

About International House Kharkiv

The International House World Organisation (IHWO) is one of the largest and oldest groups of language schools in the world. Founded in 1953, it is a global network of over 150 affiliated private language schools in 52 countries, spanning every continent.

With support from the International Renaissance Foundation in Ukraine International House schools were established in Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv, Lviv, Odessa and Kharkiv.

International House Language Centre – Kharkiv has been an affiliate member of the International House World Organization since 1996. We work in close cooperation and with the methodological support of the organization.

IH KHARKIV offers a comprehensive selection of courses in general English, French, German and Russian for learners of all abilities and ages. We also offer summer intensive courses, custom-designed courses for closed groups, courses for young learners and exam preparation classes. We are a licensed teacher training center for IH Certificate for Teaching Languages, IH Certificate for Teaching Younger Learners and SIT TESOL training courses.

General English Course

Need to learn or improve your English for work, study, travel or simply make a conversation with friends? A General English course at IH Kharkiv focuses on the English you need to communicate well in everyday situations.

The course covers speaking, listening, reading and writing skills, along with grammar and vocabulary. The main emphasis of this course is on practical communication to build your vocabulary and help to develop fluency and confidence.

The course is available at all levels from Elementary to Proficiency and you will be placed in a class which is suitable for your level.

Group work will be balanced with individual support and encouragement from your teacher.

If you want to improve your general English, at any level from Beginner to Advanced, this is the course for you. We sub-divide levels so that you are placed in a class with the students of the same level as yours.

Our General English Language courses are designed for students who want to develop the language they already know or make a start in English. You will focus on the four key language skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing through interactive study. You will also study grammar and extend your vocabulary.

You may join any week and immerse yourself in a lively class with a focus on communication. If you have specific needs, such as exam practice or need to develop confidence in speaking, you can combine General English with a Plus Option for specialist training.

In the General English course there are six levels, ranging from Beginners to Proficiency, each subdivided into 4/5 sublevels. Students attend three or two 90-minute classes a week from 8 a.m. to 9.15 p.m. . Each sublevel consists of 32/48 academic hours of classwork time, and is covered in one semester of approximately 8/12 weeks. At the end of each sublevel students write a progress test.

On completing this course you will have:

- increased your oral fluency
- learned “real” English using the latest course books and materials such as DVDs, newspapers and the internet
- widened your range of active vocabulary
- developed better listening skills
- improved your writing, pronunciation and reading
- developed learning strategies for the future

We aim to help you improve your communication skills in a wide range of situations. To do this, the course follows a course book and your teacher will use real-life situations and topics to make your learning personal to you. The idea is to help your understanding as much as possible.

During the course you will:

- work with other students to develop your communication skills by engaging in activities such as role-plays, pair work, group work and class discussions
- learn, review and consolidate new language everyday
- learn how to become a more effective learner
- get regular homework to help you review and check your understanding of what you have learned in class
- complete can-do statements to track your progress

Levels

Beginners

You will learn a lot of basic phrases (name/greetings/job e.g.) and will be able to produce present simple in statement and make basic questions.

Elementary

You will be able to talk about family, daily routine, likes and dislikes. You will learn to produce past simple in statements, make basic questions and respond to questions about future plans.

Pre-Intermediate

You will be able to compare Kharkiv and another city, discuss countries visited, things you have to do in your job using present simple, past simple and present perfect appropriately.

Intermediate

You will be able to use more varied vocabulary to discuss lifestyle, interests, work, travel, etc. You will have a solid grounding in present and past simple/continuous, present perfect simple. You will be able to use modal verbs (e.g. obligation, ability, polite requests) and ready to work on more complete aspects of grammar.

Upper-Intermediate

You will have good narrative and descriptive vocabulary and structure. You will be able to discuss the country's/personal future, give an interesting/ comprehensive description of a book or film mixing tenses freely and accurately.

Advanced

You will be a reasonably confident fluid speaker with few hesitations in speech who needs fine tuning. You will be able to discuss hypothetical situations and move away from personal topics to current affairs.

Mastery

You will obviously be thinking in English. Your pronunciation will be close to a native speaker. You will be able to talk freely and at length on a range of subjects making very few or no structural errors.

Course details

Minimum English level: Beginner

- **Minimum age:** 14
- **Average age:** 25
- **Minimum course length:** 3 months
- **Hours a day:** 1,5
- **Cost:** 1100 - 1650 UAH (1 month) (45-65 \$)
- **Average class size:** 10 (maximum 12)
- **Lessons a month:** 8 - 12
- **Lesson time a month:** 12 hours
- **Lesson times:** 08:00 to 21:30
- **Lesson days:** Monday to Saturday

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