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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY



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# LEARN ENGLISH AT UCD ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY

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# WELCOME TO UCD ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY

UCD English Language Academy is part of UCD, Ireland's largest University. UCD is ranked within the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide, and has become Ireland's global university with 144 nationalities represented in UCD's student body.

We help adult learners fulfill their academic, career and lifetime goals through delivering the highest quality Year-Round and Summer English Programmes on our beautiful 133 hectare campus.

Based on Ireland's largest urban university campus, students have access to cutting edge facilities in a safe, vibrant and multicultural environment.

Our English courses are fully accredited by The Accreditation and Coordination of English Language Services (ACELS) and combined with our Social Programme, provide a deep immersion into Irish culture and history.

Our team of highly qualified and experienced teachers help our students not only develop their English communication skills, but also build confidence to pursue their professional and personal goals.

**At UCD English Language Academy we help learners to excel and we promise you a progressive and innovative learning experience.**



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*Ireland's global university with 144 nationalities*



*Beautiful 133 hectare campus*



# WHY LEARN ENGLISH AT UCD?

## UNIQUE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

As one of the most prestigious universities in Europe, UCD prides itself on welcoming thousands of international students each year.

Located in a 133 hectare urban campus, surrounded by lakes, woodland walks and wildlife, our school grounds are not only beautiful, safe and modern but provide a huge range of services including a 50m Olympic swimming pool, state-of-the-art sports facilities, supermarket, cinema, cafes and restaurants, and 24/7 security.

## OUTSTANDING TEACHING TEAM

UCD's 165 years of tradition and reputation for educational excellence draw the most highly skilled and talented teachers.

All our teachers are TESOL qualified and have years of experience teaching English to adult learners. They are dedicated and committed to creating a fun and friendly atmosphere in our classrooms and deliver lessons in a real-life context.

## EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

We help students adjust to living abroad and answer any queries related to immigration documents, academic matters, end of course exams, accommodation or our social programme. Our mission is to ensure that each student has a memorable experience with us. Our friendly and multilingual administrative staff are always available to support our students on their journey.

## CERTIFICATE FROM IRELAND'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

At the successful completion of their English Programme, students will be awarded a certificate of attendance from an internationally recognised English Language School at Ireland's Global University.

## SUPERB ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Our high quality on-campus residences provide a modern living environment in beautiful landscaped surroundings within walking distance of classes. Students also have the option to stay with one of our approved host families.

## EXAM CENTRE

UCD English Language Academy is an approved IELTS and Cambridge Exam Centre in Ireland.





## WHY STUDY ENGLISH IN IRELAND?

### EXCELLENT EDUCATION SYSTEM

Ireland has one of the best education systems in the world. The country ranks in the top 10 globally for:

- ✓ Quality education system
- ✓ Knowledge transfer between universities and companies

### ENGLISH

English is an official language in Ireland and the country is one of only 2 EU member states whose first language is English.

### SAFETY

Ireland is a very safe country and ranks in the top 10 of 163 countries, according to their peace levels (Global Peace Index 2019, Institute for Economics and Peace).

### EUROPEAN HUB

Ireland is well connected to all major European cities, as well as many global destinations. Dublin Airport flies to over 200 destinations in 44 countries. Dublin is within a 3-hour drive of all other main Irish cities, making it easy to explore the rest of the country.

### RICH CULTURE AND HISTORY

Students will be able to explore Ireland's rich culture and history during their stay at UCD English Language Academy. Students can follow the path of Leopold Bloom through Ulysses, or visit the popular Game of Thrones locations. Irish people are famous for their friendly and welcoming nature, ensuring students feel at home as soon as they arrive.

# WHY DUBLIN?

UCD English Language Academy is based in Ireland's capital city, Dublin, which is located on the east coast of the country. Dublin is one of the most dynamic and vibrant European cities with a rich cultural, culinary and corporate landscape. The city is easy to navigate on foot and UCD is just a short bus ride south of the city.

