



Waseda University
DCU Study Abroad Programme 2020 / 2021
Customised Study Programs - Language Focused programs (CS-L)

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Location of Programme: [Dublin, Ireland](#)

Title of Programme: Waseda University / DCU / DCU Language Services
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Two Options at DCU:

1. International Communication
2. International Relations

Language Requirements for both options:

Minimum TOEFL requirement: **173 CBT / 61 IBT / TOEFL iTP 500**

GPA Requirements for both options:

A minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4-point scale or higher is preferred. (Please note - DCU may consider applications with a slightly lower GPA on application).

Student Nationality

Enrolment is open to students from Waseda University. All nationalities welcome. Currently Japanese students do not require a visa when coming to Ireland for this programme however; other nationalities may require a visa. (Please check visa requirements for non-Japanese students prior to application).

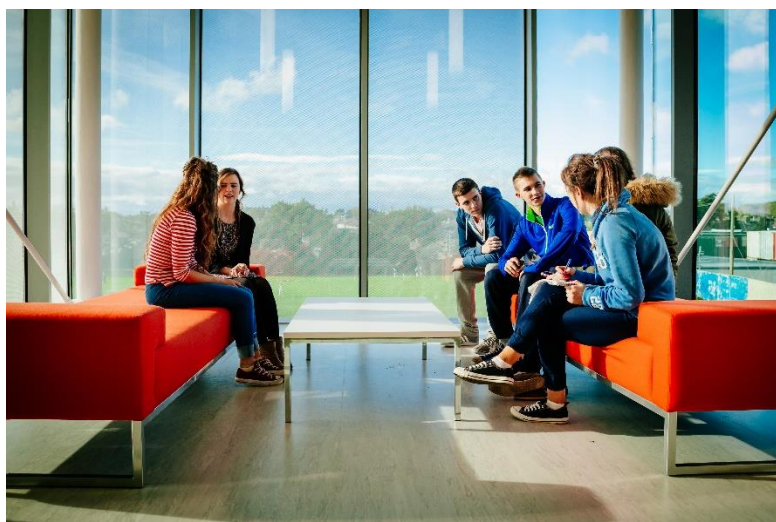
Key Dates 2020 / 2021

The full 2020 / 2021, [Academic Calendar is now available.](#) Key Dates next page:



