



2027 Group Programmes for Junior Students

DCU International Academy
at Dublin City University, Ireland 



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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 20,000 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 300 Universities in the World' (#284) per the 2027 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).



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. The academy receives approximately 6,000 international students per year for a range of training programmes, including:

- ESL year-abroad / semester study abroad for students of partner universities.
- Micro credentials training programmes for international partners.
- Summer and Winter School programmes for international students.
- Teacher Training Programmes and Pedagogic Development Programmes for lecturers.
- Internship / Volunteering / Work Placement Programmes for international students.
- Foundation Year Programme.
- Erasmus+ Programmes.
- Bespoke programmes delivered in-country (at overseas site) for international partners.
- 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 en-suite bedrooms.
- Large library, five restaurants, cafes, pharmacy, inter-faith centre and theatre.



DCU Junior Summer Residential Programme

Learn English. Make Friends. Experience Dublin.

Give students an unforgettable summer at Dublin City University (DCU) with an exciting residential programme combining English language learning, cultural experiences, fun activities and life on a university campus.

Designed for international students aged 12 and upwards, the programme offers 15 hours of English classes per week, delivered in a supportive and engaging environment. Outside the classroom, students enjoy a varied programme of sports, social activities, cultural visits, evening entertainment and excursions around Dublin and Ireland.

Students stay in on-campus residential accommodation, with meals provided and support from the DCU team throughout their stay. The programme also provides an excellent opportunity to meet young people from around the world, build confidence and develop English communication skills in real-life situations.

Programme Highlights

- Stay at Dublin City University
- Experience life in Ireland and explore Dublin
- 15 hours of English tuition per week
- Meet students from around the world
- Comfortable on-campus accommodation
- Private return airport transfers with DCU staff
- Full-board meal package
- Sports, games and social activities
- Cultural visits and excursions
- Evening entertainment and activities
- Certificate of completion



An exciting summer of learning, friendship and adventure - right in the heart of Dublin.

Summary Specification Information

Tuition

- 15 Hours of General English Tuition per week.
- Mixture of morning and afternoon classes - 50% + 50% or 40% + 60%.
- Groups will be internationalised subject to ability to internationalise at your period of attendance.
- DCU IA certification and Learning Journal provided to students.
- Location for classes can be viewed [here](#).
- International classes will be offered for the following programme dates:
 - 13 - 26 June 2027
 - 25 July - 7 August 2027
- Outside of these periods international classes are not guaranteed and are subject to availability.



DCU Junior Summer Residential Programme

Accommodation - Students & Leaders

- DCU Residence Accommodation for students - twin room en-suite.
- DCU Residence Accommodation for leaders - single room en-suite.
- Linen and towels provided.
- Kitchen apartment utensils are not provided, as groups receive full-board meals at the DCU Restaurant.
- Rooms cleaned once per week.
- Students and leaders need to bring: hairdryer, personal hygiene products, adapter for plug type G.
- Students will live in the same apartments together. Each apartment has 4-5 bedrooms.
- Check in is from 16.00hrs on day of arrival and check out is 10.00hrs on day of departure.
- Luggage storage possible if group arrives / departs outside of these times.
- The residence has Wi-Fi, reception, 24 hour security, and laundry facilities (extra fees apply).
- Residence location can be viewed [here](#).
- Residence Pictures can be viewed [here](#).
- Residence Virtual Tour can be viewed [here](#).
- Note: We do not offer Host Family / Homestay accommodation for Junior Students for summer programmes.



Meals

- Full-board meals from DCU Restaurant - standard summer menu.
- First meal is dinner on day of arrival, last meal is breakfast on day of departure.
- Weekdays: breakfast, hot lunch and dinner from DCU Restaurant.
- Weekends: breakfast, packed lunch and dinner from DCU Restaurant.
- Dietary needs catered for: e.g. coeliac, vegetarian.
- More information can be viewed [here](#).
- Restaurant location can be viewed [here](#).