## DUBLIN IS:

- ✓ A safe, friendly and fun city
- ✓ Steeped in a wealth of history
- ✓ Europe's tech hub; home to Google, Facebook, Airbnb, LinkedIn and many others
- ✓ Home to great events, festivals and performances
- ✓ Scenic, near to both the mountains and the sea
- ✓ A central hub, from which to travel to the rest of Ireland
- ✓ Home to interesting and diverse neighbourhoods, within walking distance from the city
- ✓ Multicultural and vibrant, with food offerings to suit everyone
- ✓ A gateway to visit most major European cities



# ALL YEAR COURSES

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## WORK AND STUDY IN IRELAND

The Work and Study Programme is available to all non-EU, visa-requiring students and combines 25 weeks of study with 10 weeks of holidays.

Students can choose to take our General English or Academic English Course, both of which offer 20 lessons per week of morning and afternoon classes.

All our 25 week programmes are included on the ILEP, (Interim List of Eligible Programmes) approved by the Irish government which means that students are allowed to work part-time (maximum of 20 hours per week), while they are studying and can work full-time (maximum of 40 hours per week), during their 10 weeks' holidays.

Students on the Work and Study Programme can take their 10 weeks' holidays during the months of June - September and between 15 December - 15 January.

Students on the Work and Study Programme must take a recognised end-of-course exam. As an IELTS and Cambridge Exam Centre, our students can take the exam on the UCD campus at the end of their course.



# GENERAL ENGLISH

General English offers students the opportunity to develop the English language skills required to communicate in 21st century contexts. English language learners are introduced to global topics and learner collaboration is encouraged, through projects and discussion.

Our General English Course focuses on speaking, listening, reading and writing with authentic materials and tasks, as well as taking a context-based approach to grammar and vocabulary. Throughout the course students will also develop the ability to express critical thinking in English and take English language exams.

## COURSE INFORMATION

Duration:	<b>20 lessons per week (55 min per lesson)</b>
Ages:	<b>18+</b>
Level:	<b>Elementary - Advanced</b>
Class Size:	<b>Maximum 15 students</b>
Assessment:	<b>Regular progress tests and detailed feedback provided.</b> <i>*Entrance test required to establish the correct level to each student.</i>

### All courses include:



Course book



Certificate at the end of the programme



Exciting social programme

Levels available  
A2-C1





## AFTERNOON EXTENSIONS

Students have the option of adding 4 extra lessons to their course of study, from our 2 available afternoon extension options:

**IELTS PREPARATION:** Designed for students intending to take the IELTS exam in the future, as well as for those wanting help to improve their previous scores; this course aims to help students grasp all aspects of the exam within a short timeframe.

**BUSINESS:** This course is ideal for business professionals looking to gain the skills and confidence to work and communicate in a global environment. This course is suitable for learners at an intermediate level or above.

**LISTENING + SPEAKING:** This course gives students the chance to put the language they know into action. Students will expand their range of functional language, as well as develop the communicative strategies needed for real-world interactions.

### COURSE INFORMATION

Duration:	<b>4 lessons per week (55 min per lesson)</b>
Ages:	<b>18+</b>
Class Size:	<b>Maximum 15 students</b>
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# ACADEMIC ENGLISH

Designed to meet the needs of the modern international student, our Academic English course helps students get the most out of their study, keeping you on track to success. The course encourages students to develop their use of the English language in academic contexts.

**The course covers the following topics:**

- ✓ Academic English skills including seminars, essay writing, listening to lectures, note taking, research skills, critical thinking, and time management
- ✓ Introduction to university life and systems
- ✓ Irish culture and society workshops
- ✓ Additional English language development

## COURSE INFORMATION

Duration:	<b>20 lessons per week (55 min per lesson)</b>
Ages:	<b>18+</b>
Level:	<b>Pre-Intermediate - Advanced</b>
Class Size:	<b>Maximum 15 students</b>
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## **ADDITIONAL COURSES (SUMMER)**

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# BUSINESS ENGLISH

With the importance of English ever increasing in the workplace, our Business English course will help students achieve their career development goals by improving their communication skills for international business environments.

The course is focused on developing a range of key business language skills, including development in accuracy and efficiency of professional communications and comprehension, and real-life listening and reading content on a variety of business topics.

This course covers:

- ✓ Intensive speaking practice in a range of business contexts: meetings, negotiations, interviews, presentations, project management and more
- ✓ Comprehension of professional communications in the workspace in an enjoyable way
- ✓ Targeted individual feedback on emails, presentations and report-writing

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# IELTS PREPARATION

Our Summer IELTS Preparation course offers students the opportunity to study in an IELTS Testing Centre, with experienced IELTS specialists.

