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# Student Handbook 2023

Dubai



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Welcome to English Path.

This guide will help you make the most of your experience at EP Dubai.

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# About Dubai

Dubai, a mesmerising city in the heart of the Arabian Desert. This modern marvel is renowned for its stunning architecture, extravagant lifestyle, and vibrant cultural scene. As the largest city in the United Arab Emirates, Dubai offers a unique blend of tradition and innovation, where ancient customs intertwine seamlessly with futuristic skyscrapers. Dubai is a city that boasts world-class shopping, exhilarating entertainment, and a diverse melting pot of cultures. From its breathtaking landmarks to its warm hospitality, Dubai promises an experience like no other.

## Famous landmarks

- Burj Khalifa, The Dubai Fountain, Dubai Frame, Burj Al-Arab Jumeirah, Dubai Creek, Dubai Miracle Garden, Atlantis The Palm.

## City personality

- Modern and futuristic, cosmopolitan, business-friendly, energetic, youthful, dynamic, safe, clean, iconic landmarks, unique, vibrant, modern, innovative, multicultural.

## What makes this city unique?

- Skyscrapers and Modern Architecture: Dubai is known for its impressive skyline dominated by iconic skyscrapers such as the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. The city has consistently pushed the boundaries of architecture and engineering, resulting in futuristic and innovative designs.

## Transport within a 15-minute walk

- Metro, tram and bus.

## Restaurants within a 15-minute walk

- Middle eastern, American, British, Chinese, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Seafood, Thai, Vegetarian, Fusion cuisine.

## Alternative things to do

- Explore the world's largest flower garden with more than 50 million blooming flowers, enjoy kayaking along the historic Dubai Creek, try an Arabian desert camping trip, visit the Dubai Frame, an architectural marvel that provides stunning views, visit Dubai's Design District, which showcases contemporary art and innovative architecture.

# 5 Reasons to choose this city

- 1 Unique architecture
- 2 It's one of the world's safest destinations
- 3 Variety of cuisines, restaurants, and leisure attractions
- 4 Prestigious universities nearby
- 5 Cultural diversity: 85% of Dubai's population are expats



## Why choose to study in our EP Dubai School?

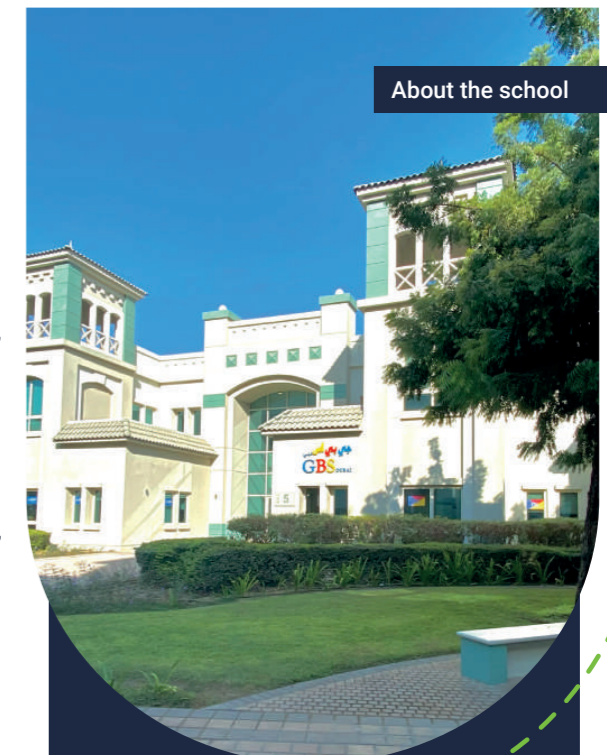
- Located in Knowledge Park and surrounded by **student environment**.
- **Interesting & varied** course offering.
- **15 minutes** from tram, bus, and metro station.
- **On-site** library and café.
- **Social programme** with academic and leisure activities like desert safari trips and conversation clubs.
- **Experienced** Customer Service & Academic Team.



