



Course Schedule and Fees Information

DCU International Academy

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Effective 01/10/25 until further notice

General Information

Information about DCU

Dublin City University is an Irish university located 5km north of Dublin city centre, Ireland. Created as the National Institute for Higher Education, Dublin in 1975, we enrolled our first students in 1980, and were elevated to university status in September 1989 by statute.

Today DCU delivers more than 200 degree programmes across its five faculties: education, humanities and social sciences, science and health, engineering and computing, and business. Dublin City University has 18,000 students, based from three academic campuses located close to each other in north Dublin. We have over 100,000 alumni across the world who live our ambitious institutional values of "changing lives and societies".

A core component of the DCU Strategy 2023-2028 is to enhance international engagement, and further to this we are expanding the number of international students attending our programmes each year.

Dublin City University Ranking

Dublin City University is ranked in the 'Top 350 Universities in the World' per the 2026 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings. The Times Higher Education World University Rankings are the definitive list of the world's best universities, and is the only global university league table to judge research-intensive universities across all of their core missions: teaching (the learning environment); research environment (volume, income and reputation); research quality (the outputs of research); industry (knowledge transfer) and international outlook (staff, students and research).



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Internationalisation

As Ireland's University of Enterprise and Transformation we value global research, teaching, exchange, and collaborative programmes. Dublin City University has an extensive global network of partner institutions, comprised of over 200 institutions across more than 50 countries. DCU offers students an immersive cultural experience and we pride ourselves on producing well rounded graduates both academically and professionally.

DCU International Academy

Established in 1992, our International Academy delivers a wide spectrum of training programmes and also manages recruitment of international students to undergraduate programmes. The academy receives approximately 6,000 international students per year for a range of training programmes, including:

- Foundation Year Programme.
- ESL year-abroad / semester abroad for students of partner universities.
- ESL semester and Study Abroad semester programme for students of partner universities.
- Micro credentials training programmes for international partners.
- Summer and Winter School programmes for international students.
- Residential Summer Camp programmes for international junior students.
- Ministay / PCTO / ASL / PON programmes with Host Family accommodation delivered September to May each year.
- Teacher Training Programmes and Pedagogic Development Programmes for lecturers.
- Internship / Volunteering / Work Placement Programmes for international students.
- Online programmes, catering for university partner requirements.
- Bespoke programmes delivered in-country (at overseas site) for international partners.
- Erasmus+ and other government funded programmes.

DCU International Academy has a broad capability to deliver mainstream and bespoke training programmes, and welcomes partnership opportunities with international training associations.

Campus Facilities

DCU has three campuses, located within close proximity of one another in north Dublin. They are Glasnevin Campus, St. Patrick's Campus (which houses our Institute of Education) and the All Hallows Campus.

Our primary teaching location for classes and activities is the DCU Glasnevin Campus. Students should be aware that at peak times DCU International Academy may also hold classes at other DCU campuses including: DCU St Patrick's Campus and DCU All Hallows Campus. All campuses are located in north Dublin, within 2.5km of one another.

Campus facilities include:

- Sports centre and swimming pool.
- Over 1,400 residential ensuite bedrooms.
- Large library, five restaurants, cafes, pharmacy, inter-faith centre and theatre.

Course Fees Summary Information

Programme	Intake Dates	Description	Information	Course Fee
International Foundation Year	September 2026	Designed for International Students who need to acquire English language and/or the academic levels required for entry onto Undergraduate degree programmes.	https://advance.dcu.ie/pathway-course/international-foundation-year-programme/	€14,100* + Registration & Examination Fee of €1,600
Pre-sessional	10 Week Programme - June 2026, 5 Week Programme - July 2026	Your pathway to university - gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to commence your DCU undergraduate studies.	https://advance.dcu.ie/pathway-course/pre-sessional/	€3,300 + €110 Registration Fee (10 weeks) / €1,700 + €110 Registration Fee (5 weeks)
Semester and Year Abroad ESL Programme	January, March and September 2026	Semester and Year Abroad Programmes for International University students	https://english.dcu.ie/courses/esl-abroad-march	Various – dependent on attendance duration + Registration & Materials Fees
Work and Study Programme	1-2 Intake dates per month	ILEP accredited - for participants seeking to work and study in Ireland – 25 weeks duration, 33 weeks visa period.	https://english.dcu.ie/courses/work-study-programme/	€5,750 + Registration, Exam & Materials Fees
Academic Year Programme	1-2 Intake dates per month	25 Weeks Programme of English and IELTS, with IELTS exam. For students who do not wish to work while in Ireland.	https://english.dcu.ie/courses/academic-year-programme	€5,750 + Registration, Exam & Materials Fees
International Winter School	January 2026	4 week Winter School for international university students. Fees include Host Family Accommodation.	https://english.dcu.ie/courses/international-winter-school	€2,599
International Summer School	June, July and August 2026	4 week Summer School for international university students. Fees include DCU Residence Accommodation.	https://english.dcu.ie/courses/international-summer-school	€2,980
Short Term General English Programme	1-2 Intake dates per month	Short term General English programme for adults aged 17+ - duration 2-8 weeks.	https://english.dcu.ie/courses/general-english-short-term	€310 per week + Registration & Materials Fees
IELTS Exam Preparation Programme	January, March, May, June, August, October	IELTS examination preparation programme – 8 weeks duration.	https://english.dcu.ie/courses/ielts-exam-preparation	€2,480 + Registration & Materials Fees
Erasmus+ Training Courses	1-2 Intake dates per month	Programmes for participants sponsored by Erasmus+	https://english.dcu.ie/courses/erasmus-individuals	€350 per week + Registration & Materials Fees
Specialist Group Programmes	Flexible	Tailored programmes to meet client requirements, campus based and online options available.	Visit our website: http://www.english.dcu.ie/	By quotation – please contact us
Summer Residential Programmes for Junior Students	July & August 2026	Summer Residential Programme for Junior Students – 1 and 2 week programme durations.	https://english.dcu.ie/accommodation/summer-residential-programme	By quotation – please contact us
Ministay Programmes for Junior Groups	Programmes for school groups outside of summer time. Host Family accommodation and residence accommodation available.		https://english.dcu.ie/courses/ministay-residence	By quotation – please contact us
Registration and Materials Fees of €165 apply for the following programmes: Pre-sessional Programme, Semester and Year Abroad ESL Programme, Work and Study Programme, Academic Year Programme, Short Term General English Programme, IELTS Exam Preparation Programme. In addition, an examination fee of €230 applies for students attending the Work & Study Programme and Academic Year Programme Note: fees above exclude accommodation unless stated.				

