

# **ENJOY EVERY OPPORTUNITY!** **EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN IRELAND**



**BROCHURE 2018**  
**CORK**



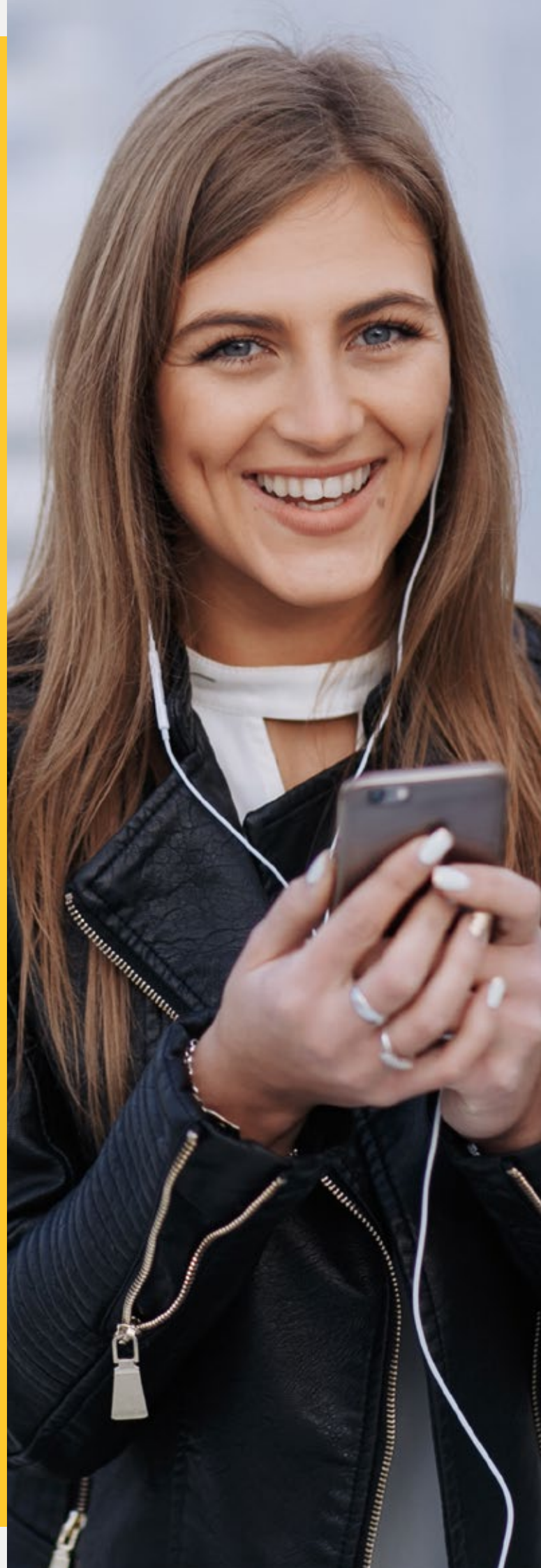
**EVERY STEP WE  
TAKE SHOULD BE  
TOWARD A BETTER  
FUTURE.**

***Give yourself the opportunity  
to live abroad and improve  
your skills.***

Our wealth of experience means that our students always feel welcome and safe. During our 7 years, we have been able to merge the school process and student experience to facilitate the active participation of the students inside and outside the classroom.

We are here to help our students in **any way** we can. Based on a lot of research and investment, the quality of our services **is improved** every day. We adapt to each new student and their life experience. More than just a simple school, we are here to help you realize a dream, a goal.

Facing a new culture can be a challenge, but how and with who you face this challenge can completely change the destiny of your life.