Find us on Google maps

**Knowledge Park, Block 5**  
**– Al Safouh 2 - Dubai**  
 At this address since: 2021

**Phone: +971 522 063 879**  
**Emergency Phone: +971 58 257 8026**



### Staff

**Gareth Smith**  
 Head of MENA Operations

Meet the team



- **Staff on-site:** Gareth Smith: Regional Head of ME & Centre Manager, Hira Rashid: Academic Coordinator, Fatime Losonci: Learning and Development Coordinator, Samantha Chavez, Sara Vera & Sasha Gulyaeva: Student Services Assistants, James Turner-Millar: Student Experience Manager, Gilberto Alapag: EP Sales & Admissions Coordinator.
- **Languages spoken by staff:** English, Tagalog, Russian, Turkish, Spanish, Hungarian, Urdu.

### Services & facilities

- **Buildings:** 2
- **Floors:** 3
- **Total number of classrooms:** 15
- **School facilities:** Library, self-study area, Wi-Fi (Free), elevator, street parking, modern & spacious classrooms with smart TVs, AC.
- **Other services provided:** Social activity programme, airport transfer, medical insurance.
- **Levels of English offered:** All levels.
- **Reception:** The friendly **student services** staff can direct you to the EP offices and classrooms. A Student Services Officer and an Academic Coordinator will always be present to answer any questions you may have.

### School holidays & Dubai public holidays

The school will be closed during the holidays. Please make sure to book your course/accommodation accordingly. Public Holidays are subject to change according to government announcements.

**When the school is closed on a Monday, new students start on Tuesday.**

- 01-03 Dec 2023
  - 01 Jan 2024
  - 08 - 12 Apr\*
  - 15 - 18 Jun\*
  - 07 Jul\*
  - 15 Sep\*
  - 01-03 Dec
- \* Please, note Islamic New Year, Eid AlFitr (Ramadan), Eid Al-Adha, Prophet Muhammad's Birthday, dates are determined by the Islamic lunar calendar and are likely to shift each year. We recommend doublechecking the exact dates closer to those times to ensure accurate planning for your course.

**Course days that fall on a public holiday are not reimbursed.**

The above dates are observed as holidays in the year. If you arrive on a week where the Monday is a holiday, your first day of school will be a Tuesday.

### Close to your EP school

Our centrally located school is walking distance to:

- Food court with Restaurants** 2 minutes
- Bank/ ATM** 2 minutes
- Gym** 10 minutes
- Metro Station** 15 minutes
- Tram Station** 5 minutes
- Bus Station** 5 minutes
- Secret Beach** 24 minutes
- Barasti Beach** 35 minutes

### Need help? Not satisfied? Have a problem?

At EP we believe that communication and an open-door policy is key to efficiently resolving any issue you might have. If you need help, are not satisfied with one of our services or you need advice, please talk to our staff at school. They will be able to help and assist quickly with any concerns you might have.

# First Day at School

- Induction starts at 8:45m.
- This includes a placement test, induction presentations about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.
- A tour of the school.
- A welcome lunch.
- Classes begin at: 11:00am.
- On their first day, students are expected to bring their passport and proof of medical insurance.

## Your weekly class timetable

	Hours pw	What	Lesson times
<b>Classic Morning</b>	15	General English	09:00 - 12:15
<b>Semi-Intensive Morning</b>	19	Classic + 1 Elective	09:00 - 13:30
<b>Classic Afternoon</b>	15	General English	13:45 - 17:00
<b>Semi-Intensive Afternoon</b>	19	Classic + 1 Elective	12:30 - 17:00
<b>Super Intensive</b>	30	Classic	09:00 - 17:00

## Courses

- **Classic**  
15 hours per week
- **Semi-Intensive**  
18.75 hours per week
- **Super Intensive**  
30 hours per week
- **Business English**  
15 hours per week
- **IELTS**  
15 hours per week
- **Professional certificates: Business Management, Sustainability, Leadership & Digital Marketing Essentials**  
15 hours per week
- **One-To-One**

## Extracurricular activities

- Monthly course tutorials
- Monthly skills test
- Weekly unit test
- Masterclass Programme
- Conversation clubs
- Debate club
- C.V workshop
- Study Clinics

## Electives list

Mixed levels within classes. Each topic runs for 4 weeks. Employability runs in cycles 1-4.