Fees Information - Ancillary Services

Programme	Intake Date(s)	Description	Information	Fee
Host Family Accommodation	Year-Round	Accommodation at a DCU-approved and arranged Host Family, with half board meals included.	https://english.dcu.ie/accommodation/about-host-family-accommodation/	€294 per week + Placement Fee.
DCU Residence Accommodation	10/05/26 to 29/08/26 only.	Self-catering accommodation at a DCU Residence – residences include DCU All Hallows, DCU Glasnevin, DCU Shanowen.	https://english.dcu.ie/accommodation/about-residence-accommodation	€315 per week + Placement Fee.
Student Insurance Policy	Valid for 12 months from date of issue.			€200
Airport Transfer	Private transfer upon Arrival from Dublin Airport to DCU / DCU Host Family.			€150
DCU Library Access	Fee for access to DCU Library			€60
DCU Sports Centre	For membership fees information see: https://www.dcu.ie/dcusport/membership			
DCU Field Trips	Various fees apply – for information see: https://english.dcu.ie/social-activities/			
Transport Card	LEAP Visitor Transport Card Unlimited public bus, public train and public tram travel in Dublin area for period of purchase.			1 Week Card - €47 2 Week Card - €85 3 Week Card - €115 4 Week Card - €145
A placement fee of €110 applies to all accommodation placements.				

Other Information

Apply for your Programme- Student Applications

Applications to our programmes are made via our course pages. Please visit www.english.dcu.ie for further information

Timetable

Adult classes are held Monday to Friday. Class times are 09.00hrs-13.00hrs and 13.30hrs to 17.30hrs.

It is our preference that students are placed to 09.00hrs-13.00hrs classes, but at peak periods it may be necessary to timetable some students to the period 13.30hrs to 17.30hrs.

The timetable for the courses is set by the centralised DCU Timetabling Office, which provides classrooms for all undergraduate, postgraduate and language students at DCU

Terms & Conditions

Please make yourself familiar with the Terms and Conditions of DCU International Academy and with any further information related to your programme:

- [For Groups](#)
- [For Individuals](#)

Please note the minimum age for students to attend a DCUIA adult programme is 17 years.

DCU Campuses

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Applications from International Partners on Behalf of Students

International Partner applications can be made at: <https://english.dcu.ie/partner-application-form/>

National Holidays & DCU Christmas Closure Days- 2026

Dublin City University will be closed for tuition on the following days:

Christmas Closure 2025/26 – from Saturday 20 December 2025 to Sunday 4 January 2026 inclusive (we reopen on Monday 5 January 2026).

- Monday 2 February 2026 - St Brigid's Day National Holiday
- Tuesday 17 March 2026 - St Patrick's Day National Holiday
- Friday 3 April 2026 - Good Friday
- Monday 6 April 2026 - Easter Monday National Holiday
- Monday 4 May 2026 - May National Holiday
- Monday 1 June 2026 - June National Holiday
- Monday 3 August 2026 - August National Holiday
- Monday 26 October 2026 - October National Holiday

Christmas Closure 2026/27 – from Saturday 19 December 2026 inclusive to Sunday 3 January 2027 inclusive (we reopen on Monday 4 January 2027).

IELTS Test Centre in Dublin

Dublin City University is an official IELTS test centre. We hold regular IELTS test dates for both IELTS Academic and IELTS General Training.

Our test centre is located on the DCU Glasnevin campus in Dublin 9, which is easily accessible by car or by public transport.

You can find out more information at www.ieltsireland.com.



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