DCU Junior Summer Residential Programme

Airport Transfer

- Return airport transfer provided, by private coach with DCU staff.
- Arrival and departure at any time of day or night is possible.
- DCU is 15 minutes from Dublin Airport.
- Watch our Airport Transfer video [here](#).



Activities - Half Day and Weekends and Evenings

- 10x Half Day activities provided. To destinations in Dublin Area by public transport led by DCU guides, using LEAP transport card. See timetable for more information.
- 2x Day Trips provided. To destinations in Dublin Area by public transport led by DCU guides, using LEAP transport card. See timetable for more information.
- 10x Evening activities at DCU Campus provided. Includes discos, quizzes, sports etc.
- To view a sample timetable please click [here](#).

Please Note:

The following are not included in our fees:

- LEAP transport card - you can buy a LEAP unlimited card from us before arrival for students or alternatively purchase from DCU Londis upon arrival.
- Personal insurance is not included.
- Flight costs are not included.
- Any services not explicitly mentioned here are not included.
- All bookings subject to our terms and conditions - see [here](#).

Course Fees and Availability

- These are dependent on your group size and period of attendance.
- Please contact us with the following information:
 - Desired arrival date to DCU and departure date from DCU
 - Number of students and leaders
- Once we receive this information we will send you a quotation and proposal within 1 day.



Mini-Stay at Residence Programmes

Experience Ireland. Improve Your English. Live the DCU Experience.

Available from 10/05/27 to 15/06/27 and from 17/07/27 to 28/08/27.

Make the most of your time in Dublin with a flexible, fully immersive Mini-Stay programme at Dublin City University.

The DCU International Academy Mini-Stay Residential Programme combines English language learning, cultural experiences and university life in one convenient, fully campus-based experience.

Students stay in comfortable en-suite accommodation on the DCU campus, with classrooms, dining facilities and university amenities all within easy walking distance. With full-board meals, English classes, social activities, airport transfers and dedicated support included, groups can enjoy a seamless and rewarding stay in Dublin.

The programme is designed for school and student groups, with flexible arrival and departure dates and programmes available from 5 days and 4 nights upwards. Groups can choose from General English, Business English or English for the Workplace, with learning materials, a pre-arrival language assessment and an end-of-course certificate included.

Programme Highlights

- Live and learn on the DCU campus
- English language classes tailored to your group
- Single or twin en-suite student accommodation
- Full-board meals at the DCU Restaurant
- Private return airport transfers with DCU staff
- Social and cultural activities
- An immersive international experience
- End-of-course certificate
- 24-hour assistance and residence security
- Flexible arrival and departure dates
- Programmes from 5 days / 4 nights
- Available for groups of 10 students or more
- Certification suitable for Mini-Stay and PCTO requirements



More Than an English Course

A DCU Mini-Stay gives students the opportunity to use English beyond the classroom — while exploring Dublin, socialising with their group, experiencing Irish culture and enjoying the atmosphere of a leading Irish university.

With everything conveniently located on campus and programmes tailored to group requirements, DCU provides a safe, flexible and enriching environment for students to learn, explore and make lasting memories in Ireland.

Bring your group to Dublin and give them the full DCU experience.



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Mini-Stay with Host Family Programmes

Experience Dublin Like a Local.

Available from March 2027 to 10/05/27, subject to availability.

Improve your English, discover Irish culture and experience a genuine Irish home.

The DCU International Academy Mini-Stay Host Family Programme offers school and student groups an authentic, immersive Dublin experience. It combines DCU English courses (General, Business, or Workplace) with stays in approved, police-vetted local host families.

Placed in groups of two or three per family, students practise English naturally while experiencing Irish culture. The programme includes a pre-arrival language assessment, course materials, staff-led social/cultural activities, and an end-of-course certificate. Group leaders can be accommodated in comfortable, en-suite campus accommodation for a supplementary fee, subject to availability.

