



20 LESSONS PER WEEK

50+

Programme

GALWAY CULTURAL INSTITUTE

Course description

Learn a language in the company of peers from your generation with our Club 50+ Programme. The course is designed for mature students who want to improve and combine their language skills with an activity programme, suited to their specific tastes and needs. The programme includes exciting language practice and a range of cultural and social activities with a focus on Ireland's famous heritage.

It is a mixed ability class with students from Pre-Intermediate (A2) to Upper-Intermediate (B2). If students fall outside of these categories, they will have the option, if they wish, to join a General English class more suitable to their level.

Lessons emphasise communication, while the activities will help immerse the student in the local culture and history.

Course objectives

- To maximise use of English in everyday situations
- To build students' confidence in their ability to use English
- To help you improve your understanding of spoken English
- To make English study a fun experience
- Allow you to meet new people and make new friends



Galway Cultural Institute is one of Ireland's premier language schools. Since 1989, GCI has provided English language programmes to students from all over the world. Our facilities are excellent and our teachers are the best.



Galway is an extremely popular seaside destination with beautiful beaches and long winding promenade. Galway is a lively cosmopolitan city, famous for its top quality educational institutions, its location on the Wild Atlantic Way on the west coast of Ireland, its warm welcome and hospitality.

The Programme	The student
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 lessons per week in a closed group • 2 weeks programme • Practical use of English language • A combination of lessons and social activities • Tailored programme • GCI Certificate on course completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideal for mature students • Level A2 to B2 (pre-test required) • Average age: 50 • Class size: max. 14
	Start Dates

Social Activity Programme

This programme includes the following social programme for the students:

A. Four Afternoon Activities

- 1) Walking tour of Galway guided by GCI teacher.
- 2) Half day trip on the Corrib Princess Boat (May to September only) – with GCI representative if a minimum of 6 participants is achieved.
- 3) One Irish workshop – (depending on availability of outside experts) which may include one of the following: Irish music / Tin Whistle with master musician Celtic / Ogham writing with local artist.
- 4) Irish Dancing Lesson with professional dancer.
- 5) Galway Museum visit – Not guided.

B. Three Evening Activities

- 1) Trad on the Prom is a River dance type show that is held during the season (May to September) in Galway. The show is very popular as it is very authentic and dramatic. It is not exclusive – as any member of the public may attend. For closed groups attending Club 50+ Programme outside the season, this evening event will be replaced by a theatre show. No GCI representative
- 2) Pub evening usually shared with other GCI students – with GCI representative.
- 3) Greyhound racing at the local dog track – other GCI students may be attending. No GCI representative.

C. Two Full Day Activities*

- 1) **Cliffs of Moher.** The trip is a scheduled trip which means it is shared with other participants both from the school and from the locality. The Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's top visitor attractions. The Cliffs are 214m high at the highest point and range 8 kilometres over the Atlantic Ocean on the western seaboard of County Clare.
- 2) **Aran Islands.** The trip includes bus from Galway to Rossaveal, boat from Rossaveal to Inis Mor and bus tour on the island. The excursion is a scheduled trip which means it is shared with other participants both from the school and from the locality. All the major sites on the island are explored and participants have the opportunity of being dropped off at the foot of Dun Aengus and can walk 20 – 30 minutes to the top of Dun Aengus to see the cliff. Entrance to Dun Aengus included.

*GCI representative is not included in either of the tours.

D. To make the experience extra special, we include:

- Welcome lunch in Ozone Café with GCI staff
- Return transfer by public coach
- Taxi transfer (on arrival only) to the accommodation



Accommodation

GCI organises both residential and host family accommodation for our students. Residential accommodation is self-catering while host family provides half-board Mon-Fri, with full-board at weekends. Prices vary from €190 - €265 per week and accommodation is available all year around. Hotel / B&B accommodation available on request.