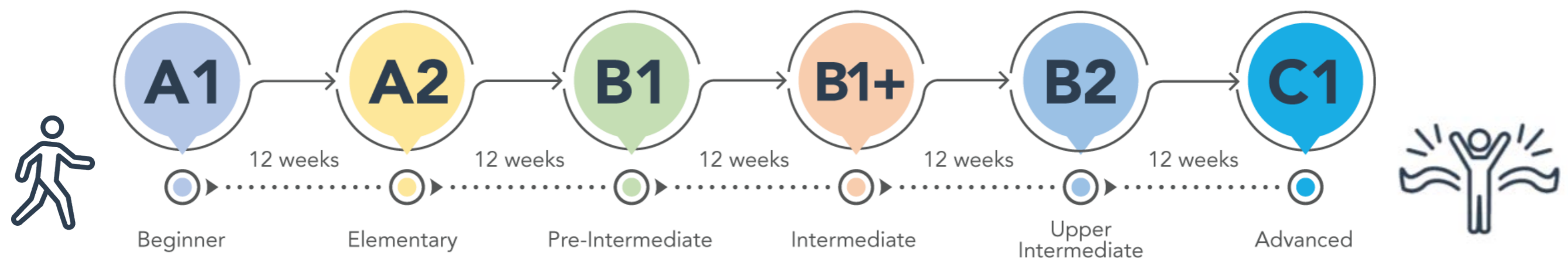


## Free Bicycles

Dublin also offers a low cost bike rental service with self-service hubs located all over the city. Annual membership costs €25. All journeys 30 minutes or under are free which should cover most journeys in the city, with small charges for longer rental. **Dublinbikes.ie**

## Learning with ELI

We use a digital textbook with interactive material and an online workbook enabling you to test and track your progress. Every student is assessed on arrival and placed in an appropriate class for their level. Our curriculum includes a progress test every 6 weeks and a progression test every 12, with a class test every week to ensure you understand and know where you are at every step.



## General English - 15 Hours

**Start Date:** Every Monday      **Levels:** Beginner A1 - C1      **Age:** From 16+

Our General English 15 hour course is a core program that focuses on the four main skills while developing each student's individual grammar and vocabulary. Lessons are taught using a task-based method involving topics and themes from everyday life. We use a central course book and workbook for each level and our teachers supplement these using authentic materials and a suitable use of technology.

**Writing** Improve your grammar while practising formal and informal writing in emails, reports, letters and essays.

**Speaking** Develop your speaking fluency with level specific conversations, role play, debates and presentations.

**Listening** Enhance your listening skills with level specific radio extracts, podcasts and online video.

**Reading** Expand your range of reading sources with selected newspapers, magazines, and stories.





## Speaking Fluency - 20 Hours

**Start Date:** Every Monday      **Levels:** Beginner A1 - C1      **Age:** From 16+

Building on from General English 15, Speaking Fluency includes 5 hours of level specific conversation class each week. Guided by our teachers, students will participate in role play, deliver presentations, and discuss the latest topics in the news or current affairs. Students who take this option should progress through the levels much faster.



## IELTS Preparation - 15 Hours

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**Start Date:** Every Monday

**Levels:** B2 - C1

**Age:** From 16+

Our experienced trainers will guide you through a 12-week preparatory program offering you a clear path to your desired goals. You will develop a strong understanding of the exam structure and learn effective techniques and strategies to achieve the best results. Your trainer will guide you through each section offering you plenty of opportunity to practice, review and refine and to develop the confidence, fluency and accuracy needed to achieve the result you deserve.

**Writing** Learn how to present and develop your main points by practising exam papers while using comparisons and analysis.

**Speaking** Develop your speaking fluency to be able to give clear opinions and detailed instructions with a consistent flow.

**Listening** Understand extended speech, both in an everyday and academic context, and be able to extract accurate meaning.

**Reading** Understand long academic text and reports where the writer expresses opinion or adopts a point of view.



# Your first week at school



## Level Placement Test

You should take our **Online Level Test** at least two weeks prior to your course start date. You will also be given an in-person speaking test on your first day before being placed in an appropriate class for your level.



## Orientation & Induction

All new students are expected to attend an Orientation & Induction meeting in their first week. You'll be provided with more detailed program information and requirements and your class and timetable. You'll also meet your Student Experience Manager.



## Walking Tour & Social Program

We offer a free walking tour of the city for all new students. The tour will introduce you to some of the history and culture and help you to get to know your way around. Keep an eye on the noticeboards for further events



## Your first month



### Jobs Club

We offer a free weekly Jobs Club to help students prepare their resume (CV) and provide tips on finding work in Dublin. You should expect it to take 4-6 weeks to find a job and be prepared to make an effort as your success is all down to you.