Programme Highlights

- Live with a local Irish host family
- Practise English naturally outside the classroom
- English language classes at DCU
- Comfortable host-family accommodation
- Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner included
- Experience authentic Irish culture and everyday life
- Social and cultural activities led by DCU staff
- Private return airport transfers
- End-of-course certificate
- Dedicated DCU programme support
- 24-hour assistance
- Flexible arrival and departure dates
- Groups from 10 students upwards
- Minimum stay of 7 days / 6 nights



More Than a Study Trip

A DCU Mini-Stay with a host family is an opportunity for students to take their English beyond the classroom. From sharing meals and conversations with their host family to exploring Dublin and participating in organised activities, students experience Ireland from a local perspective while developing confidence, independence and communication skills.

With DCU managing the programme, accommodation, transfers and student support, schools and group organisers can enjoy a well-organised, enriching and memorable educational experience in Dublin.

Come to Dublin, meet Ireland and make English part of everyday life.



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PCTO Programmes

Take Learning Beyond the Classroom in Dublin.

Develop English skills, discover the world of work and experience Ireland with DCU International Academy.

The DCU International Academy PON / ASL / PCTO programmes are designed specifically for Italian high schools looking to give students a valuable international learning experience in Dublin.

Combining English for the Workplace tuition, industry-focused project work and company visits, the programmes help students develop practical communication skills while gaining insight into professional life in Ireland. Programmes are customised to the students' field of study, ensuring that classroom learning connects with their academic and career interests.

Students can choose between host family or university residence accommodation, with meals, airport transfers and programme support included. DCU can also provide assistance with PCTO, PON and ASL platform requirements and certification, helping schools manage the administrative aspects of an international programme.

Programme Highlights

- Study and experience life in Dublin
- English for the Workplace tuition
- Industry-focused project work
- Company visits and professional insights
- Programmes tailored to students' field of study
- Host family or university residence accommodation
- Meals included
- Private airport transfers
- Support with PCTO / PON / ASL certification
- Accommodation options for group leaders
- Flexible, customised programme dates
- Bespoke programmes designed around each group

A Complete International Learning Experience

A DCU PON / ASL / PCTO programme gives students the opportunity to use English in a professional context, explore Irish workplaces and develop greater confidence in an international environment.

Every group is different, so DCU International Academy works with schools and organisers to create a tailored programme based on the students' age, number, field of study, dates and specific requirements.

Please note: DCU International Academy does not arrange work placements. The programme focuses on English tuition, workplace-related projects and company visits.

Give your students the opportunity to learn, explore and prepare for the world of work - in Dublin.

Course Fees and Availability

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 - Number of students and leaders
- Once we receive this information we will send you a quotation and proposal within 1 day.



Frequently Asked Questions

Planning a DCU International Academy programme in Dublin for a young learner? Find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about our Junior Programmes at DCU International Academy.

About the Programme

Q: Who are the Junior Programmes for?

A: Our Junior Programmes are designed for young learners, generally aged 12–17, who want to improve their English, experience Irish culture and enjoy an international learning environment. Programmes are organised for closed groups, including schools, tour operators and international partners. Individual students cannot register independently for these group programmes.

Q: What types of Junior Programmes does DCU offer?

A: DCU International Academy offers a range of programmes for junior groups, including:

- Summer residential programmes
- Mini-Stay programmes
- Short-term English programmes
- Tailored programmes for schools and international groups

Programmes can be adapted to meet the needs, interests and learning objectives of individual groups.

Q: How long are the programmes?

A: Programme length is flexible and depends on the type of programme and the requirements of the group. Summer residential programmes are available for different durations, while Mini-Stay programmes can also be arranged outside the summer period.

Q: What level of English do students need?

A: Junior programmes can accommodate students with a range of English language levels. Course content and activities can be adapted to suit the needs and level of the group.



English Classes

Q: How many English classes do students have?

A: Junior programmes are 15 hours of English classes per week.

Q: What do students learn in class?

