

Summer School Programme 2016



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for the teaching
of English

Welcome to Edinburgh College

Summer School 4 July - 12 August 2016

Location

Edinburgh, Scotland

Sighthill Campus

20 minutes by bus or tram from
the city centre

Campus Facilities

Library, free internet,
Sports Centre, coffee bar

Start dates

4, 11, 18, 25 July, 1 August

Courses

General English
IELTS Preparation
Social Programme

Class size

10 – 15 students per class

Minimum age

16. No maximum

Accommodation

Homestay available

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Edinburgh College is one of Scotland's largest English language providers.

For more than 30 years we've been welcoming students from all over the world to study English at our Sighthill Campus.

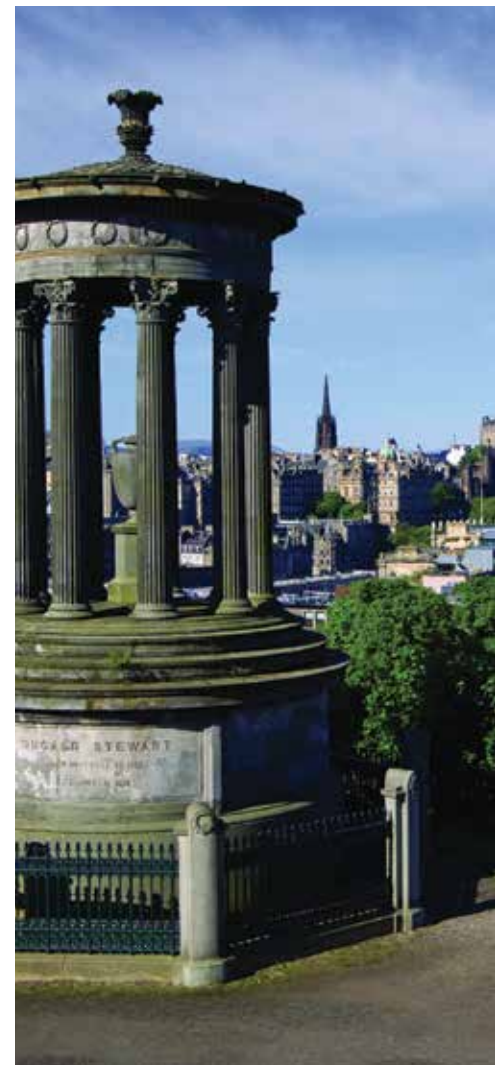
Our summer courses during July and August offer varied, interesting and challenging English programmes in a friendly environment. Our classes are suitable for English language students of all levels from Elementary to Advanced (our courses are not suitable for beginners). Classes are small (10-15 students), and led by well-qualified, experienced and enthusiastic tutors. Edinburgh College is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English, so our courses are externally inspected and meet high quality standards. You can choose to study with us for a minimum of 2 weeks up to a maximum of 6 weeks, and can book a combination of courses to ensure that your time spent studying at Edinburgh College is as productive and enjoyable as you wish.

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.

www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/international



01/ Courses

There are a range of flexible study options available to you throughout your time at Edinburgh College Summer School.

All students follow the core programme General English.

Students may choose to combine the General English course with IELTS Preparation.

Students on all courses can choose to join our Social Programme.

General English

(20 hours per week)

Suitable for students of all levels from Elementary to Advanced, our innovative thematically-arranged programme has been designed to ensure that every student can develop their English language skills in a meaningful and enjoyable way. Teachers work with students to improve speaking, listening, reading and writing through stimulating, collaborative tasks. Lessons are organised into controlled practice of grammar points, vocabulary extension and work on various pronunciation features of spoken English, followed by creative fluency activities.

Our experienced and qualified teachers use a wide variety of textbook and authentic multimedia materials, all of which are provided as part of the course.

Every student takes a placement test on the first Monday of their course and also has an informal interview with one of our teachers or the Director of Studies, to assess speaking and listening skills as well as grammatical knowledge, to make sure that students are placed in the class most suited to their level.



IELTS Preparation

(4 hours per week)

This course is for Intermediate to Advanced level students who want to prepare for IELTS English language exams. Your teacher will work with you to identify areas of weakness and will provide practice which is appropriate and relevant to your language needs. You may be working in small groups or individually depending on the shared needs of the group.

