Ollscoil Chathair
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City University

DCU Placement
International Mobility Team

FACT SHEET
2027-2028

Dublin City University (DCU) is one of Europe's leading young universities, recognised for excellence in teaching, research and innovation. Located close to Dublin city centre and Dublin Airport, DCU offers exchange and study abroad students an outstanding academic experience, modern campus facilities, and a welcoming international community. Each year students from more than 120 countries choose DCU as part of their global education journey. DCU currently has a student body of over 20,000 students and welcomes 128 nationalities annually. Dublin is a fantastic city in which to undertake a mobility offering a variety of experiences for everyone.

"Thanks to DCU, now I have many friends around the world and I acquired various values. So I have confidence that I can live anywhere in the world"
Haruka Sonohara
Gakushuin University, Japan

"Everyone at DCU will help you and will help you feel at home."
Julith Leonie Mueller
Evangelische Hochschule
Berlin, Germany

Key Features of DCU

- Multi campus environment (Glasnevin, All Hallows, and St Patricks Campuses), all with superb facilities, with **over 140 clubs and societies.**
- Opportunity to study with Irish and other **international students.**
- **On Campus Accommodation** available subject to application. Support provided to secure off-campus accommodation.
- Dedicated **International Mobility Team** support throughout entire process.
- **Access to a range of facilities** including Health Centre, Disability and Learning Support and Student, Autism-friendly support Services and counselling.
- Wide range of course options across **five faculties** with highly supportive lecturing teams.
- State-of-the-art sports facilities, including a gym, swimming pool, indoor arena and fitness classes.
- Full **Orientation Programme** on arrival including social events.

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Official Name	**DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY**
Erasmus Code	IRLDUBLIN04
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Mobilities Team	**Ms Daria Cornovan**, International Mobility Manager **Ms Jenny Lupton**, Incoming Erasmus+/Exchange, Fee paying Study Abroad **Ms Sofia Ferreyra**, Outgoing Erasmus+/Exchange **Mr Andrew Carr**, Traineeship, Staff Mobility, Blended Intensive Programmes **Mr Elias Amro**, Erasmus+ KA171 **Ms Vikki Doyle**, Partnerships, Agreements & Marketing
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Website	Institutional: www.dcu.ie International Mobility: www.dcu.ie/placement
Academic Calendar Dates are provisional	Semester 1: September 2027 - December 2027 Monday 6th September (first day of teaching) - Friday 26th November (last day of teaching) Examination period 6th – 17th December 2027 Semester 2: January 2028 - May 2028 Monday 10th Jan 2028 (first day of teaching) - Friday 9th of April 2028 (last day of teaching) Examination period 18th April – 2nd May 2028 www.dcu.ie/registry/academic-calendars

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Orientation Dates are provisional	Semester 1 and full year students: Wednesday 1st September 2027 Semester 2 students: Wednesday 5th January 2028 Confirmed orientation dates will be communicated in acceptance letters.
Nominations	Nominations must be submitted using an online form. The link will be shared with partners directly. Please note that you must submit the form for each student your university is nominating. Email nominations are not accepted. Semester 1 and full year students Nominations open: 1st March 2027 Nominations close: 31st March 2027 Semester 2 students Nominations open: 16th August 2027 Nominations close: 16th September 2027 Please do **not** submit semester 2 only nominations at the same time as the semester 1 and full year nominations. Students will be invited to apply after nominations have closed.
Applications	Students apply online. Nominated students will receive the link by email. Application Dates: Semester 1 and full year students:1st April to 30th April 2027 Semester 2: 21st Sept to 16th October 2027
English Language Requirements	All non-native English speakers should submit evidence of their proficiency in the English language. www.dcu.ie/registry/english-language-requirements-non-native-speakers-english-registry The requirement is equivalent to a CEFR B2 level. Please note that DCU does accept certificates issued by partner universities that attest to their student's language abilities.
GPA Requirement	For Study Abroad a GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent) is required. There is no such requirement for Incoming Erasmus+/Exchange.
Inclusion and accessibility	DCU is committed to a university-wide approach in the promotion of equality of access and opportunities for all. Information here: www.dcu.ie/disability Students must disclose if they have a disability in their application. This is to ensure adequate supports are put in place for their time in DCU.

