13,000 students

50,000 alumni

109 nationalities

No.1 university in Ireland for careers advice and work experience

120 student-run Clubs and Societies

100% 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 an international student we know you have made a big decision to choose to Study Abroad at Dublin City University (DCU) for a single semester or one year.

DCU is one of the best young universities in the world as evidenced by our consistent ranking in the Times Higher Education Top 100 under 50. We have a proud tradition of world-class academic excellence, research and innovation.

We offer you the opportunity to study at Ireland’s University of Enterprise. We instil a spirit of innovation in all our degree programmes and our student life.

With a range of module options across all our faculties in Business, Humanities and Social Sciences, Engineering and Computing, Science and Health, and Education, DCU offers you the opportunity to deepen your knowledge of your major disciplines and also increase your global knowledge and intercultural competence.

Our English language programmes for non-native English speakers will give you the confidence and skills to study in English.

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.

Dublin is a great city for students. Internationally celebrated as a fun, vibrant city, it has an excellent night life, fantastic museums and a mix of historic and modern buildings. Known as Europe’s Silicon Valley, Dublin has overtaken London as Europe’s technology hub. Dublin is the centre for innovative tech start-up, medical technologies and pharmaceutical companies.

You’ll like life here, as we’re a safe, friendly English-speaking European capital city.
**Why choose Study Abroad at DCU?**

Study Abroad is a unique opportunity to deepen your knowledge of your major disciplines in a different country and culture. For many students it is a once in a lifetime opportunity. At DCU we are very proud to give hundreds of students each year the chance to study with world experts and enjoy the cultural and social richness of Ireland.

- A range of modules across all our Faculties
- Single Semester and Year Long Programmes
- Programmes with DCU Language Services (DCULS) for non-native English speakers
- Personal consultation – our Study Abroad team will help you choose the most suitable modules
- On-campus accommodation
- Airport pick-up service
- Orientation activities on arrival
- Full access to on-campus Sports facilities
- Year-long personal, professional and academic support
Am I eligible?

DCU academic entry requirements
— GPA of 3.0/4.0 or equivalent
— You should be a registered student at a university outside Ireland
— You should have completed at least one year of university study before your intended Study Abroad period
— For non-native speakers of English, you must have a minimum of IELTS 6.5 with no one less than 6.0 in any one skill. If you have a lower score you may choose one of the options with DCU Language Services.

DCU Academic year
DCU has two academic semesters. Semester 1 (Fall) is from late September to late January. Semester 2 (Spring) is from early February to late May.

If you attend Semester 1 in Fall only, you may choose to sit examinations in January. Alternatively, you may choose the 100% Continuous Assessment module options and return home in December for Christmas.

Duration
You can choose to Study Abroad at DCU for one semester in either Fall or Spring, or the full academic year. All include a full orientation programme and assessment.

You can also extend your time at DCU and stay for the full academic year. Email study.abroad@dcu.ie for details.

Programme fees
Check www.dcu.ie/international/study-abroad for our current tuition fees.
A gateway to Europe for international students, Ireland bridges two worlds – one steeped in history and heritage and another on the edge of the digital revolution. 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.

*Dublin is one of the Best Student Cities in the World*

*QS RANKING 2013*
Welcome to Ireland

Ireland has a long tradition of education and a deep love of learning which is why you have heard it referred to as the “Land of Saints and Scholars”. Our educational attainment levels are among the highest in the world. Over 40% of people aged between 25 and 36 have received a third-level education. Here you will gain an internationally recognised qualification from a country with a long tradition of excellent education.

Ireland is the most westerly country of the European Union, an island located next to Great Britain, with a population of just over 4.5 million people. Contemporary Ireland is multicultural and multilingual and one of the most open economies in the world.

You’ll like life here, as we’re a safe, friendly English-speaking country. Proof of this is that Dublin has been voted the world’s second friendliest city by readers of Rough Guides, and the world’s fifth friendliest city by readers of Condé Nast Traveler. Ireland has also been named one of the top 10 friendliest countries in the world by Lonely Planet.

Dublin

Dublin is a great city for students. Internationally known as a fun, vibrant city, it has an excellent night life, fantastic museums and a mix of historic and modern buildings. Each year the city hosts hundreds of different festivals and there is always something new and exciting to see or do.

Transport

Dublin City University (DCU) is about 15 minutes by bus from the centre of Ireland’s capital city. Located on the east coast of Ireland, Dublin is about one hour by air to London. Dublin has an excellent network of public bus routes which makes it very easy to get around the city and suburbs. There are two tram routes (called the Luas) and a light rail system called the DART which runs north–south along Dublin’s coast. Dublin is one of the top 10 bike–friendly cities worldwide, with 120km of cycle lanes.
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!