The course is designed to build students' academic language skills and systematically enhance their exam technique. Through exam-based practice activities and focused feedback, you will gain a clear understanding of how you can improve your performance and achieve your target result.

Every week, topic-based classes will focus on each component of reading, writing, listening and speaking. Through exam-based practice activities and focused feedback, students will gain a clear understanding of how to improve exam performance and achieve target results.

### This course covers:

- ✓ Stimulating and engaging topics chosen to expand your vocabulary and grammatical knowledge
- ✓ Intensive preparation for the one-to-one speaking test
- ✓ Accuracy, quality and expressive range of your IELTS writing tasks
- ✓ Performance in IELTS reading and listening tests
- ✓ Examination technique and how to prepare effectively for test day

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# SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Immerse yourself in the English language while having fun and making new friends from all corners of the globe with our exciting social programme. Discover the vibrant city of Dublin, Ireland's captivating capital, which has something for everyone to enjoy.

After classes, or on weekends, students can explore the rich Irish culture and history, and delve into all the wonders that Dublin and Ireland have in store. From movie afternoons to unforgettable weekend getaways to nearby cities, our social programme offers a wide range of activities.

Most of these activities, including fascinating walking tours, cultural visits to national museums, and engaging workshops, are completely free of charge.

Private attraction tickets or weekend trips are not included in the course fees and must be purchased separately. This allows you the flexibility to choose which additional experiences you would like to be a part of and explore even more of what Dublin and Ireland have to offer.

Our social programme is designed to create unforgettable experiences and provide you with opportunities to practice your English in real-life situations, all while having fun and building lifelong friendships. Don't miss out on this incredible chance to learn English, explore Dublin, and make memories that will last a lifetime.



# SOCIAL PROGRAMME



## VISITS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Guinness Storehouse
- ✓ Dublin Castle
- ✓ Croke Park Museum
- ✓ Christchurch Cathedral

## OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

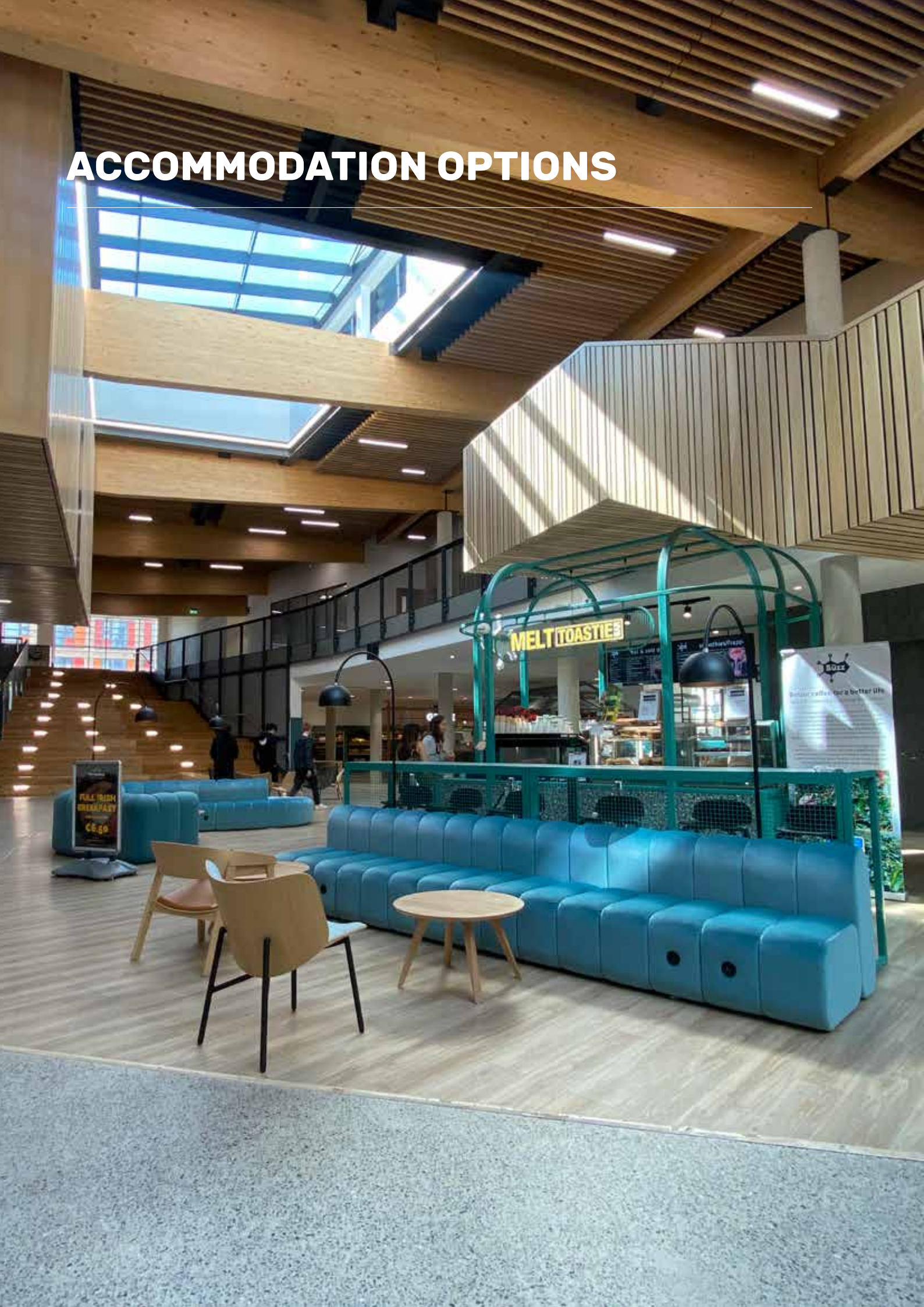
- ✓ Walking tours
- ✓ Movie nights
- ✓ Pub nights
- ✓ Sports