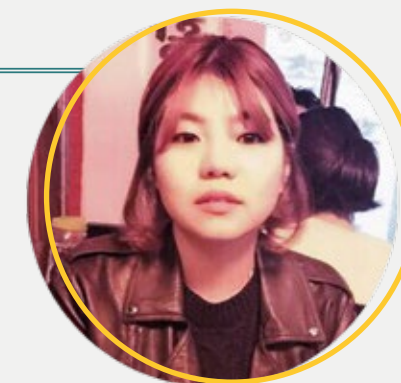
## **ICOT STUDENTS ARE FROM EVERYWHERE!**

*From Japan to Brazil or from South Africa to Europe, ICOT can help you  
to live your dream in the big Emerald Isle.*



"I have learnt English at ICOT for about six months. I felt good impression that there were many friendly teachers and school staff. I took some examination such as FCE and TIE. It was a good point that I was able to prepare for the exam with my teachers and also consult with them. Occasionally there were some activities outside of our classroom because of good location near city centre. It was an excellent opportunity to get fresh air with classmates and to improve my verbal skill."

*Tomohiko Moritani, Japanese Student*



"It is good communication between the teacher and student, and it helps students to participate conversation in the discussion class. So it has the advantage of able to learn evenly with various class patterns. The school provides students with proper care and helps us to solve any questions or concerns immediately."

*Sora Park, Korean Student*



"I chose ICOT to renew my English course, and it was a happy choice. The school is in the heart of the city. We have a student lounge and a canteen which makes life much easier, especially during the raining days. I liked the structure, the facilities, and I also have excellent teachers."

*Julia Moraes, Brazilian Student*

# Welcome to **ICOT**



**NEIL CLARKE**  
**DIRECTOR OF STUDIES**

Welcome to the beautiful city of Cork! Our new college is conveniently situated on the 'lovely' banks of the River Lee in the vibrant heart of the city. This scenic location has inspired many poets and musicians and I'm sure it will inspire you in your quest to improve your English. Rest assured that our professional and dynamic staff at ICOT, Cork is here to help you on your exciting educational and cultural journey.

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# WHY CORK?

## SUN

Appears in the Summer, between the months of May and July. On those sunny days, the Irish love to find a park and enjoy the sunshine with their family and friends. Sitting on the grass, sunbathing and chatting is a great way to pass the time!



## RECREATION

Ireland's second city is first in every important respect – at least according to the locals, who cheerfully refer to it as the “loveliest place in the world”. It's a liberal, youthful and cosmopolitan place with friendly people and a pleasant atmosphere.

Visiting Cork County allows you to experience a range of activities from kissing the world famous Blarney Stone in Blarney Castle to ringing the Shandon Bells in St. Anne's Church.

If you want to relax, spend the day in one of the artisan coffee bars on every corner or in snug pubs that offer beers for all kinds of taste. Not to mention that in each of them you will find a myriad of music and people! A great setting for making good friends and practicing your English!

## BUS

Cork City has a modern bus system allowing you to reach all parts of the city. The buses are very spacious and the large windows allow you to observe the landscape while traveling, making it a much more enjoyable trip! All bus services to County Cork operate from the central bus station which is a 5-minute walk from the city centre. There is also an excellent rail service which is an excellent way of exploring the city's rich and historical hinterland.



## BEER

Talking about Ireland and not talking about beer is practically impossible! Here many litres are consumed a day, and that is why pubs are city attractions. In the market you can buy beer or any other type of alcohol if you are over 18 but not consume on the street! That's it! Here in Ireland enjoy going into a pub or have a get together at home with friends! You can't consume beer on the street.

## CLOTHES

It is necessary to wear good sneakers because if there is something that the Irish and their visitors like to do, it is to walk! The Irish wear comfortable clothes such as sweaters, often far larger than their own size!

You will also need warm clothes for the winter months and rain gear for the famous Irish rain!

## STUDENTS

Cork is a great and fun city in which to study. The city offers ten different universities, including a music conservatory, technology institute, college of art and design, and maritime college, so there are a lot of choices for students. Because of Cork's relatively small size but large student population, it feels a bit like a college town. Here, students have the possibility to study in a large school, and still interact with all that the city can offer!





# WHY CHOSE ICOT?

*With teachers and a qualified team, the students are our priority.*



We want to make your stay in Ireland easier, so we provide a **careers professional** who will support you with your CV, LinkedIn, the best way to find places and how to enjoy your experience here and when you return to your country.