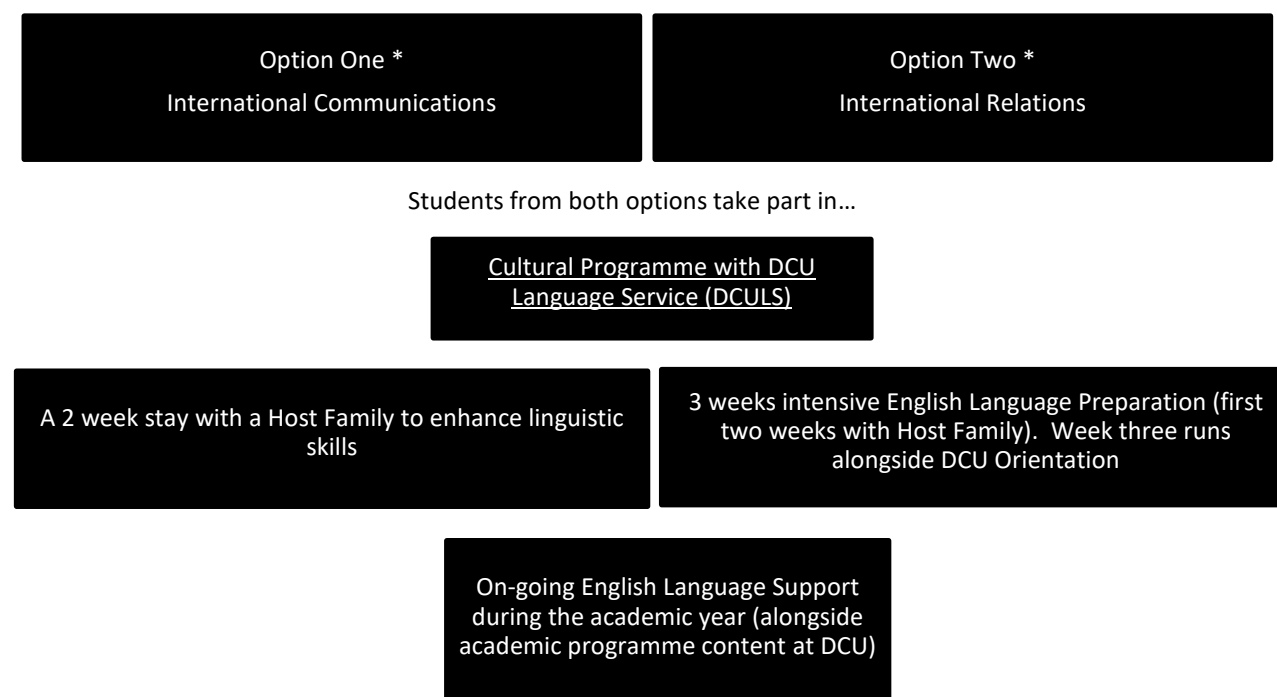
Key Dates

Duration of Programme:	30 August 2020 - 17th May 2021 (Dates inclusive of two-week host family stay)
Arrival in Host Family Accommodation:	30 August 2020 (Sunday)
Start Intensive English Language Programme (DCU LS):	31 August 2020 (Monday)
Move into on-campus Accommodation:	13 September 2020 (Sunday)
International Student Orientation:	14 – 18 September 2020
Start Semester 1 lectures:	21 September 2020
End of Semester 1 lectures:	12 December 2020
Christmas Break (University Closed):	24 December 2020 – 1 January 2021
*Exam Period Semester 1:	5 – 16 January 2021
Inter-semester break:	18 – 23 January 2021
Start Semester Two Lectures	25 January 2021
End of Semester 2 lectures:	17 April 2021
Exam Period Semester 2 :	4 – 17 May 2021



Programme Summary

The DCU programme for Waseda University students focuses on three core areas - **linguistic competence, international communication or international relations** and **integration into Irish society**. It aims to provide Waseda students with a tailor-made, yet integrated student experience during the academic year of 2020 /2021. Students will be encouraged and supported by devoted teams at DCU Language Services, DCU International Office as well as dedicated coordinators in [DCU SALIS](#) (DCU School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies) for **Option 1** – International Communications and [DCU School of Law and Government](#) for **Option 2** - International Relations.



*The core academic modules differ for each option.

Overview of Programme for Option One and Option Two - International Communication and International Relations*	
1. All students arrive 3 weeks prior to commencement of the DCU academic semester on the Sunday and stay with Host Family (HF) for Two weeks	2. All students take an Intensive English Language Training Programme prior to commencement of academic semester. This programme begins the day after arrival (20 hours per week / total of 60 contact hours)
3. All students move into their apartment in DCU Campus Residence after HF stay which is one week prior to commencement of Semester 1 at Dublin City University	4. Throughout the DCU semester, all students will continue to take their English Language programme at DCULS whilst taking their academic modules at DCU
Students choose between Option One and Two - (for both options, students provided with on-campus accommodation and regular English language tuition throughout the academic year - approximately 8 hours per week in Semester 1 and 4 hours per week in Semester 2, i.e. a total of 144 hours. *	
*English classes are subject to a slight change of format/number of hours where student numbers are less than seven	

Option One International Communication	Option One International Communication
Semester 1	Semester 2
An Introduction to Contemporary Irish Society : LC103 – 5 ECTS (usually 2 contact hours per week (open engagement) & 4 hours independent study per week) and Intercultural Communicative Competence 1 : LC120 – 5 ECTS (usually 2 contact hours per week (open engagement) & 4 hours' independent study per week) and up to 2 additional module from <i>The School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies</i> or <i>The School of Law and Government</i> *	Media and Communication Skills : EN206 – 5 ECTS (usually 3 contact hours per week (open engagement) & 3 hours' independent study per week) and English Language Skills : Globalisation EN103 – 5 ECTS (usually 3 contact hours per week (open engagement) & 3 hours independent study per week) and up to 4 additional available modules from <i>The School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies</i> or <i>The School of Law and Government</i> *
Option Two International Relations	Option Two International Relations
Semester 1	Semester 2
Introduction to International Relations & Security : LG117X – 5 ECTS Credits (usually 2 contact hours per week (open engagement) & 4 hours' independent study per week) and Introduction to Politics: LG116X – 5 ECTS Credits (usually 2 contact hours per week (open engagement) & 4 hours' independent study per week) and up to 2 additional modules from <i>The School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies</i> or <i>The School of Law and Government</i> *	Introduction to European Integration: LG104X – 5 ECTS Credits (usually 2 contact hours per week (open engagement) & 4 hours' independent study per week) and Introduction to Modern Ireland: LG112X – 5 ECTS Credits (usually 2 contact hours per week (open engagement) & 4 hours' independent study per week) and up to 4 additional available modules from <i>The School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies</i> or <i>The School of Law and Government</i> *

*Timeslots are set aside for English Language Classes with DCU Language Services each week throughout the semester. Additional Modules chosen around these times in order to accommodate English Classes.