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	At the nomination stage partner universities must notify DCU if their students have a disability and require accessible accommodation. This notification should include detailed information about the student's specific needs and any relevant medical documentation. Timely communication is essential to ensure that appropriate arrangements can be made to support the student's well-being and academic success during their time at DCU.
Learning Agreements	Ms Jenny Lupton from the International Mobility Team will sign all Learning Agreements for incoming students (incoming.mobility@dcu.ie). DCU can sign online/digital learning agreements.
Module Choices	The maximum number of credits permitted per semester is 30 ECTS. Students choose modules from a faculty-based stream. Each stream offers electives from all DCU Schools and Faculties. Students must select a minimum of 80% of their ECTS in their chosen Faculty/stream, or the Faculty designated in the exchange agreement. Students have the option to choose up to a maximum of 20% of ECTS in another Faculty/stream. In practice, this means only one module. A number of restrictions apply, and students are advised to research their choices carefully before making their selection (and completing the Learning Agreement for Erasmus+ students). Students should also ensure that credits for their chosen modules will be accepted by their home institution. The module catalogue for the new academic year will only be made available to nominated students after they have applied. The catalogue from the previous year can be used as a guide. We cannot guarantee students will get all of their module choices.
Faculties	DCU has five faculties: Humanities and Social Sciences www.dcu.ie/humanities-and-social-sciences DCU Business School business.dcu.ie Engineering and Computing www.dcu.ie/engineeringandcomputing Science and Health www.dcu.ie/science-and-health Institute of Education www.dcu.ie/instituteofeducation

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<tr><th>DCU % Marks</th><th>ECTS Grade</th><th>Description</th></tr>
<tr><td>70% or above</td><td>A</td><td>Excellent</td></tr>
<tr><td>60-69%</td><td>B</td><td>Very Good</td></tr>
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<tr><td>30-39%</td><td>FX</td><td>Fail – some work required</td></tr>
<tr><td>29% or below</td><td>F</td><td>Fail – considerable further work required</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Examinations and Repeats</td><td>It is mandatory for Erasmus / Exchange and Study Abroad students who need to repeat their examinations to return to DCU during the resit period between July/August. Repeats for Semester One and Semester Two are both scheduled at this time.

Students will receive an email from our Exams Team detailing the process in mid-June, and the email will provide further instructions on how to pay the associated resit fee, there is no exception to paying this fee for Erasmus/Exchange and Study Abroad students.

If the student chooses not to repeat their exam, their current module grade will remain unchanged, and it will be permanently recorded on their transcript. This grade will continue to reflect on their academic record, and we will not be able to remove or alter it. Therefore, it is important for the student to consider the implications of not repeating their exam on their overall academic performance and future opportunities.</td></tr>
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Transcripts	DCU issues digitally certified transcripts to their students. Students receive their certified documents via a secure digital platform - Digitary CORE. Students can share their transcript of record directly with their home institution online. The electronic transcript is a web-based digital document, which is electronically signed by DCU. This digital signature makes the electronic transcript a valid and tamper-proof document allowing you to verify authenticated documents quickly and confidentially online. Transcripts for semester 1 students are issued approximately two weeks after semester 1 exam results have been published in February. Transcripts for semester 2 and year students are issued approximately two weeks after semester 2 exam results have been published in June.
Insurance	All students **must** have adequate health insurance. EU students should also carry their European Health Insurance Card. Non-EU students must ensure private health cover for the duration of their stay in Ireland. More information can be found at the following link under “Health Insurance”: www.dcu.ie/students/international-students-you-arrive-ireland
Visas	Students can check if they need a visa by visiting Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) website. (www.irishimmigration.ie/) Applications are made through the ISD website. We generally advise allowing 8 weeks minimum for a decision to be made. Processing times can be consulted on the ISD website.

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Unfortunately, DCU is unable to provide accommodation for all incoming students.

Students can enter the lottery for on campus accommodation at www.dcuaccommodation.ie - NB: There is a €50 non-refundable application fee for all students.

As DCU accommodation is not guaranteed, students are advised to explore off-campus options. More information is available here: www.dcu.ie/studentsupport/international</td></tr>
<tr><td>Cost of living –</td><td>Sample monthly budget:

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<tr><td>Rent</td><td>€900 - €1450</td></tr>
<tr><td>Transport</td><td>€60</td></tr>
<tr><td>Gas/Electricity</td><td>€120</td></tr>
<tr><td>Groceries/Toiletries</td><td>€225</td></tr>
<tr><td>On/Off campus meals</td><td>€120</td></tr>
<tr><td>Internet/Phone</td><td>€30</td></tr>
<tr><td>Socialising</td><td>€200</td></tr>
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