We are one of the only English language schools in the country to have a **mobile application** in which you can check your class attendance, stay up to date with the school activities and make all administrative requests at any time in the palm of your hand.

A privileged ICOT location allows you to quickly reach **Irish Government Buildings, Museums, Colleges and Libraries.**



For those who are not able to communicate confidently in English, it is possible to speak your mother tongue with one of our Agents who are **native to your country.**

The inviting rooms, reveal a pleasant space with TV's, high quality louds speakers, **comfortable chairs** and **wi-fi**. In addition to English classes, we have a large number of **extra lessons** that are free.

In our **canteen**, you can buy food and sit comfortably while you enjoy your meal. There is a **microwave** and **electric Kettle** for you to use. You will also find a library and **computers** for your convenience. In addition, a **library** has a collection for you to use and consult.





# GETTING AROUND

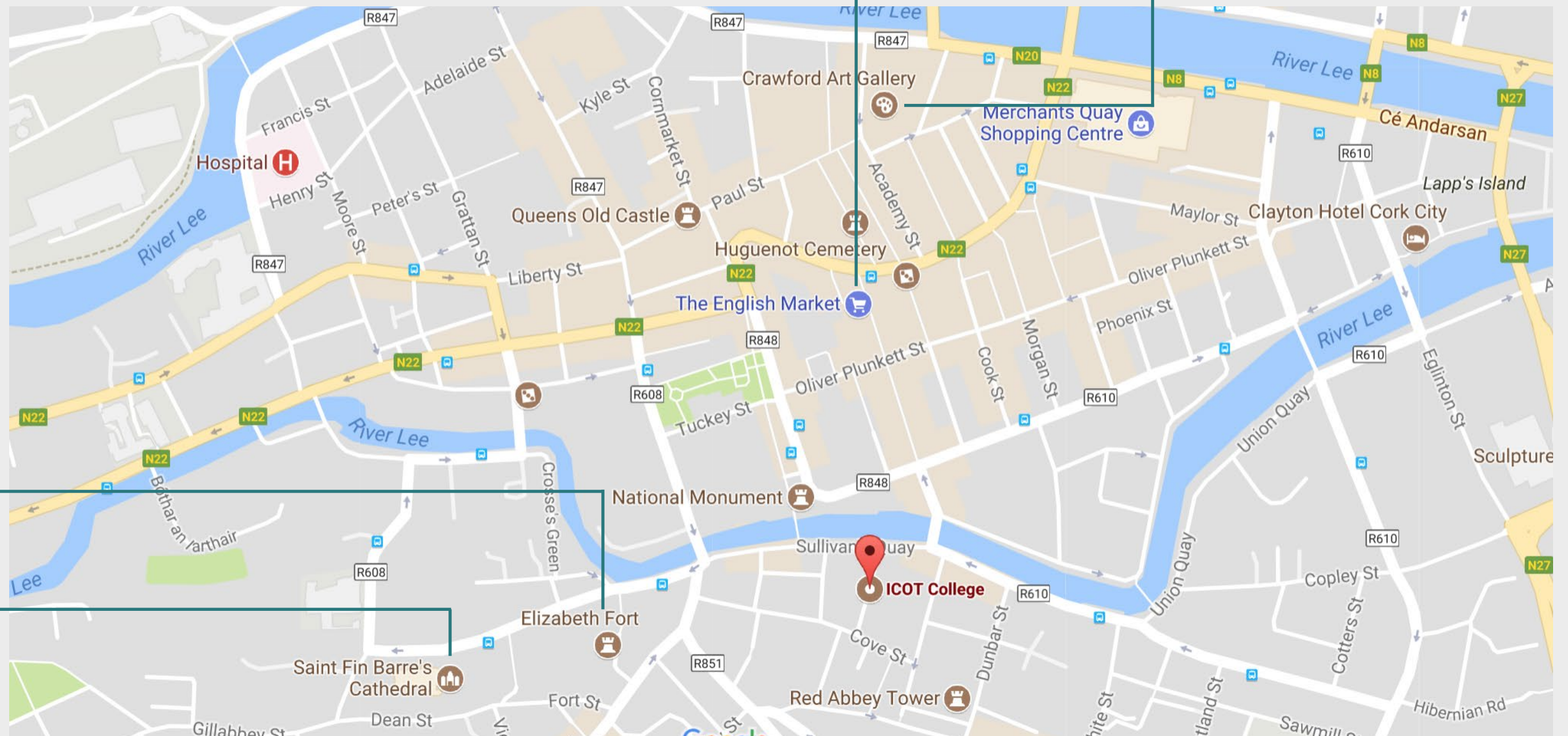
*There are so many things to do and see in Cork and they are all within walking distance of the College!*