Linguistic Competence

Before embarking on the academic modules at the beginning of the **2020 / 2021** academic year, students will take part in tailor-made English language classes for a three-week period in late August / September 2020 (depending on the Academic Calendar available in January 2020). This intensive language preparation period will provide the necessary basis to allow students to advance at a rapid pace during the initial period of their stay. Following this immersion, students receive **on-going English-language support** throughout the academic year, the contents of which will complement the contents of the **modules taken during the academic year in accordance with the student's chosen option**. This may involve learning skills such as essay writing, oral presentations, class debates and specific linguistic structures as necessary. Courses are exclusively designed for Waseda students (except if Waseda student numbers are below minimums), meaning participants feel comfortable dealing with (linguistically) problematic areas, which may arise during the academic year.

Integration

The initial two-week host family stay will offer students the opportunity to **become acquainted with Irish life** as part of a family. This will be a unique experience for many Waseda students and has been welcomed in the past by many international students studying at DCU. On the academic side, students will be integrated into the regular modules, as listed above, during the academic year and will take part in group work and other class activities with both Irish and international students.

DCU has numerous clubs and societies, which offer an ideal opportunity to Waseda students to become acquainted with other DCU students. These will be introduced at Orientation and also at a '*Clubs and Socs Day*' which is organized by students and takes place in October every year. These clubs and societies range from more 'energetic' activities (e.g. Irish dancing, sports etc.) to more mentally challenging activities, such as debating societies. There is also a very well established Japanese Society at DCU.

The *School* will also provide 'buddy' partners for Waseda students, which will lead to cultural exchanges between Japanese and Irish students and facilitate the transition to DCU life. A further feature introduced to aid integration is complimentary access to the [DCU Sports club](#), which is located beside DCU Accommodation.

Academic Study/Expectations

Although DCU can provide a wide range of modules to Waseda students, it is our belief that a more controlled, targeted selection would be most beneficial to ensure the best possible experience for Waseda students.

All Waseda students participate in:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An Intensive 3-week Language Tuition (20 contact hours for 3 weeks) - Waseda Students Only (depending on numbers attending)• English Language Tuition (8 contact hours per week during Semester 1 and 4 hours during Semester 2 - there will be more hours in the first semester and less in the second to give students the opportunity to focus as fully as possible on academic studies & approximately 4 hours independent study per week over 2 semesters) - Waseda Only

When students' progress to DCU for their Academic Programme, (when the three-week intensive programme ends), they choose modules from

Option One	OR	Option Two
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The expectation is for students to allocate at least the same amount of hours to private study and assignments. Assignments may take the form of group projects - which can entail primary and secondary research, presentations, written examinations and continuous assessments.

Housing and Meal Plan

Two-week period on arrival: Host Family Stay

Students housed with local Irish families, offered accommodation and half-board i.e. - some meals (Monday – Friday), full board i.e. all meals (Saturday & Sunday).

During Academic Year

After the first two weeks, students will move into on-campus accommodation, which comprises apartments with four or five single rooms with individual bathrooms. Students share a living/ kitchen/ dining area. Each bedroom has a study area and internet access. Meals can be prepared in the apartment's kitchen or, purchased in one of the many [restaurant, cafes](#) or [DCU Londis Store](#).