You will need to book the exam separately at a local exam centre (contact us for more information).



I like the diversity of teaching methods. It is inspiring."

Krzysztof Freitag, Poland

Social Programme

Our social programme gives students the opportunity to visit places of historical and cultural importance in and around the city, as well as a chance to experience Edinburgh's great entertainment scene.

The Social Programme includes 2 afternoon activities, 1 evening activity and 1 full-day Saturday excursion per week.



Timetable	9am - 1.15pm	Lunch	2pm - 4pm	Evening
Monday	General English		Social Programme	
Tuesday	General English		IELTS Preparation	
Wednesday	General English		Social Programme	
Thursday	General English		IELTS Preparation	Social Programme
Friday	General English			
Saturday	Social Programme: Full day excursion			



English and Culture

This course is available for groups of 10 or more students applying together, and can supplement the General English programme as an alternative to the IELTS Preparation course.

Suitable for Pre-Intermediate to Advanced level students, these courses offer a hands-on approach to learning English in a practical and fun way. In interesting and stimulating lessons, you will practise grammar, vocabulary, listening, speaking, reading and writing whilst exploring Scottish cultural topics.

The course will be closely linked to the social programme, so that you can prepare for the places you will visit, practise some useful language related to what you will see and get more out of your time in Scotland. Example topics include Scottish people (Mary Queen of Scots, William Wallace); Scottish places (including Social Programme destinations); Scottish events (Highland Games, the Military Tattoo, Hogmanay) and other Scottish things (food, tartan, inventions, castles).



"I'm really satisfied with the course and teachers. It's been a very good experience!"

Sandra Morón Trencó, Spain.

Pre-sessional Summer School

If you are going to start a course at Edinburgh College in September, why not join our English language summer school first?

- Practise your English in lively and interesting classes before starting your main course
- Familiarise yourself with Edinburgh and the British way of life
- Experience the world-famous Edinburgh International Festival in August
- Make new friends both in class and on our social programme



02/Facilities

Edinburgh College offers excellent facilities to students, on all of our courses.

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 points are available across the campus and internet facilities are free for 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.

Sports Centre

The Sports Centre is a new facility with sports hall and state-of-the-art fitness suite.

All Summer School students can register to use the college gym.

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
- 24-hour emergency contact number

03/ Social programme

We want you to get the most out of your time here in Edinburgh, and out of your studies.

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 a great chance to see many of the things you have been learning about in class, and an ideal opportunity to experience the rich Scottish culture first hand.

The 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:

- Learn about the history of Scotland at the National Museum
- Visit Holyrood Palace, the Queen's Edinburgh residence
- Take part in an evening of traditional Scottish dance
- Explore secret, hidden areas of Edinburgh on a city tour
- See Falkland Palace and the historic seaside town of St Andrews
- Discover Glasgow, Scotland's largest city and the famous Loch Lomond

Useful Websites

Visit Scotland
www.visitscotland.com

This is Edinburgh
www.thisisedinburgh.com

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



"I think the funniest activity during the week was the "ceilidh" and at the weekend I liked so much Stirling and Linlithgow, St Andrews and Dunkeld Cathedral".

Alexia Álvarez Sáez, Spain.



04/ Accommodation

Homestay - Affordable Accommodation

The College can arrange your homestay accommodation before you arrive. Most of the accommodation is 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.

All of our homestay accommodation is inspected 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.

£150 per week, single room.

Care of Under 18s

We strongly recommend that students under 18 should stay in homestay accommodation (half board) during their time in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh College will normally 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.

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.

For more information about the care we provide for students under the age of 18, please request a copy of our **Summer School Information for Parents**.

Homestay Self Catering

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

£110 per week, single room.



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

Julie Guyot, France.



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

Hostels

Hostels are a cheap option for short stays. You will usually share a room.

To book, contact the hostel directly.