	Elective Cycle 1		Elective Cycle 2		Elective Cycle 3		Elective Cycle 4	
	Jul, Nov, Mar		Aug, Dec, Apr		Sep, Jan, May		Oct, Feb, Jun	
	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1
Speaking	█	█						
Listening	█	█						
Reading			█	█				
Writing			█	█				
Pronunciation					█	█		
Idioms & Phrasal verbs					█	█		
Grammar							█	█
Vocabulary							█	█
	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1	A1 - B1	B1+ - C1
Everyday English	█	█						
Debate & Public Speaking	█	█						
Business English			█	█				
English for Hospitality			█	█				
Digital Marketing					█	█		
Personal Branding					█	█		
IELTS Preparation							█	█
Academic Skills							█	█
Employability Skills	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

12:30 - 13:30 (Mon - Thurs) - 13:30

### Teaching methodology

At English Path we use the communicative approach which means:

- A focus on speaking
- Interactive lessons
- Noticing students' gaps and reacting to them
- Going beyond the textbook
- English for real life outside the classroom
- Understanding each student's individual needs

All EP teachers are trained in this approach from their first day, so students have the same experience in all levels at all EP locations.

### School material

**Books:** Empower (Cambridge) Language Hub (Macmillan), Outcomes (Cengage), English File (OUP), Mindset for IELTS.

**Additional material used:** Audio, Digital Presentation Material, Authentic Materials.

### Students

**Average Number of students per class:** 15

**Minimum age of students:** 16

**Average age of students\*:** 25

**Nationality mix\*:** Turkey, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, Russia, Thailand, France, China.

\*As per 2023 stats. Nationality mix and age varies. Dependent on the time of year.

**End of course certificate:** you will receive a course certificate at the end of your course.

Take a look at our graduation ceremony



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# Accommodation

Accommodation is a vital part of your experience in a new country. Your new home is an important part of your study experience. Each school has specially chosen options to help make the most out of your stay. Student residences offer different accommodation experiences, but always meet the highest standards.

All accommodation options are based on availability. Please make sure you check with your representative if we have availability

## What accommodation option should I choose?

The choice of accommodation depends on your preferences, needs, and budget. Below are some important factors you need to consider.

	Student Residence	Shared Apartments	Studio
	Convenient location, typically close to campus. Easy access to good facilities and nearby amenities. 24h reception.	Meet other students from all over the world. Easier to socialise. Can be more affordable.	Will have more privacy. No need to share your kitchen or bathroom with others. Conveniently located near campus.
	Noise levels might be high. Might be sharing facilities with other students. Might be expensive.	May have to deal with shared chores and responsibilities. You might not be able to choose your flatmates.	Might be expensive. Less engagements and social interactions with others.

## Booking Student Accommodation in 3 simple steps

### Step 1

You can indicate your preferred type of accommodation (homestay, shared apartment or residence) on the application form during your application for a course. Our Student Services team will record the preferred choice of accommodation.

### Step 2

EP will be able to secure the accommodation option once the invoice has been paid. Our team will send you the accommodation confirmation with further details on the selected option.

### Step 3

You will need to confirm your arrival and send your flight details to our team, as soon as the flight is booked and no later than one week before the flight date. Our team will be able to book and confirm your accommodation and/or transfers and provide more details within the confirmation document.

# ESAW Student Accommodation

Experience ESAW's great location, close to Downtown Dubai and within walking distance to shops, restaurants, malls and a ten-minute taxi or bus ride to the nearest metro Station in Dubai.

- Shared and private bedrooms
- Spacious, fully equipped and furnished apartments
- Laundry facility on site
- High speed Wi-Fi
- Cleaning
- Bed linen
- 24hr security
- Free shuttle bus
- Study room/ game room/ mini cinema
- Gym
- CCTV cameras in the common areas

**Address:** Al Khail Gate phase 1 Building 11  
26th St - Al Quoz - Dubai

## About the Residence

### Accommodation types:

Premium studio (couples);  
Twin room shared bathroom  
with 4 or 5 students.