*Studying at ICOT Cork means that you will be right in the heart of the city. You will easily be able to walk to all of Cork city's most famous sights.*

If you are a foodie you can visit the world famous English Market which is a 3-minute walk from the College. Around the corner from The English Market is Patrick Street which is a shopper's paradise. Should you enjoy visiting historic buildings, Elizabeth Fort, St. Finbarr's Cathedral and the celebrated Shandon Bells are also nearby. If Art and Culture is your cup of tea, you can go to the Crawford Gallery or The Opera House.

THE ENGLISH MARKET is a municipal food market in the center of Cork, Ireland, occupying an area stretching from Princes Street to the Grand Parade. It is made-up of Princes Street Market and Grand Parade Market, and is regarded for its mid-19th century architecture, and locally produced artisan food.

THE CRAWFORD ART GALLERY is a public art gallery and museum in the city of Cork, Ireland. Known informally as the Crawford, it was designated a 'National Cultural Institution' in 2006. It is "dedicated to the visual arts, both historic and contemporary", and welcomes over 200,000 visitors a year.



ELIZABETH FORT is a 17th-century star fort off Barrack Street in Cork, Ireland. Originally built as a defensive fortification on high-ground outside the city walls, the city eventually grew around the fort, and it took on various other roles – including use as a military barracks, prison, and police station.

SAINT FIN BARRE'S CATHEDRAL is a Gothic revival three spire cathedral in the city of Cork, Ireland. It is dedicated to the Church of Ireland and was completed in 1879. Saint Fin Barre's is located on the south side of the River Lee, on a site that has been a place of worship since the seventh century, and is named after Saint Finbarr, patron saint of the city.





## TEACHING METHOD

At ICOT, our highly trained teachers focus on a variety of techniques in the classroom. Always at the forefront are communicative, learner-centred lessons.

Authentic and functional language is taught so that you can confidently use it outside the classroom. You are expected to maximise your opportunity to contribute in class and actively participate during the lesson to ensure you take as much from the class as possible.

Using a Coursebook you will improve your four skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking – while also increasing your grammar knowledge and vocabulary.





# GENERAL ENGLISH

When you arrive, you will take a placement test and be placed accordingly based on your CEFR level. Classes start every Monday on a continuous enrolment. There is no time limit on how long you should stay in a level, but generally, when you start a level you should be ready to move up after around 12 weeks. Weekly progress checks and monitoring from teachers will help you develop your skills. The aim of the General English course is to:

- > Develop your four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) using authentic and functional language;
- > Enhance your communicative skills so you are able to communicate effectively both in and outside the classroom;
- > Develop knowledge and understanding of English grammar and confidently apply it accurately
- > Expand your vocabulary;
- > Lay a suitable foundation for further study of the language.



## DURATION

1 to 25 weeks  
(15 hours per week)

## CLASS SIZE

Maximum 15 students per class

## TIMETABLE

Morning classes:  
From 9 am to 10.30 am  
and 10.45 - 12.15 pm

Afternoon classes:  
From 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm  
and 2.45 - 4.15 pm

## START DATES

Every Monday  
(except holidays)

## AGE

The minimum age  
for start the class  
is 18+ years old

## LEVELS

Beginner  
Elementary  
Pre-intermediate  
Intermediate  
Upper Intermediate  
Advanced

# IELTS PREPARATION

IELTS, the International English Language Testing System, is accepted as evidence of English language proficiency by over 9,000 organisations worldwide.

The General Training focuses on the skills that you will need in social and workplace contexts.

