13,000 students
50,000 alumni
109 nationalities

1 No.1 university in Ireland for work experience and careers advice
120 student run Clubs and Societies
100% of students attend regular academic classes with Irish and international students

1 enjoy full free access to gym and fitness classes at DCU Sports Complex, Ireland’s ‘Sports Centre of the Year’
2 Dublin has been voted the world’s second friendliest city by readers of Rough Guides
1 DCU has the best student/academic staff ratio in Ireland (Higher Education Authority, Ireland)
As a student from Japan we know you have made a big decision to choose to study at Dublin City University (DCU).

DCU is one of the best young universities in the world as ranked by the QS Top 50 under 50 and THE Top 100 under 50. We have a proud tradition of world-class academic excellence, research and innovation.

With a range of English language levels and module options about Contemporary Ireland, Politics and Intercultural Studies, DCU has a clear study path for every student.

Our Language and Intercultural Semester Study Programme will give you the confidence and skills to study in English, while earning academic credits.

From the land of saints and scholars to one of the top choices in Europe for some of the world’s global brands to set up in, Ireland is a forward-thinking country with a rich past.

You’ll like life here, as we’re a safe, friendly English-speaking country. You can live in modern student apartments or with a local Irish family.
Entry Requirements

Academic entry requirements
— GPA of 2.7/4.0 (DCU will consider a lower GPA on a case-by-case basis)
— You should be in at least Year 2 of your university programme
— You must meet the minimum English Language requirement for your chosen Option (outlined below)

Transfer of credits
You must seek approval from your home university for transfer of credits.

Programme Options
DCU offers a variety of custom-designed academic programmes for Non-Native English Speaking Japanese and International Students. Pre-sessional English Language Programmes are also available if needed.

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More information
www.dcu.ie/international/language–and–intercultural–semester

*Please note: TOEFL IBT scores are for guidance only. Full assessment of scores or other accepted English language equivalents will be made on application.
1 – Botanic Gardens
2 – The Guinness Storehouse
3 – The Spire, O’Connell Street
4 – The Hugh Lane Gallery
5 – The Phoenix Park & Dublin Zoo
6 – The Custom House
7 – Book of Kells
8 – National Gallery of Ireland
9 – National Museum of Ireland
10 – Christ Church Cathedral
11 – St. Patrick’s Cathedral
12 – The Casino Marino
13 – The Aviva Stadium
14 – Croke Park
15 – The 3 Arena
16 – St. Stephen’s Green

Dublin Bus
It takes 15 mins to get from DCU to the city centre by bus.

Dublin Bikes
is one of the world’s most successful bike schemes!
Options 1 and 2

Core modules
You register for two core classes:

- Language Skills & Intercultural Communication (7.5 credits), and
- Introduction to Contemporary Irish Society (5 credits)

You also choose up to 15 credits in elective modules from the optional module lists of Sample A, Sample B, or both, depending on the programme and your level of English language skill.

Elective modules

Sample A

- Introduction to the Study of Language 1 (5 credits)
- Introduction to the Irish Political System (5 credits)
- The Making of Contemporary Europe (5 credits)
- The Emergence of Modern America (5 credits)
- Introduction to International Relations & Security (5 credits)
- Textual Studies (5 credits)
- Intercultural Communicative Competence I (5 credits)

Sample B

- Anglo-Irish Literature 1: The Novel and Short Story (5 credits)
- Sociolinguistics (5 credits)
- Speaking Skills (5 credits)
- Debating Skills (5 credits)
- English Language 3 (10 credits)
- English Integrated Skills 1 (5 credits)

Option 3 – Pre-Sessional English Language Programmes

If you have an IELTS 5.0 or TOEFL equivalent, the Pre-Sessional English Language Programme will give you the extra support you need before entering the DCU Language and Intercultural Semester Study Programme.

The duration depends on your current language needs. It takes about twelve weeks to go from IELTS 5.0 to 5.5. With an IELTS of 6.0, you can progress to Option 1 while an IELTS of 5.5 will allow you to progress to Option 2.

DCU Language Services are based on the DCU campus. Accommodation will be in a homestay with a local Irish family during the English Language Programme.

The 12-week programme starts in June.

Option 4

If you meet our English requirements you may choose from the full range of Study Abroad Module Choices across all four faculties at DCU. Full details are on www.dcu.ie/international/language-and-intercultural-semester
Duration of programme
The Language and Intercultural Semester Study Programme runs during Semester One, which is from September to January. It includes a full orientation programme and assessment.

You may choose to sit examinations in January. Alternatively, you may choose the 100% Continuous Assessment options and return home in December for Christmas.

You can also extend your time in DCU and stay for the full academic year. Semester Two runs from February to May. DCU Language Services can arrange an English language test after Semester One.

Programme fees
Check our website for our current tuition fees. [www.dcu.ie/international/language-and-intercultural-semester](http://www.dcu.ie/international/language-and-intercultural-semester)
Accommodation
We have a range of safe and comfortable accommodation on our doorstep for you to choose from depending on your budget or needs:

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Campus Residences
DCU has on-campus accommodation. Preference is given to applicants if you:

- are here for the full academic year
- accept your unconditional offer by 1 May
- apply online by 15 May at [www.dcuaccommodation.ie](http://www.dcuaccommodation.ie)

Please note that campus accommodation is not guaranteed even if you meet these conditions.

Applications for on-campus accommodation received between 16 May and 30 June are entered into a lottery system in July.

Cost of living
Dublin is an affordable European capital city. The total average cost of living per month is about €1,000.

Average monthly costs:
Please note that the costs are approximate and should be used as a guide only.

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Other costs
- Medical insurance is required for immigration – €120 per year from [www.odon.ie/dcu](http://www.odon.ie/dcu)
- Garda National Immigration Bureau immigration certificate of registration (GNIB Registration Card) is €300
- Re-entry visa for students requiring a visa €60 (single entry) or €100 (multiple entry).

Visa and Immigration
As a Japanese citizen, you do not need a visa to enter or study in Ireland. You must register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau shortly after arrival.

If you are a citizen of another country, you may require a visa. Please check the Irish government’s website [www.inis.gov.ie](http://www.inis.gov.ie)

How to Apply
Download your application form at [www.dcu.ie/study_abroad/application](http://www.dcu.ie/study_abroad/application) and submit to the DCU Study Abroad Office.

You will need scanned official copies of all documentation: your degree and high school transcripts, personal statement, passport or citizen ID card, and your English language certification.

Email study.abroad@dcu.ie

Application deadline
1 July for Option 1, 2 and 4
1 April for Option 3 – The 12-week Pre-Sessional English Language programme starts in June. Apply earlier if you want a longer programme.

An early application and offer will help with your campus accommodation application, visa application (if needed) and planning time for moving away from home.

DCU Representation
We have a permanent representative in Japan. The DCU Japan Office can assist you with choosing the best programme for you, the application process and visa information.

Email DCU Japan Office dcu.japan@dcu.ie
Talk to us  
Monday to Friday  
9:30 – 17:00

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