*Please consult us for up to date pricing.*

**Bedrooms:** The bedroom contains the following (per student): bed, wardrobe, pillow, bedding, study desk, chair.

**Bed size:** Single bed or double bed (depends on the room type).

**Bathroom:** Shared bathroom = 1 to 5 students maximum sharing depending on the room type. Welcome Kit = 1 Shampoo, 1 shower gel and 1 roll of toilet paper upon arrival.

**Kitchen:** The in-unit kitchen contains the following: fridge-freezer, stove, microwave, kettle. Kitchen is shared by 1 to 5 maximum students.

**Facilities:** Spacious lobby, study room, Wifi. Tv room, mini cinema, game room, gym and laundry room onsite.

**Extra cost facilities:** Dryer Machine: 50 min AED 2/ 65 min AED 3;  
Kitchen utensils: AED 99 that includes new one sauce pan, one frying pan, one bowl, one plate, knife/spoon/fork.

**Neighbourhood:** 10 min away walking distance: Nearby community centre, medical facilities, malls, supermarkets and gym.

**Visitors/guests:** Visitors are allowed to meet in the common areas.

**Noise:** Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. Quiet hours are 10pm - 8am.

**Smoking:** All facilities and residents' room are non-smoking. Smoking is allowed in the designated areas outdoors.

**Reception/security desk:** 24-hour reception and security desk.

**Cleaning service:** Deep cleaning service twice a week in the common area. Students are responsible for keeping their room clean. Change of bedding is not included. It is also students' responsibility to maintain cleanliness in all the areas, including the kitchen, by washing their dishes, pans and cutlery after cooking.

**Beddings/towels:** Fresh clean linens and bedding provided upon arrival. Students are responsible for washing their bedding regularly. Towels not provided.

**Minimum weeks requests:** 4 weeks minimum stay, however, daily bookings are accepted.

**Check-in/check-out:** Flexibility in check-in and check-out is possible based on the availability of rooms.

**Accommodation location:** Downtown: 30 min away by public transportation; 14 minutes by car/ taxi. On Passive Metro station (nearest metro station): 10 minutes by taxi or 24 min away by bus.  
Kite Beach: 15 min away by taxi.  
JBR Beach: 25 min away by taxi.



# The Myriad

The Myriad Dubai, located in the heart of Dubai International Academic City, is a fully-integrated living community designed to meet the needs and desires of today's students. With a focus on safety, security, comfort, and convenience, it offers various exclusive facilities and features to enhance the student experience in Dubai.

- Dedicated blocks for men and women
- Recreational area, extra events
- Wi-Fi
- Gym on site, games arcade
- Swimming pool
- Shared kitchen
- Restaurants and cafes
- Parking
- 24hr security
- Free shuttle bus services

**Address:** The Myriad Dubai,  
Academic City - Dubai

## About the Residence

**Accommodation types:** Single en-suite room; Studio.

**Bedrooms:** The bedroom contains the following: single bed, pillow, blanket, bed linen, chair, desk, lighting, window, closet, fridge.

**Bathroom:** Private bathroom = 2 students maximum sharing it (Double room);  
Private bathroom = 1 Student using it only (Single and Studio rooms).

**Kitchen:** The shared kitchen contains the following: stove, oven, microwave, kettle, toaster, tables, chairs.

**Neighbourhood:** 10 min walking distance to grocery store, Mcdonalds. Buses to Silicon Oasis.

**Visitors/guests:** Guests allowed only in the common areas except the swimming pool. Overnight guests are not allowed. Guests must leave no later than 11pm.

**Noise:** Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. No loud music or noise allowed after 11pm.

**Smoking:** All facilities and residents' room are non-smoking.

**Reception/security desk:** 24-hour access.

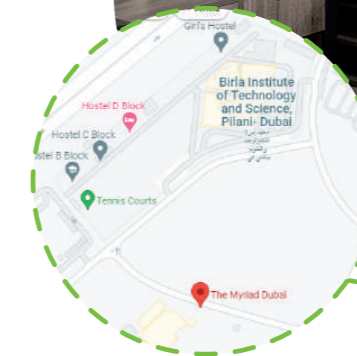
**Cleaning service:** Cleaning service once a week in bedrooms. Every day in the common area. Students are responsible for keeping their room and in general tidy and clean.