This preparation programme aims to help you develop the ability to achieve the highest possible scores for your level.

The exam tests your four language skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking.

## DURATION

15 Weeks

## VERSION

General Training





# ACCREDITATIONS

**EDI**

Supporting learning  
and performance

Education Development International (EDI) is a leading provider of education and training qualifications and assessment services.

EDI has a strong reputation for the innovative use of information technology and prides itself on building close partnerships with training providers to support learner performance. ESOL International qualifications are intended for candidates who are not native speakers of English and who wish to achieve a high quality, internationally recognised qualification in English that is available and recognised world-wide.

**ILEP**

Interim List of  
Eligible Programmes

The fact that a provider and courses are listed on the ILEP means that in accordance with Ireland's student immigration policy, attendance at that college in respect of one of their listed full time courses on the ILEP is an eligible purpose for a non-european national coming to Ireland. The ILEP does not guarantee the quality of the institution but if a provider is listed on the ILEP in respect of courses they will have met certain criteria including the mandatory provision of learner protection in respect of enrolled non-european students.



TIE has been designed for all students over the age of 18 of all abilities and motivations following either long or short courses in language schools or other educational institutions. TIE is a learner-centred exam which is flexible, i.e., designed to recognise and accommodate the needs and interests of each learner whatever their level of English, age, cultural or educational background. The test is task-based with the content chosen by each individual learner and can therefore be used to assess learners.



The Progressive College Network is a newly formed organisation to meet the demand for an alternate representative body for the private college community in Ireland, which tries to promote Ireland as a high quality education destination. ICOT is a member of this organisation.

**ELT**  
Ireland

ELT Ireland is a network for professionals involved in all aspects of English Language Teaching that promotes learning, development and best practice through the sharing of knowledge and experiences. The purpose of ELT Ireland is to establish a network of teachers, supervisors, managers and researchers who are committed to improving teaching in English as a Foreign or Second Language in Ireland.



ICOT College, in partnership with O'Driscoll O'Neil Insurance, provide Learner Protection in line with ILEP requirements, which offers students peace of mind in terms of fee security and guaranteed course sustainability. ICOT College has approval to offer students learner protection insurance. Students will receive a certificate to confirm the insurance is in place.



# EXTRA ACTIVITIES

While studying at ICOT, Cork, you will have the opportunity to explore Cork city and county with excursions organized to various local attractions and of course to our famous Irish pubs.

Sample the music and culture of Cork while at the same time practicing the English you are learning at the College.





# OTHER FACILITIES



## HEALTH INSURANCE

It is a requirement of their Study Visa for non-EU students to take out private health insurance. For non-EU students who do not have current Health Insurance arrangements in place, ICOT will arrange student medical cover with O'Driscoll O'Neil. These policies cover emergency medical expenses, emergency travel and repatriation expenses, and are compliant with the applicable visa regulations.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

All our Student Support team is committed to providing you with assistance during your whole experience abroad. You will be assisted from the moment you leave your country until the moment you get your certificate.

Our career advisor, **Charles Cordeiro**, has about 10 years of experience in Business Management in Ireland, responsible for Staff Training and Recruitment. Holding a Major Award in Business Management and Honours Degree in Pharmaceutical Business Operations from Griffith College Dublin.



## ACCOMMODATION

Where you choose to live is a very important decision in your study abroad experience. At ICOT, we have different types of accommodation options to suit your lifestyle, budget and needs.

