
Erasmus+ Courses

Emerald Cultural Institute



Beyond Language Learning



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Experience Tradition, Embrace Innovation

Gain confidence, skills and new perspectives



Why choose Emerald for your Erasmus+ Programme?

Our Erasmus+ courses combine expert-led tuition with hands-on workshops and vibrant intercultural exchange.



We are TrustEd certified, accredited by EAQUALS and QQI, and we are proud members of Quality English and IALC.

Who can apply?

These courses are funded by the EU Erasmus+ Programme for teachers, trainers, school staff, professionals, and higher education personnel.

We provide all necessary documentation (including STT invitation letters) to support your mobility grant application.

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What is Erasmus+?



Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme for education, training, youth, and sport, supporting professional development and mobility across Europe. At Emerald Cultural Institute, Erasmus+ funding enables teachers, educators, and staff from schools, colleges, and universities to take part in subsidized English language and professional training courses. These immersive programmes enhance language proficiency, intercultural skills, and workplace competencies—equipping participants to thrive in international, multilingual environments.



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All courses include:

- Pre-course assessment & onboarding
- Teaching materials*
- Access to GEL learning platform
- Welcome kit
- Social and cultural activity programme
- Certificate of participation
- Full support from our academic and welfare teams

** Optional text book available at additional cost*

English and Communication Programmes

Our English and Communication Programmes are designed for Erasmus+ participants seeking to develop English proficiency alongside communication, intercultural, digital, and lifelong learning skills in an international environment.

Aligned with the CEFR (A1–C1), the programmes combine English language development with collaboration, project work, guided reflection, and practical communication tasks. Participants actively use English to communicate, collaborate, and engage with real-world topics and global perspectives.

Through interactive and learner-centred lessons, participants strengthen speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills while developing wider transferable competences including teamwork, intercultural communication, digital fluency, critical thinking, creativity, and professional communication.



All programmes include:

- Communication-focused and learner-centred lessons
- Collaboration, discussion, and practical communication
- Intercultural exchange in an international classroom
- Digital fluency and AI-supported learning
- Inclusive and evidence-based teaching approaches
- Access to Emerald's social and cultural programme
- Real-world communication and practical application

Integrated English & Lifelong Skills Pathway

Develop practical English communication skills through collaboration, intercultural exchange, discussion, and real-world tasks. This programme focuses on communication, teamwork, cultural awareness, and lifelong learning skills.

Integrated English & Lifelong Skills Pathway Plus

An enhanced version of the Lifelong Skills Pathway including a full social and cultural programme and a Saturday heritage excursion. Participants further develop communication, collaboration, intercultural awareness, and confidence through extended interaction and cultural engagement.



Integrated English & Lifelong Skills Pathway: Irish Culture

Combine English language development with an exploration of Irish culture, heritage, society, and contemporary life. In addition to the core English programme, participants attend a dedicated afternoon Irish culture module and have access to Emerald's cultural and social activity programme



Integrated English & Lifelong Skills Pathway: Professional Communication

Develop English language skills for professional and international contexts. In addition to the core English programme, participants attend a dedicated afternoon professional communication module focusing on workplace communication, presentations, collaboration, and career-focused communication skills.

Integrating AI and Digital Tools in Education

This practical course is designed for educators across subject areas who want to explore how AI and emerging digital technologies can support teaching, learning, assessment, creativity, and learner engagement in practical, meaningful, and responsible ways.

Participants will build confidence in using accessible AI and digital tools for lesson planning, classroom activities, differentiation, creativity, communication, and collaboration. The course also introduces how Large Language Models (LLMs) work, including their strengths, limitations, biases, and reliability considerations.

Through interactive, workshop-based sessions, participants will critically evaluate where AI adds value and explore ethical, responsible, and transparent approaches to its use in education. They will develop practical frameworks, lesson ideas, assessment approaches, and guidance that can be adapted to their own teaching contexts.

By the end of the course, participants will have practical resources and strategies to support effective, critical, and responsible AI integration in teaching.

Please note: Participants are required to bring their own laptop in order to fully participate in the practical workshop



Learning outcomes

- Develop a practical understanding of how Large Language Models (LLMs) and generative AI tools function.
- Identify and critically evaluate a range of AI and digital tools relevant to classroom teaching.
- Apply AI and digital tools to support lesson planning, classroom activities, feedback, assessment, creativity, and learner engagement.
- Evaluate ethical considerations, limitations, and responsible approaches to AI use in education.
- Develop practical frameworks and guidelines for effective, critical, and responsible AI use with learners.

Course dates 2027	Details
• February 22-26	• 20 hours morning Integrated English plus 6 hours afternoon AI/Digital Tools in Teaching
• May 24-26	• 20 hour tuition on topic
• July 26-30	• 20 hour tuition on topic
• November 8-12	• 20 hours morning Integrated English plus 6 hours afternoon AI/Digital Tools in Teaching)



Effective English Teaching

This practical and interactive course is designed for educators working with all learners in English language and multilingual educational contexts. The course explores contemporary teaching approaches that support learner engagement, communication, inclusion, and active participation across different age groups and classroom settings.