**Beddings/towels:** Fresh clean linen and bedding provided at check-in. Students responsible for cleaning after check-in. Towels not provided.

**Facilities:** Jogging tracks, outdoor calisthenics gyms, basketball court, amphitheatre, indoor cinema, game room, free laundry rooms (washers, dryers and ironing facilities), rooftop swimming pools with lounge chairs and lifeguards on duty, supermarket.

**Minimum weeks requests:** 4 weeks minimum stay. Booking from Saturday to Saturday.

**Check-in/check-out:** Check in is any time after 4pm/Check out is any time before 10am.



## Close to your Accommodation

**Lulu Hypermarket**  
- 10 minutes by bus

**Centrepont Metro Station**  
- 15 minutes by taxi

**Downtown Dubai (Dubai Mall)**  
- 20 minutes by taxi

**Kite Beach**  
- 30 minutes by taxi

**School**  
- 40 minutes by bus







# When you arrive in Dubai



Arriving at the airport in a foreign country can be overwhelming. To better prepare yourself, make sure that you have read the information below about your arrival and how to get to your accommodation. If you get lost or confused upon arrival, don't be afraid to ask the airport staff for help as they will be happy to give assistance.

## EP transfers

Students should arrive at DXB Dubai International Airport. We request that you book your flights according to the starting date of your specific program. You must arrive on the Saturday or Sunday prior to your course start date. If you have booked a transfer service, a driver will meet you outside the customs area and drive you to your homestay or residence. Please ensure you arrange and pay the transfer fee in advance.

## Transfer service emergency contact details

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight or need help meeting the transfer service, you should call one of the following emergency numbers. Please be prepared to tell them your name, school name (English Path) and location. Students should only accept a transfer from a greeter with the official English Path signage.

## Transfer service emergency numbers: +971 58 257 8026

## Independent transfers

TAXI SERVICE cost: \$20–30, Journey time: 45 minutes depending on location of homestay/residence

## Living costs (sample prices for items in this city)

- Bottle of water: \$0.50
- Coffee: \$2 - 6
- Can of coke: \$2 - 3
- Meal out for two: \$16 - 80
- Takeaway pizza: \$10
- Sandwich: \$6
- Local bus ticket: \$0.90 - 2 (depends on the distance)
- Local metro and tram ticket: \$0.90 - 2 (depends on the distance)
- Cinema ticket: \$15

## Local customs

- Dubai follows Islamic customs and traditions, so visitors are expected to be respectful of Islamic practices, Dubai is relatively liberal in terms of dress code, it is recommended to dress modestly in public places, especially when visiting religious sites or government offices.
- When greeting someone, a simple handshake is common among men, while men and women may exchange nods or place their hand on their chest. Physical contact between men and women who are not close relatives is generally avoided in public.
- Public displays of affection, drinking alcohol in non-designated areas, and using offensive language are considered disrespectful and may be subject to legal consequences.
- The culture in Dubai places a high value on respecting authority, including government officials, police, and elders.
- While Dubai is a modern city with stunning architecture, it is essential to be mindful of local customs when taking photographs. Avoid taking pictures of people without their permission, especially women, and respect any "no photography" signs.
- It's important to note that Dubai is a multicultural city with a diverse population, and while these customs are generally observed, there may be variations based on individuals' backgrounds and beliefs. Respecting and understanding local customs is key to having a positive and enriching experience in Dubai.

## Health and safety

- **Medical insurance:** All students must have medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Dubai. Students who come with a student visa have medical insurance included.
- **If you get sick:** If you get sick while in Dubai you should visit a doctor. You can ask the Student Services team where the nearest doctor is.
- **Protecting your belongings:** English Path and student residences have strong emphasis on maintaining a safe and secure environment. However, like any other city, it's important to exercise common sense and follow basic safety guidelines to ensure a smooth and secure experience. We recommend taking care of your belongings. Personal items cannot be covered by English Path or residence.