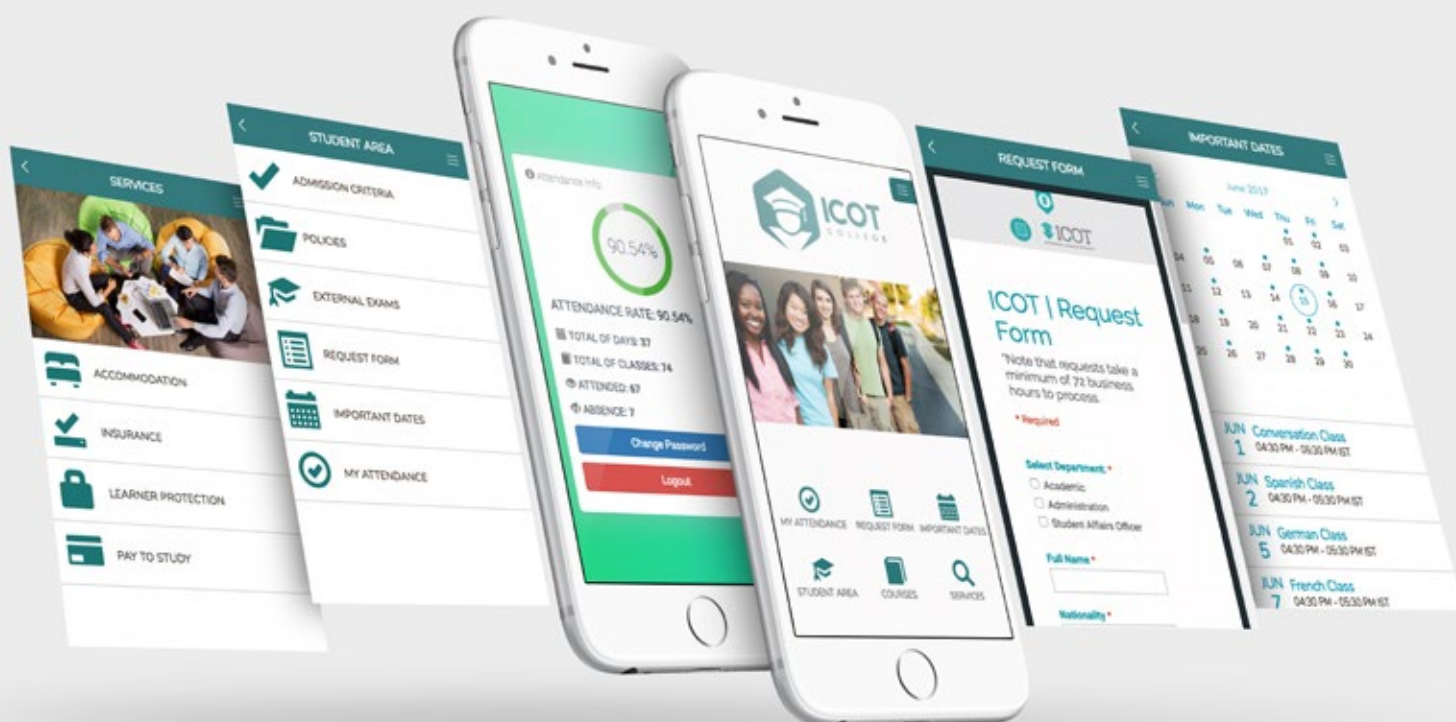


## AIRPORT TO ACCOMMODATION TRANSFER

Is it your first time coming to Ireland? Do not worry. We will pick you up at the airport! ICOT College offers you a transfer service to lead you from the airport to your accommodation safely and comfortably.



# EVERYTHING YOU NEED WITH JUST ONE CLICK.



## ICOT APP

**With the ICOT App you can check your attendance and much more from anywhere!**

### > Attendance

To check your attendance, you just need to click on "Register" and insert your Student Number. You can find this number on your enrolment letter.

Important information: All the information regarding attendance is updated at the end of each day.

### > Request Form

With the app, you can easily get in touch with the Academic department to request letters, change of level, your certificate or any other doubts you might have.

### > Important Dates

Stay tuned about every important date and events that are happening at ICOT! Also, you can check our extra curricular activities just clicking the date you prefer.

### > Student Area

You can check all the services to make your life easier and faster such as External Exams, Admission Criteria and the ICOT Policies.

### > Courses

Choose the right course for you and get more information about what we can offer you!

### > Services

Are you looking for something in particular? On the Services area, you will be able to check more information about our Accommodation, Health Insurance, Learner Protection and Pay to Study!

### > Contact Us

Still can't find what you need? Send us a message, and we will get back to you as soon as possible!

### > Videos

Check out our latest videos and news!



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