




## DCU January 2021 International Orientation Schedule

– Exchange/Erasmus and Study Abroad

– Direct Postgraduate



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## **Welcome**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new international students to DCU. Whether you are taking DCU classes remotely from your home country or while based in Ireland, the International Office is here to support you and ensure you get the most from the experience.

The International Office will also invite you to a number of events online and on campus (depending on Irish 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 Undergraduate or Direct Postgraduate). Make sure to follow the schedule that applies to you in this booklet.

## **Exchange/Erasmus Students and Study Abroad Programme Students**

Exchange/Erasmus and Study Abroad Students must attend all relevant orientation sessions on Thursday, January 14th and Friday, January 15th. See page 4 for Erasmus/Exchange schedule, and page 5 for the Study Abroad schedule.

## **International Postgraduate Students**

International Postgraduate students are invited to join the International Office for orientation sessions on Thursday, January 14th and Friday, January 15th. See page 6 for the Postgraduate orientation schedule.

Postgraduate 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)

## **Registration**

### **Registration for Exchange/Erasmus and Study Abroad Students**

New DCU Exchange/Erasmus and Study Abroad students commencing in January have already been pre-registered for modules by the International Office. But there will still be an opportunity to make module changes, should you wish, between January 18th and January 22nd. More information on this will be given during Orientation and can be found at the links below.

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 resident in Ireland, your student ID card will be posted to your Irish address.

### **Registration for Postgraduate Students**

New DCU Postgraduate students commencing in January will register 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 the instructions on the registration 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 our [Registration FAQ page](#) for information on the registration process.

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## Exchange and Erasmus Orientation Schedule

Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/6495700385?pwd=Z0dMV1pXTENqT0tMdVhHK2E2aXpBQT09>

*Each event is open to all students unless otherwise stated.*

Time	Thursday, January 14th
09.00 – 09.30	Overview of DCU + IO staff & services
09.30 – 10.00	How to succeed at DCU – Deirdre Moloney, SS&D
10.00 – 10.30	Health & Safety at DCU – Dr Paula Kearns, Office of Health & Safety
10.30 – 11.00	VISA & INIS registration – Mr Colum Cronin, DCU International Office
11.00 – 11.30	Break
11.30 – 12.00	Exchange Programme Orientation – Ms Audrey Byrne, DCU Int. Office
16.00 – 17.00	Academic Coordinator meetings
Time	Friday, January 15th
10.00 – 10.30	Library Services at DCU – Mr John McDonough, DCU Library Services
10.30 – 11.00	Computer Services at DCU – Mr Larry Aherne, DCU IT Services
12.00 – 13.00	Welcome to I*ESN – DCU /Chair Louise Farren

## MyDCU

As part of their orientation, students should also make sure to check out [MyDCU](#). MyDCU is an online student portal which will introduce you to student life through a variety of courses, activities and videos about DCU. It covers everything from how to access DCU support services to where you can register for Club & Societies.

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## **Study Abroad Orientation Schedule**

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10.30 – 11.00	VISA & INIS registration – Mr Colum Cronin, DCU International Office
11.00 – 11.30	Study Abroad Programme Talk – Ms Caroline Magee, DCU International Office
<b>Time</b>	<b>Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup></b>
10.00 – 10.30	Library Services at DCU – Mr John McDonough, DCU Library Services
10.30 – 11.00	Computer Services at DCU – Mr Larry Aherne, DCU IT Services
16.00 – 17.00	ECE Students Only – Meet Dr Pascal Landais

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## **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.

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

- For Erasmus, Exchange, and Study Abroad students the [Incoming Student Handbook](#) for 2020 is packed with useful tips and advice. Please also visit the relevant section of the website for 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. A copy of the January 2021 Post-Arrival Guide will be available on [MyDCU](#) when the January 2021 orientation programme launches on 14/01/2021.

The International Office works in conjunction with other units in the University, particularly [The Office of Student Support & Development](#), 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.





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

The International Office is based on the DCU All Hallows Campus. It comprises of 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 offers support to students online, by phone and, depending on COVID-19 guidelines, in-person support. Meetings can be scheduled by email. 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.

**Campus Abbreviations**

DCU Glasnevin - GLA  
DCU St Patricks - SPD  
DCU All Hallows - AHC

## **Student Services and other information**

**SS&D** <https://www.dcu.ie/students/index.shtml>

Student Support & Development is your one-stop-shop for student services. SS&D will assist you with access issues, academic and learning support, as well as health and wellbeing.

**Timetable lab** <https://loop.dcu.ie/mod/resource/view.php?id=1369131>

Need assistance in registering for modules? This instructional video will guide you through the process.

### **Academic schedule queries**

Need advice on putting together your schedule?

If you are an Erasmus and Exchange student, please email [exchange@dcu.ie](mailto:exchange@dcu.ie)

If you are a Study Abroad students, please email [study.abroad@dcu.ie](mailto:study.abroad@dcu.ie)

**Academic Calendar 2020/2021** <https://www.dcu.ie/registry/academic-calendar-20202021>

The calendar will provide you with exam times, reading weeks, and semester breaks so you can plan your time more effectively. Dates may change in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines

**DCU Campus Security Briefing** <https://youtu.be/fo0yDDuBKqU>

Mr Ray Wheatley of the DCU Estates Office offers advice on staying safe, and your responsibilities as a member of the DCU community in reporting incidents on campus.

**Campus Tour** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwWlzP9Ume4>

In order to comply with government guidelines on managing the COVID-19 pandemic, campus tours have gone online. This short tour using drone technology will give you a sweeping view as you are guided around DCU's three academic campuses at Glasnevin, Saint Patrick's, and All Hallows, all located within a 2.5km radius.

**DCU Students Union** <https://www.dcusu.ie/>

The DCU SU is a student-run body working to enhance student life by supporting student clubs and societies.

**ESN** <https://dcuclubsandsocs.ie/society/erasmus>

The Erasmus Student Network (IESN) is a non-profit international student organisation whose mission is to provide opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development under the principle of 'students helping students'.

**ICOS** <https://www.internationalstudents.ie/>

The mission of the Irish Council for International Students (ICOS) is to protect the rights of international students, and to contribute to a healthy and vibrant international education sector in Ireland which has the quality of the student experience at its centre.