

International Orientation

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Welcome from The International Office

Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new international students to DCU. The International Office is here to support you and ensure you get the most from the experience.

The International Office will invite you to a number of events online and on campus (depending on government guidelines in relation to COVID-19) throughout the semester, so please do remember to check your DCU email account regularly.

Student Orientation Sessions

Your official first session will depend on which student type you are (Erasmus/Exchange, Study Abroad, Direct Enrol into a full undergraduate or postgraduate programme). Make sure to follow the schedule that applies to you in this booklet.

- Exchange/Erasmus students p4
- Study Abroad students p5
- International direct enrol undergraduate and postgraduate students p6

Directly enrolled students should also be alert to emails with specific orientation sessions related to their programme of study which may also take place during this week.

Don't forget to join us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram!

@DCU.International.Office (Facebook)

@DCUStudyAbroad (Facebook)

@DCUIntl (Twitter)

@DCUStudyAbroad (Twitter)

@dcuint (Instagram)

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Registration and DCU Student ID Cards (Exchange/Erasmus and Study Abroad Students)

Visiting DCU Exchange/Erasmus and Study Abroad students commencing in semester 2 have already been pre-registered. There will be an opportunity to make changes to the modules you wish to take during the first week of term.

Exchange/Erasmus students looking for more information about module registration can find it [here](#).

Study Abroad students looking for more information about module registration can find it [here](#).

If you are an Exchange/Erasmus or Study Abroad student, your DCU student ID card can be picked up on the DCU Glasnevin Campus. Please keep an eye on your email for details of these arrangements.

Registration and DCU Student ID Cards (Direct Enrol students)

New DCU Direct Enrol students, who are undertaking a full degree program in DCU, will receive information from the DCU Registry on registering online. Online registration enables students to:

- Access the rules and regulations of the University for the coming year
- Register for their programme of study
- Select the classes (“modules”) you wish to take (where a choice exists), following instructions on the schedule
- Pay the relevant fees
- Amend any biographical details for the coming academic year, e.g. changes in address, contact telephone numbers or next of kin details

Please ensure you click on ‘I Accept’ on the rules and regulations of the University. In Step 6 of the process you can view your Proof of Registration. This is also emailed to your DCU email address.

Please check these details against the ‘Registration Schedule’ to ensure you have registered for the correct qualification, number of modules and credits and when you have correctly completed your registration, you will receive a confirmation email.

If you do not receive an email you have not completed your registration. Please refer to the DCU Registration [FAQ page](#) for information on the registration process.

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Orientation Schedule: Mandatory Meetings

Online webinar via Zoom. Please pre-register by January 5th.

[Register here for the orientation on Zoom](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

Time	Friday, January 7th
9.15 – 9.30	Welcome from the President of DCU Professor Daire Keogh's address
9.30 – 10.00	Overview of DCU + IO staff & services Presented by the DCU International Office
10.00 – 10.30	Services at DCU Library Lisa Callaghan, DCU Library Services
10.30– 11.00	Erasmus/ Exchange Students Only – Erasmus/Exchange Student Programme Orientation Presented by Mr Neil Tynan, DCU International Office
11.00 – 11.30	Study Abroad Students Only – Study Abroad Programme Talk Presented by Ms Caroline Magee, DCU International Office
11.30 – 12.00	Welcome to I*ESN – meet your fellow students online Presented by Emily Harford, chair of DCU ESN
12.00 – 12.30	Visa & ISD (formerly 'INIS') registration Presented by Mr Colum Cronin, DCU International
12.30 – 13.00	How to succeed at DCU Deirdre Moloney, Student Services & Development
13.00 – 14.00	Speed-friending with the International Erasmus Student Network (IESN) A virtual opportunity to meet other students before the semester begins, hosted by the IESN

Academic Co-ordinator Meetings

Date/Time	Friday, January 7th
14.00	ECE (Study Abroad) only – with Pascal Landais Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
15.00	IESAX only – with Lorraine Ní Gháirbhith Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
15.00	HMSAO & HMSAX students English Language [EN] module talk – with Fiona Gallagher Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
15.00	Engineering (Erasmus/Exchange only) – with Pascal Landais Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
15.00	HMSAX only (Law & Government) – with James Gallen Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
15.00	BSSAX only – with Karen Ann Dwyer Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting

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Erasmus/Exchange Orientation Schedule

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10.00 – 10.30	Services at DCU Library Lisa Callaghan, DCU Library Services
10.30– 11.00	Erasmus/Exchange Student Programme Orientation Presented by Mr Neil Tynan, DCU International Office
11.00 – 11.30	Break
11.30 – 12.00	Welcome to I*ESN – meet your fellow students online Presented by Emily Harford, chair of DCU ESN
12.00 – 12.30	Visa & ISD (formerly 'INIS') registration Presented by Mr Colum Cronin, DCU International
12.30 – 13.00	How to succeed at DCU Deirdre Moloney, Student Services & Development
13.00 – 14.00	Speed-friending with the International Erasmus Student Network (IESN) A virtual opportunity to meet other students before the semester begins, hosted by the IESN