Opportunities for Learning Experience

- The host family will be the first point of contact with an Irish family and will provide a unique opportunity for Waseda students to acquaint themselves with many aspects of Irish life. Students engage in the English-speaking environment from a very early stage in the programme.
- Students can participate in a choice of over 100 clubs and societies which DCU has to offer
- The International Office organizes various events during the academic year to encourage contact between international and Irish students. The Office also offers workshops to assist the students in the transition to Irish education.
- The Schools will organise 'buddy' partners for Waseda students
- Students will be required to take part in academic activities (projects, presentations etc.) with regular students during the academic year

Facilitation Plan

- Waseda students receive a comprehensive 'Orientation' Programme during the initial period at DCU. This will clarify many questions regarding studying in a foreign environment and will deal with practical issues as well as an overview of additional module choices. The International Office at DCU will contact the DCU LS team to arrange a time during the first two-week programme.
- During the academic year, DCU provides workshops for international students, which deal with issues such as culture shock, multicultural education etc. There are many events to which all DCU students are invited.
- The Coordinators in the Schools ([SALIS](#) and [Law and Government](#)) along with the English Language Coordinator in [DCU Language Services](#) (DCULS) are available to meet the Waseda students on a regular basis to ensure on-going success and to deal with any problems the students may be encountering.
- [DCU Language Services](#) will provide fully experienced and trained staff to teach Waseda students and the nominated coordinator will act as the point of contact for the students for linguistic progress.
- The International Office will work closely with all coordinators, and provide support where necessary. All Waseda students will have access to the support services of DCU, which are open to all registered students.

Additional Information

- Sample List of 'modules'/classes* is contained in this [link](#)

*Note: students select choices from HMSAO list choosing only from SALIS (School of Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies) and from School of Law and Government. For Semester one, students should choose modules from Levels 1 and 2 and suited to their English Language Levels – e.g. LG1XX or EN1XX (flexibility around this depending on IELTS / TOEFL progress – always discuss options with lecturer or a member of the academic team). Modules may change from time to time due to changes in circumstances. 100% Continuous Assessment (CA) means that in these modules, students receive assignments throughout the semester (essay or project work).



In Summary, DCU can offer Waseda Students:

Academic Delivery and Support

- A tailor made intensive English Language Programme delivered by a highly professional and dedicated team at DCU Language Services (DCU LS)
- A range of Academic Classes in International Relations and International Communications. Classes take place a multi campus environment hosting 17.5k + students. Waseda Students study and stay in DCU Glasnevin (largest campus)
- High quality teaching, a [range of libraries](#) and excellent research facilities
- An Internationally recognised place of study with on campus [accommodation](#)

Student Support

- A dedicated and supportive [International Office / Study Abroad Team](#) and [DCU LS Team](#) to help and guide you at every stage of your student journey
- An holistic approach to [student support and development](#) with many centres including [Health Centre](#), [Counselling Service](#), [Student Advice Centre](#) and [Disability Support Centre](#) all available to visiting students
- Great [restaurants and healthy food on campus with a range of eateries](#) as well as Pharmacy, Book Shop and other retail outlets
- [Interfaith Centre](#)
- Multi-Campus Environment - Other non-Academic Campuses including [DCU Alpha and Ryan Academy](#) (Both Innovation Campuses) – Students with an entrepreneurial flair can get involved (e.g. Hackathons / Accelerator Programmes)
- DCU is an [Autism Friendly University](#) and is highly ranked globally for sustainability (12th)

A great 'Social' environment:

- A great location close to the Irish capital which has a largely young population with an exciting social life, unique Irish culture and a '**gateway**' to Europe
- [Over 100 clubs and societies](#) housed within a brand new state of the art student centre (Japanese 'Soc' is just one of many).
- [DCU Langua Culture Space](#)
- Access to [Student Exchange Network](#)
- Free membership to the fully equipped and [award winning gym with swimming pool](#)
- The Helix Theatre
- Superb Social Programme at DCU LS throughout the year and at DCU during Orientation
- Host Family engagements
- A new state of the art **Student Centre**, which includes:
 - An Entrepreneurship and Innovation Hub providing creative work-spaces to support and nurture student innovation through commercial and social enterprise start-up programmes and hackathons
 - A Student Leadership and Life-Skills Centre to provide mentoring and training programmes which will help students flourish in 21st Century society as resilient individuals, employees and members of their community
 - An Arts and Culture hub for the performing arts, visual and graphic arts, digital and multimedia arts which benefits students and the wider community, including a performance space for concerts and festive events with capacity for up to 2500 students;
 - A Global Student Centre that provides a meeting point for all DCU students, representing more than 115 nationalities, to celebrate the rich cultural and religious diversity on campus.
 - Multi-function rooms and office space for use by DCU's more than 100 student clubs and societies.
 - A dedicated print and broadcast media room, home to DCUfm and College newspaper
 - Tranquillity pods which form part of DCU's [Autism Friendly University](#).
 - DCU Londis (Supermarket)