## WEEKEND TRIPS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Glendalough
- ✓ The Giants Causeway
- ✓ Galway City
- ✓ Cliffs of Moher



# ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS



# ON-CAMPUS APARTMENT ACCOMMODATION

On-campus residential accommodation is available to students throughout the summer months. All accommodation is self-catering (meals not included), in a well-equipped apartment style and on a single room basis.

All apartments are located within walking distance of classes and of all UCD campus facilities. Campus safety is of top priority and there is 24-hour security in operation throughout the campus.

Virtual tour of the apartments available on our website: [www.ucdela.com](http://www.ucdela.com)

- ✓ Private bedroom and private bathroom
- ✓ Self-catering. Cooking utensils provided. Meals not included
- ✓ Private study workspace
- ✓ Cleaning service once a week
- ✓ Bed linen provided
- ✓ Laundry facilities
- ✓ 24/7 support team (Reception and Security)
- ✓ Age: 18+ years old

**Availability dates:** Summer only

**Check in:** Sundays

**Check out:** Saturdays



Shared kitchen



Self-catering



Free wifi



Private bathroom



Games & study room



Within walking distance  
to class



# HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

Students can optimise their spoken English within a short timeframe by staying with a host family. Accommodation in homestays is arranged year-round, with carefully selected host families. All host families are within close proximity to the campus and to easy, accessible commuting links. Breakfast and dinner will be provided during the week. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided at the weekends.

- ✓ Availability all year-round
- ✓ Private bedroom
- ✓ Half-board during the week
- ✓ Full-board at the weekends
- ✓ Age: 18+ years old

**Availability dates:** Year-round

**Check in:** Sundays

**Check out:** Sundays



# IELTS AND CAMBRIDGE TEST CENTRE

UCD English Language Academy is proud to be recognized as an official testing centre for IELTS and Cambridge Exams in Ireland. As a trusted institution, we offer regular exams for both IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training, as well as Cambridge Exams.

At UCD English Language Academy, we understand the importance of international exams in achieving your academic and professional goals. That is why we strive to provide a supportive and conducive environment for all test-takers. Our experienced staff and state-of-the-art facilities are dedicated to ensuring a smooth testing experience, giving you the best opportunity to showcase your language proficiency.

By choosing UCD English Language Academy as your testing centre, you not only gain access to our esteemed credentials but also become a part of our vibrant community.

**Students can register for the exams online on our website: [www.ucdela.com](http://www.ucdela.com)**



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