Academic Co-ordinator Meetings for Exchange students

Date/Time	Friday, January 7th
15.00	IESAX – with Lorraine Ní Gháirbhith Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
15.00	HMSAX students English Language [EN] module talk – with Fiona Gallagher Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
15.00	Engineering students – with Pascal Landais Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
15.00	HMSAX students (Law & Government) – with James Gallen Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
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Study Abroad Orientation Schedule

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10.00 – 10.30	Services at DCU Library Lisa Callaghan, DCU Library Services
10.30– 11.00	Break
11.00 – 11.30	Study Abroad Programme Talk Presented by Ms Caroline Magee, DCU International Office
11.30 – 12.00	Welcome to I*ESN – meet your fellow students online Presented by Emily Harford, chair of DCU ESN
12.00 – 12.30	Visa & ISD (formerly 'INIS') registration Presented by Mr Colum Cronin, DCU International
12.30 – 13.00	How to succeed at DCU Deirdre Moloney, Student Services & Development
13.00 – 14.00	Speed-friending with the International Erasmus Student Network (IESN) A virtual opportunity to meet other students before the semester begins, hosted by the IESN

Academic Co-ordinator Meetings for Study Abroad students

Date/Time	Friday, January 7th
14.00	ECE – with Pascal Landais Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting
15.00	HMSAO students English Language [EN] module talk – with Fiona Gallagher Your co-ordinator will be in touch with you directly to organise a meeting

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Direct Enrol Undergraduate and Postgraduate Orientation Schedule

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10.00 – 10.30	Services at DCU Library Lisa Callaghan, DCU Library Services
10.30– 11.30	Break
11.30 – 12.00	Welcome to I*ESN – meet your fellow students online Presented by Emily Harford, chair of DCU ESN
12.00 – 12.30	Visa & ISD (formerly 'INIS') registration Presented by Mr Colum Cronin, DCU International
12.30 – 13.00	How to succeed at DCU Deirdre Moloney, Student Services & Development
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The DCU International Office

<https://www.dcu.ie/international/index.shtml>

The International Office is based on the DCU All Hallows Campus (AHC). It comprises a dedicated team of professionals experienced in advising and supporting international students. You are encouraged to contact us for any advice that they may need during your time at DCU. The International Office team works in conjunction with other services offered by Student Support & Development, and with academic and administrative staff throughout the University. You can contact the team in relation to personal, social or practical issues, from simple requests for information to more confidential and serious matters. We also offer immigration advice.

International Student Support

The International Office has an Online Student Support and Service network for our International Students. We are available to meet you in person, on email and by telephone. We will keep you updated of any necessary changes e.g., immigration updates, by email to your dcu.ie student account. Also, please check the DCU International webpage for news, events and updates.

Student Advice

We are delighted that you have selected DCU to be your new study destination. We know that your time in Ireland will be a unique and enriching experience for you. Our role is to endeavour to do whatever is necessary to assist you in this transition and we look forward to assisting you over the coming period.

On the DCU International Office webpage, under the tab 'Pre and Post Arrival', you can find a lot of useful information to help you in your preparations for arrival to Ireland and giving practical advice for life in Dublin after you arrive.

You will find a lot of useful information in the International Office's website.

- For Erasmus, Exchange, and Study Abroad students the Incoming Student Handbook for 2021 is packed with useful tips and advice. Please also visit the relevant section of the website for a programme information.
- For full degree students our Pre-Arrival Guide contains information on all aspects of preparing for your travels to Ireland, including important information on Registration and Visas.
- The Post-Arrival Guide contains information on important aspects of living in Dublin, including opening a bank account, applying for a re-entry visa and working in Dublin.

The International Office works in conjunction with other units in the University, particularly the Office of Student Support & Development (SS&D), to ensure that every aspect of your time at DCU is a success. We look forward to seeing you throughout your stay at DCU, whether it is for guidance on academic issues, information on participating in university life or assistance with any personal matter which you may wish to discuss.

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Useful links

Department	Link
International Office	International Office homepage
International	Email: international.office@dcu.ie for general enquiries, or if you are directly enrolled in DCU for a full degree
International Office	Email: exchange@dcu.ie if you are a visiting Erasmus/Exchange student
International Office	Email: study.abroad@dcu.ie if you are a visiting Study Abroad student
Registry	DCU Academic Calendar 2021/2
SS&D	Student Support & Development
SS&D	Campus Tour
Estates Office	Campus Security Briefing
International Office	Timetable lab
DCU Students' Union (DCUSU)	DCU Office of Student Life
ISS	DCU Computer Services: Student Services
ISS	DCU Computer Services: Student Account Information
ISS	DCU Computer Services: Student Network Drives
ISS	DCU Computer Services: Student Residence
IESN	DCU International Erasmus Student Network
ICOS	Irish Council for International Students