

Applicants from USA and Canada

Dublin City University (DCU) warmly welcomes applications from the USA and Canada. Places are available on full time undergraduate programmes, graduate taught programmes, at graduate-level research and for students wishing to spend a single semester or a full academic year at DCU.

Students should meet minimum entry and individual programme requirements.

Undergraduate Study Entry Requirements

Undergraduate applications from the USA and Canada should evidence strong overall academic achievement throughout high school and transcripts should include Mathematics and English. Successful applicants can directly enter Year 1 from the USA and Canada where they have studied one of the following:

- High School Diploma – (see additional information below)
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Entry requirements vary by programme however students should note the minimum entry requirements below:

USA Applicants

Federal Loans

USA students can avail of US Direct Loans (**Code G26117**). DCU also facilitates the Canadian Loans systems.



GPA Requirement:

A strong GPA should be evident overall. A minimum of 3.0 / 4.0 is required however some programmes require a much higher GPA.

Advanced Placement (AP courses)/Subject Specific SATs:

AP courses are highly desirable for entry with a minimum score of 4 in relevant subjects. Subject-specific SAT II test scores are an acceptable alternative to the Advanced Placement test scores.

Undergraduate applicants from the USA should also present with minimum scores in one of the following:

SAT 1 – Minimum Scores	New SATs (2016) – Minimum Scores	ACT – Minimum Scores
A balanced 1725 or higher with no individual component less than 550	A score of 1200 may be used as a guideline however applications will be assessed on an individual basis	Desirable Score range 24–26

Canadian Applicants

Applicants will also be required to present with a high school diploma; however minimum entry requirements vary from province to province. Strong high school diploma grades are necessary coupled with DCU minimum entry requirements and individual programme requirements. As an example, students from Ontario are required to present with the following:

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) (Grade 12) applicants with average grade of 80% in six university-preparatory level courses (U, U/C or M courses) will be considered for entry into undergraduate programmes. English and Maths must also previously have been studied and relevant subjects if a programme has specific entry requirements.

Please email international.office@dcu.ie for information on other province requirements.





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Elise Marion Graduate – MA in Comparative Literature 2015



WORK VISA

A 12 month work visa in Ireland is available after graduation.

Undergraduate Study

Applications are accepted from October 1 until July 1 of the academic year of study. Applications (see www.dcu.ie/international for application methods) should include most recent transcripts, SAT or ACT grades, information on AP tests, a reference from a guidance counsellor or teacher and a school profile if applicable. IB Diploma applicants should only include diploma details and reference with the application. All applicants should submit a photocopy of their passport or birth certificate.

“Looking back as a USA undergraduate student in Dublin as I enter my final year in DCU, I couldn’t be happier with my decision to come to the University. I will graduate after just three years of study with a sole focus on Communication Studies. I feel highly confident in my education and in the overall experience that DCU has provided me with.”

Ms Aisling Donohoe from USA – Year Three – BA in Communications Studies 2016/17

Postgraduate Study

DCU uses an external online application procedure for taught postgraduate programmes. The system called PAC (Postgraduate Application Centre), enables applicants to register, apply and upload the required documents for assessment. Students will apply using the relevant DC code through PAC and can list their top three choices. The PAC website can be accessed by visiting www.pac.ie/dcu. For programme information, please visit www.dcu.ie.

“I have never had such personal and constructive academic relationships as the ones I formed at DCU and would not hesitate to study there again. I am so proud and honoured to be a graduate of Dublin City University!”

Ms Elise Marion from Canada, recent graduate (2015) from DCU’s MA in Comparative Literature

“I found my time at DCU as a postgraduate student to be exceptional! The MSc in Human Resource Management programme provided me with both theoretical and practical experiences—invaluable when securing a job. I thoroughly enjoyed the varied content of the course as well as the practical expertise and advice from the lecturers. With the skills I developed from the programme and the support provided by DCU, I was able to apply for the Graduate Scheme, which as a Non EU International student allowed, me to gain invaluable work experience in a multinational company.”

Ms Alyssa Zepeda from USA – MSc in Human Resource Management 2016/17

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