PHOENIX PARK

Dublin City University
Study Abroad

Dublin City University

Dublin Airport: 15 minutes from the city
Newgrange: 30 minutes from the city

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Newgrange

Dublin Bay

River Liffey

Grand Canal Docks

Temple Bar

Grafton St

O'Connell St

St. Patrick's Cathedral

National Museum of Ireland

National Gallery of Ireland

Christ Church Cathedral

St. Stephen's Green

Aviva Stadium

Croke Park

The 3 Arena

Newbridge

St. Mobhi Rd

Beaumont

Fairview Park

Summerhill

Stoneybatter

OPTIONS

Study Abroad

Botanic Gardens

Santry

Phoenix Park

Dublin Bay

Cabra Rd

North Circular Rd

Glasnevin Avenue

Collins Avenue

Lower Drumcondra Rd

Glasnevin Avenue

Collins Avenue

Lower Drumcondra Rd

St. Mobhi Rd

North Circular Rd

Parnell St

O'Connell St

Dorset St

North Strand Rd

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Entertainment and culture
Dublin has a very interesting connection to literature and has given the world many famous authors and poets including Joyce, Yeats, Beckett, Shaw and Wilde to name but a few. Designated UNESCO City of Literature in 2010, Dublin’s written tradition stretches back centuries.

Dublin is a great city for nightlife and offers everything from small, cosy pubs to large nightclubs. You can find rock, pop and jazz as well as traditional Irish music and dance venues all within a short walk of each other. From sushi and tapas bars to haute cuisine, there are plenty of dining options for every budget. Dublin hosts many large music concerts and festivals each year and welcomes international acts to venues across the city. It is also full of culture, with a selection of theatres showing everything from Irish plays to hit international shows.

There are also many museums and galleries which display art and history from Ireland and Europe as well as visiting collections from all around the world. Dublin has many beautiful parks and green spaces which provide you with a retreat from busy city life.

Sport
There is a range of great sports facilities in Dublin. The Aviva Stadium hosts international soccer and rugby matches and will be the venue for four Euro 2020 games. Croke Park is home to the country’s GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) sports: gaelic football, hurling and camogie. Whether you are interested in golf, sailing, cycling or climbing Dublin has something for you.

Shopping
Dublin’s city centre is packed with shops to suit every style and budget. The two main city centre streets for shopping are Henry Street and Grafton Street. Here you will find international brands, large department stores and small independent shops. There are regular markets to enjoy and lots of hidden, winding streets with vintage and antique shops in the Temple Bar and Francis Street areas. Shopping centres and retail parks in the suburbs include Dundrum, Liffey Valley and Blanchardstown. Ireland’s only Ikea is close to DCU.

Ireland is the Best Country in the World because it has made the greatest contributions to humanity and the planet
— GOOD COUNTRY INDEX 2014

Find attractions at www.VisitDublin.com

Origins of St Patrick’s Day
Ireland’s most prominent patron saint is St Patrick. Brought as a slave to Ireland in the 5th century, St Patrick went on to convert the pagans of Ireland to Christianity. Each year on 17 March, Ireland and much of the world celebrate St Patrick’s day in his honour.
Exploring Ireland

Ireland is divided into four historic provinces and 32 counties. The landscape of the country is very varied, with beautiful coastal areas, mountains, lakes and an abundance of lush, green farmland. Ireland is often called the “Emerald Isle” because of the many beautiful shades of green in its landscape.

Almost eight million people visited Ireland in 2013 – that’s almost twice the population of the country. Ireland has a lot to offer: vibrant cities, beautiful beaches, stunning mountains and of course very friendly people.

Ireland is very easy to get around and see on weekends and holidays. There are many beautiful places to visit close to Dublin and some of our most famous scenery is only a few hours’ drive, train or bus journey from the capital. Ireland has an excellent, modern road network with motorways connecting Dublin to regional centres. Dublin city is a transport hub for the whole country and the ideal starting point for a holiday by bus, rail or road.

1. **The Wild Atlantic Way**
   The Wild Atlantic Way is the world’s longest defined coastal driving route. It spans seven of Ireland’s counties and takes in some breathtaking scenery on the west coast. From Donegal to Galway, Kerry to Cork, the Wild Atlantic Way is a journey of discovery that includes the Cliffs of Moher, Mizen Head and Killary Harbour.

2. **Wicklow**
   Located just a short drive south from Dublin city, Wicklow is one of Ireland’s most beautiful counties. With wild coastline, mountains and lots of history, and only on Dublin’s doorstep, Wicklow is called Ireland’s “Garden County”.

3. **The Aran Islands**
   In Galway Bay lie three of the most famous of Ireland’s islands. Here, you can find out about much of Ireland’s history, culture and traditions. There are beautiful beaches to explore and lots of activities such as cycling and horse riding.

4. **Newgrange**
   Newgrange is a 5,000 year old Stone Age Passage Tomb famous for the Winter Solstice sunlight lighting up the passage and burial chamber. Older than the Pyramids and Stonehenge, it’s accuracy as a time-telling device is astonishing.
Ireland is the Best Country in the World for Business

— FORBES 2013

**ICT**

All of the top 10 ICT companies in the world have major operations in Ireland, eg. Google, Facebook, Twitter, Intel and PayPal

**Medical Technologies**

9 of the world’s top 10 medical device companies have set up significant manufacturing and research facilities in Ireland, eg. Boston Scientific, Medtronic, Abbott, Johnson & Johnson

**Pharmaceuticals**

9 of the top pharma/bio companies in the world have significant operations here, eg. Pfizer, Bristol–Myers Squibb, Amgen and GlaxoSmithKline
How do I apply for DCU Study Abroad?