Smart City Hostel (Private hostel)
www.smartcityhostels.com
Tel: +44 (0) 131 524 1989

SYHA
Edinburgh Central
(Scottish Youth Hostels Association)
www.syha.org.uk
Tel: +44 (0) 131 524 2090

Useful websites for other accommodation:

Hotels, guest houses, B&Bs, hostels:
www.visitscotland.com/accommodation

Student flats:
www.studentpad.co.uk
www.gumtree.com/edinburgh

Please note: Edinburgh College is not responsible for the content of these websites or the outcome of any transaction resulting from using these websites.



Halls of Residence

The Sighthill Campus does not have a student residence. There are student residences located at our Milton Road and Granton campuses, please contact us for more details.

There are also a limited number of rooms in Halls of Residence in the city centre. It is more expensive than homestay accommodation, but some students prefer this chance to live independently.

You will normally have your own bedroom, and share a kitchen with other students. Some bedrooms have en-suite facilities; in others there will be a shared bathroom.

You should contact and book directly with:

- **Edinburgh First**
(University of Edinburgh accommodation)
www.edinburghfirst.com
Tel: +44 (0) 131 651 2007
- **Euro Hostel Edinburgh**
www.euro-hostels.co.uk/edinburgh
Tel: +44 (0) 8454 900 461
- **UNITE**
(Private student accommodation)
www.unite-students.com
Tel: +44 117 302 7497
- **Edinburgh Napier University**
www.napier.ac.uk
Tel: +44 (0) 131 455 3738



"Edinburgh is one of the most beautiful cities I've ever seen. Great people and lots of things to do, especially now at festival time."

Antonio Tortosa Garrido, Spain.



05/ Course fee information

4 July – 12 August 2016

All students follow the core programme General English, which consists of 20 hours per week of English Language study.

Students may choose to combine the General English course with IELTS Preparation (4 hours per week).

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"Edinburgh is a fantastic and nice city, you need to spend two or more weeks to visit all the places. Edinburgh looks like in the movies!"

Pepe Melgares Natoli, Spain.

Course	Number of weeks	Start dates	Tuition fees only	Tuition with social programme
General English (20 hours per week)	2	4, 11, 18, 25 July; 1 August	£480	£600
	3	4, 11, 18, 25 July	£690	£870
	4	4, 11, 18 July	£920	£1,170
	5	4, 11 July	£1,150	£1,460
	6	4 July	£1,350	£1,730
General English and IELTS Preparation (24 hours per week)	2	4, 11, 18, 25 July; 1 August	£610	£730
	3	4, 11, 18, 25 July	£890	£1,070
	4	4, 11, 18 July	£1,180	£1,430
	5	4, 11 July	£1,470	£1,780
	6	4 July	£1,740	£2,120

Teacher Training

Edinburgh College is a long 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 - this can depend on the type of qualification required and your own preferences for delivery. Some programmes may combine delivery in both Edinburgh and your home country.

Please contact: summerschool@edinburghcollege.ac.uk for more information about our group programmes.

Groups

Teachers and agents should note that discounts are available for group bookings of 10 or more students.

We can design a programme for your students including tuition, accommodation, social programme and transport.

Tuition can be in international Summer School classes, or if your students have a specific interest or project focus, we can tailor-make a course just for them.



06/ How to apply

Stage 1

Complete the application form and send it to the College at the address below with a £200 non-refundable deposit. You may also pay your fees in full at this stage. If you require a visa to study in the UK, we may request a higher deposit / full fee payment.

Students aged 16 and 17 must provide a parent or guardian's contact details, and guardians must confirm that they have read the Summer School Information for Parents.

Stage 2

We will send you a letter of acceptance and an information pack with more details about your course, the College and Edinburgh, including maps and instructions for the first day of your course.

Stage 3

Please be ready to pay the remaining course fee on your first day.

Payment must be made in British Pounds Sterling (£) in the following ways:

- Visa, Mastercard, Eurocard, Maestro or Delta
- Cheque made payable to Edinburgh College
- Bank Transfer
- Cash (please do not post)



"I really enjoyed this summer in Edinburgh College and this has been possible thanks to the staff, the activities offered by the social programme and the people I've met here."

Adrián Bermejo Orta, Spain

Care of Under 18s

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 Summer School 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 **Summer School Information for Parents**.



All applications and enquiries to:

Summer School Office
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Sighthill Campus

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Edinburgh
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Scotland UK

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Email: summerschool@edinburghcollege.ac.uk



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