- **Prescription medication:** Some medications that are commonly available over-the-counter in other countries may be considered controlled substances in Dubai. Before traveling, check the UAE's list of restricted medications to ensure that your medication is allowed into the country. If you are bringing prescription medication into Dubai, you should carry a copy of your doctor's prescription with you. The prescription should have all relevant information, including your name, the name of the medication, the dosage, and the prescribing doctor's information.
- **Staying safe at school:** If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please call 999. Come to the office or call the emergency phone, and we can help you.
- **Fire safety:** If you discover a fire, press the fire alarm button on the nearest alarm. Leave the building immediately via the fire exit. Make sure you tell a member of EP staff exactly what happened so they can call 999. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not run, use the emergency exit. EP staff will guide you to the fire exit. Go to the assembly point. Follow any instructions given by a member of EP staff and do not go back into the building until you are told to do so by EP staff.
- **Personal safety and looking after valuables:** Dubai is a remarkably safe destination for residents and tourists alike. The city boasts low crime rates and strict law enforcement, contributing to its reputation as a secure and welcoming place. Visitors can feel confident exploring the city and enjoying its attractions without major concerns about personal safety. However, like any other place, it's essential to exercise normal precautions such as keeping belongings secure and being aware of your surroundings.



**Emergency services**

- Call 999 in case of fire, a medical emergency or if you need the police.

**Medical costs**

Medical costs are at the discretion of your local doctor or hospital. Minimum medical costs are as follows:

- Consultation with a doctor: \$125
- Prescriptions at a chemist: \$25 per item
- Dental treatment: \$150-\$200
- Eye test or new glasses: \$60-100

**Laws**

- **Respect for Islamic customs:** Dubai is a Muslim city, so it's essential to show respect for local customs and traditions. Dress modestly in public places, especially in religious sites, and avoid public displays of affection.
- **Alcohol consumption:** Drinking alcohol is allowed in licensed venues such as hotels, bars, and restaurants. However, public intoxication and drinking alcohol in non-designated areas are strictly prohibited.
- **Drugs and medications:** Possession, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs are severe offenses in Dubai, carrying heavy penalties, including imprisonment and even the death penalty. Additionally, some prescribed medications in other countries may be considered controlled substances in Dubai, so check with the UAE embassy for the latest regulations before bringing any medications.
- **Photography restrictions:** Avoid taking photos of government buildings, military installations, and certain public areas like airports, as this could be perceived as a breach of security and lead to legal issues.
- **Public behavior:** Dubai is a safe city, but any disruptive or offensive behavior in public places can lead to fines or even imprisonment. Maintain a respectful and courteous demeanor while in public.
- **Respect during Ramadan:** During the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. It's essential to be considerate and avoid eating, drinking, or smoking in public during this time.
- **Homosexuality and LGBT rights:** Homosexuality is considered illegal in Dubai, and public displays of affection between same-sex couples are strictly prohibited.

**Student code of conduct**

- You must attend all classes. If you do not attend your classes your representative will be informed. If you do not improve your attendance and do not inform us why you are absent, your VISA may be cancelled and you will have to return home. 85% attendance is needed to be able to receive a certificate of completion.
- Be on time for all your lessons.
- Always tell English Path if you are going to be absent from school for any reason and tell your if you are going away overnight.
- If you commit a criminal offence or have to be severely disciplined you will be sent home. We will also inform the immigration authorities.
- Be respectful, polite and open to different cultures.



# Dubai Airport Transport

**DXB Dubai International Airport**

Mode	Line or number	Cost	Duration (to the centre)
Underground	Metro Red	\$0.90 - \$2.10	15 - 60 minutes



- If you choose to book an airport transfer, please, your flight details should be sent to us 4 weeks in advance to reassure we will be able to provide you an airport transfer.
- A driver will meet you after you come through the customs area and drive you to your accommodation.



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