Participants will develop a deeper understanding of effective English language teaching methodologies and explore practical strategies that can be applied immediately in the classroom. The course combines hands-on workshops, collaborative discussion, lesson design, and reflective practice, creating opportunities to share ideas and experiences with educators from a range of international contexts.

Sessions focus on creating engaging and inclusive learning experiences through communication-focused teaching, collaboration, learner-centred activities, and practical classroom application. Participants will explore approaches to lesson planning, classroom interaction, differentiation, motivation, and language development while considering the needs of diverse learners.

Each session includes practical takeaways, adaptable classroom ideas, and opportunities for collaborative reflection. By the end of the course, participants will have developed a portfolio of practical activities, lesson ideas, and teaching strategies ready for immediate classroom use.



Learning outcomes

- Develop practical strategies to support learner engagement and communication across different age groups and educational contexts.
- Design and adapt communicative language activities for diverse proficiency levels and learner needs.
- Apply inclusive and learner-centred teaching approaches to support participation and motivation.
- Explore practical approaches to classroom management, collaboration, and active learning.
- Create effective lesson sequences and classroom tasks that promote meaningful language use and interaction.
- Reflect critically on classroom practice and identify strategies to support professional growth and development.



Course dates 2027	Details
• July 19-23	• 20 hours tuition on topic

CLIL in Action: A Practical Toolkit

This interactive course is designed to help you create engaging new lessons that will revitalise both you and your students. You'll discover effective techniques and learn how to adapt materials specifically for CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning).

The course is structured around workshop-style modules. These hands-on sessions include practical tasks and provide immediate takeaways that you can implement in your lessons straight away. The workshops equip participants with a working knowledge of key CLIL concepts and a selection of practical activities suitable for both primary and secondary levels. Recognising the importance of a teacher's language proficiency in CLIL, the course also includes dedicated language-development classes every morning.

Learning outcomes

- Develop tasks, activities, and materials that actively support CLIL in the classroom.
- Evaluate materials to ensure their effectiveness within a CLIL context.
- Plan effective CLIL lessons that carefully consider different learning stages.
- Demonstrate awareness of and apply approaches to inclusivity in CLIL

Course dates 2027	Details
• April 12- 16	• English + CLIL (20 hours morning Integrated English & Lifelong Skills plus 6 hours afternoon CLIL seminars)
• July 12- 16	• Eng + CLIL- (20 hours morning Integrated English & Lifelong Skills plus 6 hours afternoon CLIL seminars)

Inclusive Teaching for Engagement and Wellbeing

This practical and reflective course explores how inclusive teaching approaches can support learner engagement, participation, wellbeing, and sustainable classroom practice. Drawing on evidence-informed approaches including Universal Design for Learning (UDL), trauma-informed education, and wellbeing-centred pedagogy, participants will develop practical strategies to create supportive and engaging learning environments for diverse learners.

The course combines interactive workshops, collaborative discussion, classroom application, and reflective practice. Participants will explore how classroom design, communication, relationships, and emotional safety influence motivation, participation, and learning outcomes across educational settings.

Learning outcomes

- Understand key principles of inclusive and engagement-focused teaching approaches, including UDL and trauma-informed practice.
- Identify barriers to participation and apply practical strategies to support diverse learner needs.
- Create classroom environments that support emotional safety, learner motivation, and active participation.
- Develop practical approaches to support teacher wellbeing and sustainable professional practice.
- Reflect critically on teaching practice and apply learning to participants' own educational contexts.



Course dates 2027	Details
• August 9-13	• 20 hours tuition on topic

Sustainability: Empowering Educators for a Greener Future

This programme is specifically designed to equip educators with the knowledge, tools, and strategies needed to effectively and confidently integrate sustainability education into their everyday teaching practice. Through a combination of hands-on activities, new learning ideas, and innovative student engagement strategies, participants will develop a rich toolkit of resources and real-world connections to make sustainability education both meaningful and impactful in their classrooms.

Participants will leave feeling inspired and empowered to drive positive change within their schools and wider communities.



Learning outcomes

- Explore key sustainability concepts (environmental, social, and economic).
- Expand the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to achieve a sustainable and green future,
- Gain tools to integrate sustainability into any curriculum subject

Dates on request for groups of min 5 people.

Accommodation Options



Residence

- Self-catering
- Single room ensuite/
private bathroom
- Shared kitchen and lounge
- Summer Supplement:
(25 May – 31 August)



Homestay

- Half-board (breakfast and dinner)
- Single room



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Courses on fixed dates require a minimum number of participants.
Contact us for availability and further details.