### PPS (Tax ID) and Bank Account

To open an Irish bank account you need to have the right to work, have secured a job offer. Once you have secured a job offer, we provide you with the documents you need to apply for a PPS (Tax ID) and a bank account. The process takes two weeks once you have a job offer.



### Student Travel Card - LEAP

A **Student LEAP Card** offers discounted travel on all forms of public transport. The card works on credit which you can top-up online, at the station or in many shops. The card also offers discounts on other services, shops and entertainment.



# Immigration - Non European Students



## Visas and Immigration

All Non-EU students are required to register with local immigration if staying over 90 days. To register, you'll need to book an appointment which takes 4-6 weeks with instructions in the Induction & Safety Guide.



## Proof of funds

To register with immigration you'll need to provide a range of documents including proof you have access to €3,000 to cover living expenses. This can be a recent international or Irish bank statement or a pre-paid credit card statement in your name.



## Your Documents

Aside from your passport, we will provide you with the other documents you need including:

1. Letter of Acceptance
2. Medical Insurance (Proof of Address)
3. Learner Protection



## Tuition & Holiday Plan

All students will receive a programme plan with set dates for tuition and holiday periods. The tuition period will be listed as 25 weeks with one week for exams, and eight weeks of holiday (34 weeks total).



## IRP card and fee

Once you have registered you will be provided with an IRP card (Irish Residence Permit) which acts a proof of your right to live and work in Ireland for the duration of your 8 month visa. The cost for card is €300 which is paid for at the time of your immigration appointment.



## Attendance & Progression

You must maintain 85% attendance. Students who successfully pass their exit exam may progress to another 8-month programme. In total students may study 3 x 8-month programmes over 24 months.

# Your Money

## **Currency**

Ireland is part of the Eurozone and uses the Euro currency. The symbol for the Euro is € and the code is EUR. One Euro is divided into 100 cents. There are bank notes for €5, €10, €20, €50, €100 and €200.



## **Budget: Short-Term**

Short-term students who have pre-paid accommodation should bring between €100-€150 per week to cover the cost of food, transport, shopping and entertainment. We also offer some paid tours which average from €5 to €30 for a full day tour.



## **Budget: Long-Term**

Long-term students and those who require a visa should bring €500 per month, or €3,000 for the work and study program.



## **Currency Exchange**

When changing money in Ireland always go to a recognised bank, travel agent, or a Currency Exchange Office. Commission rates will vary so check first for the best rate. We regret that we are unable to change money in the school.



## **Bank Accounts**

To open a bank account in Ireland you need to have the right to work and have found a job. We can help provide supporting documents to help you open a bank account once you have a job offer letter from an employer in Ireland.



## **Credit & Debit Cards**

We advise all students to travel with a credit or debit card to fund expenses and to secure your money and to avoid using large amounts of cash.

# Your Health & Wellbeing



## Doctors & Pharmacies

If you get sick we can help arrange a General Practice Doctor (GP) visit for non-emergency medical care. The cost of a visit to a GP is €65. You may also find medicine for common illness at any high-street pharmacy.



## Emergency Care – Hospitals

If you have an accident or require emergency medical care you should call 999 or visit the local hospital. Hospital care should only be used in emergencies or for serious illness. The minimum cost is €90 with the balance covered by medical insurance.



## Medical Insurance

All Non-EU students are required to have medical insurance for the duration of their time in Ireland. It is the student's responsibility to ensure you have valid medical insurance. EU students are covered by EU Health Card.



## Student Support

We have dedicated Student Experience Managers who are there to support all aspects of your stay with us. We also offer 24/7 emergency mobile contact should you require emergency support outside of office hours.



## Mental Health

Travelling to a new country and culture can be a challenging experience. We are here to support you in confidence. If you require more professional support we can put you in contact with counselling services with phone and in-person support services.



## Crime

If you are in danger or have been the victim of crime please contact the Gardai (Police) on 999. If you need to report a crime you can visit a local Garda station. A member of our team will be there to support you.

# What to expect when staying in ELI Accommodation



## Warm welcome

We believe that finding the right host family is crucial. Every family is different, and we want to embrace that and celebrate the unique welcome each can provide. You should receive a warm welcome in any ELI host or student residence.



## Comfortable & Clean

ELI Hosts and Students Residences are expected to provide access to a clean and comfortable bedroom, bathroom and living area with regular cleaning. You will be expected to keep your own personal space clean and to keep public or family spaces clean and tidy after you use them.



## Safe & Secure

Every ELI host and residence has been inspected by our team and approved to provide a safe and secure living environment. You are responsible to keep all personal belongings safe and secure during your stay.