DCU offers you a variety of ways to apply to Study Abroad.

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You can choose either:
1. Limited Study Abroad with SALIS: Combine English language classes with academic modules from the DCU School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS) only (IELTS 5.5 required)  
   Or
2. Pre-Sessional English (PSE) at DCU Language Services before your Study Abroad Semester at DCU.

Visit [www.dcu.ie/international/study-abroad](http://www.dcu.ie/international/study-abroad) for the most up to date details on how to apply to your preferred option.
Option A – Direct Entry to DCU Study Abroad
You can enrol directly in DCU as a ‘Visiting’ or as a ‘Non-degree seeking’ student. You enrol in one of four streams according to your major discipline. Each stream is linked to one of our Faculties:

— Business
— Humanities and Social Sciences
— Engineering and Computing
— Science and Health

You select from a list of modules in your stream. Within these streams, we offer you the possibility to choose across disciplines and in a different Faculty steam.

DCU also offers thematic study abroad programmes. Together with our global partner universities, DCU has set up tailor made programmes in Communications, Engineering, Marketing and Innovation studies as well as programmes in Intercultural Studies and Law and Government. We are happy to facilitate programmes to the best of our ability in any area, and also offer multidisciplinary options if this is your preference.

Module/subject choices
You can search for specific modules from the lists on the DCU Study Abroad webpage and find full module descriptors. Your DCU Study Abroad team can help you choose suitable modules and discuss alternative options, if particular modules are not available.

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

Each module (or subject) at DCU has a specific ECTS credit weighting. The majority of courses at DCU are estimated to be worth 5 ECTS credits, which is generally considered equivalent to 3 US credits.

The maximum number of ECTS credits which you can take each semester is 30, ie. typically 6 modules. Many students take fewer modules.

ECTS stands for European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, which is a system that enables easier recognition and transfer of credits within the European Union. This system is widely recognised outside Europe.
How to apply
You need the following documents to apply:

— Certified university semester sheets and high school transcripts
— One reference from an academic from your home university
— Copy of your passport or birth certificate
— Two recent passport-size photographs, signed on the back. When you accept, you will then submit a soft copy passport photo for your student ID card.
— One JPEG passport photo emailed to study.abroad@dcu.ie
— English language certification if you are a non-native speaker of English
— Application fee of €40 for Direct Applications

Submit your application by post to:
Study Abroad Office
DCU International Office
Dublin City University
Glasnevin
Dublin 9
Ireland

Please note, the University aims to have an online application system for the next academic year.

Application deadlines
— 1 July for Semester 1 (Fall) and the full academic year
— 20 November for Semester 2 (Spring)

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

We strongly advise early applications in order to increase your likelihood of being offered campus accommodation (eg. end of April and end of October respectively).
**Option B – Apply through a Third Party Provider**
DCU has strong longstanding partnerships with various third party international education organisations around the world.

If you decide to apply for DCU Study Abroad through a third party provider, submit your application to the provider of your choice.

A list of the programme providers DCU is affiliated with is available on our website. You can contact them directly for application procedures.

**Option C – Apply through a University Linkage**
DCU is affiliated with a number of universities worldwide. An affiliation has certain benefits and concessions for students of linked universities. To find out if your home institution has an affiliation agreement with DCU, please consult the Study Abroad section at your home institution. You can also find a list of partner institutions on our website.

**Option D – Pre-Sessional English Language Programmes**
DCU is affiliated with a number of universities worldwide. An affiliation has certain benefits and concessions for students of linked universities.

The English language requirement for entry to the DCU Study Abroad is IELTS 6.5 or equivalent. If your IELTS score is lower, DCU offers two English language programmes through our on-campus DCU Language Services.

You can choose either:

1. Limited Study Abroad with SALIS: Combine English language classes with academic modules from the DCU School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS) only You need an IELTS 5.5.
   
   Or

2. Pre-Sessional English (PSE) at DCU Language Services before your Study Abroad Semester at DCU. Intensive English language programmes will help you reach the IELTS required for the limited Study Abroad with SALIS (IELTS 5.5) or the Semester or full academic year programmes (IELTS 6.5).

You decide how much Pre Sessional English you require, depending on your current level of English. As a guideline, it typically takes three months to advance by 0.5 of an IELTS point. You can study English from one week to 25 weeks or more if necessary.
**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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<td>Our on-campus residences</td>
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**Campus Residences**
DCU has on-campus accommodation. Preference is given to applicants here for the full academic year. Please note that campus accommodation is not guaranteed.

**Cost of living**
Dublin is an affordable European capital city. The total average cost of living is about €1,150 per month.

**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 your study visa – we have negotiated a policy for €120 per year from [www.odon.ie/dc](http://www.odon.ie/dc)
— 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

Non-EU citizens typically require a visa to enter or study in Ireland. You must register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau shortly after arrival.

Please check the Irish government’s website [www.inis.gov.ie](http://www.inis.gov.ie)
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