## Meals & Food Preparation

If staying in a host, the host will confirm when meals are provided according to your meal plan. You are expected to respect these times if reasonable and to be on time for each meal. Residences provide access to a shared kitchen.



## House Rules

Every host and residence will have their own house rules on meal times, access to food, bathrooms and other facilities. You are expected to respect reasonable house rules and other members of the house or residence. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary procedures.



## Access & Public Transport

Every ELI host or residence will be located within 40 minutes of Dublin city-centre and ELI Schools. Please speak to your host or residence provider on how to get to the city and ELI Schools.



## Important! To bring with you:



### **Mobile phone**

We recommend you bring an unblocked mobile phone that will allow you to use any mobile SIM card. Pre-paid mobile and all you can use data plans start at €20/month.



### **Laptop or Tablet**

We use a digital textbook and workbook as part of the curriculum and while it can be accessed on mobile, a larger screen will enhance the experience.



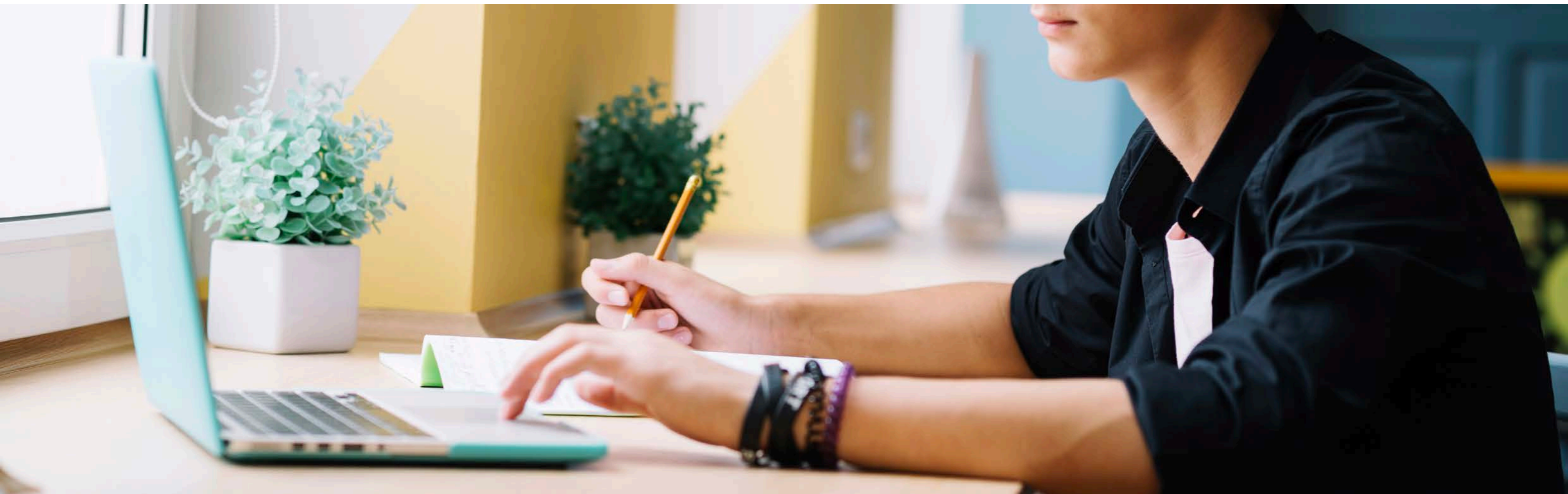
### **Pre-Paid Debit or Digital Bank Card**

There are now many pre-paid debit card or digital banking options available globally. We advise you to travel with secure access to funds while you await an Irish bank account.








### **Travel Charger**

Along with your favourite clothes and a rain jacket, we suggest you bring a travel charger. In Ireland we use a G type plug with three pins.




## While studying at ELI we ask you to:


-  To attend at least 85% of all classes and to do your best in class at all times.
-  To speak English at all times.
-  To be respectful of your homestay hosts, your classmates, your teachers and your community.
-  To abide by all the laws, rules and regulations of your host country, city, and school.
-  To let ELI know if you are dissatisfied. Changes can only be made if you tell us what is wrong.




## Weather in Ireland

Many say that the weather in Ireland is unpredictable, but the truth is that we benefit from an “oceanic” or “highland” climate that keeps the city away from extreme temperatures. This means that Ireland has warm but not hot summers and cool but not cold winters. Of course we have a good portion of rain, but this is what gives its beautiful colour to the “Emerald Isle”.

 **Spring:** 7° to 12°C (46° to 54°F)

 **Summer:** 17° to 20°C (64° to 68°F)

 **Autumn:** 13° to 17°C (57° to 64°F)

 **Winter:** 4° to 7°C (39° to 45°F )





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