A: Lessons are designed specifically for young learners and focus on practical communication. Students have opportunities to develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through engaging, participatory and task-based activities.

Q: Are the classes suitable for teenagers?

A: Yes. Lessons use age-appropriate topics and materials and are designed to encourage students to communicate, participate and build confidence using English.

Q: Will students receive a certificate?

A: Yes. Students receive a DCU International Academy course certificate on completion of their programme.



Activities & Excursions

Q: What activities are included?

A: Learning continues outside the classroom through a programme of social, cultural and recreational activities. Depending on the programme, activities may include sports, games, cultural visits, sightseeing and other group activities.

Q: Are excursions included?

A: Full-day excursions are included for programmes of 6 nights or more, with itineraries customised in your proposal. See our sample timetable [here](#) for further information.

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Q: Will students have activities in the evenings?

A: Residential summer programmes include evening activities on campus, which can include social events, sports, games and entertainment.

Q: Do students get to meet other international students?

A: Yes. Students have regular opportunities to socialise and join activities with peers from around the world. Please note that due to bespoke arrival and departure dates, international mix may vary for certain groups.



Accommodation

Q: Where do Junior students stay?

A: For summer residential programmes, students stay at DCU Glasnevin Campus in university residential accommodation. Junior residential accommodation is generally provided in twin bedrooms within shared apartments, with en-suite facilities.

Q: Are meals included?

A: Yes. The summer residential programme includes full-board meals provided through DCU restaurant services. Special dietary requirements can be accommodated where arranged in advance.

Q: Where do leaders stay for residential programmes?

A: Group leaders are provided with accommodation, normally in single en-suite bedrooms, subject to the programme arrangements.

Q: Can Junior students stay with an Irish host family?

A: Yes. Host family accommodation is available for Junior Mini-Stay programmes outside the summer period. During the summer period, from 10 May to 28 August 2027, only on-campus residential accommodation at DCU is available.

Safety & Support

Q: How are Junior students supported during their stay?

A: Student safety and welfare are central to our Junior Programmes. DCU provides experienced programme staff, supervised activities and ongoing support throughout the programme. A 24-hour assistance telephone number is also available during the stay.

Q: Are activities supervised?

A: Yes. Activities and transport arranged by DCU are supervised by trained DCU staff. Group leaders also have an important role in supervising students outside scheduled DCU activities.

Q: Is the DCU campus safe?

A: DCU's Glasnevin Campus is a modern university campus located in a residential area of Dublin. The campus brings classrooms, accommodation, restaurants, sports facilities and other services together within an extensive university environment.



Arrival & Travel

Q: Where is DCU located?

A: DCU's main Glasnevin Campus is approximately 5 km from Dublin city centre and 7 km from Dublin Airport. The campus is well connected to Dublin by public transport.

Q: Are airport transfers available?

A: Yes. For residential group programmes, return airport transfers by private shuttle bus can be arranged, with DCU staff support.

Q: Who meets students at the airport?

A: Where airport transfers are arranged through DCU, students are met and supported by a DCU staff member as part of the organised group transfer.

Frequently Asked Questions

For Parents & Group Organisers

Q: How are Junior Programmes booked?

A: Junior programmes are arranged for groups through schools, tour operators and international partners. Group organisers can contact DCU International Academy to discuss their requirements and request a programme proposal.

Q: Can the programme be customised?

A: Yes. DCU International Academy offers flexible programmes that can be tailored around the group's preferred dates, English level, learning objectives, activities, accommodation and cultural interests.

Q: How many students are required to book a Junior Programme?

A: DCU welcomes enquiries from groups of 10 or more students. Programme arrangements and pricing are provided according to the specific group requirements.

Q: How much does a Junior Programme cost?

A: Junior group programmes are priced by quotation. The cost depends on factors such as programme duration, accommodation, meals, tuition, activities, excursions and transfers. Contact DCU International Academy for a programme proposal based on your group's requirements.

Q: How far in advance should we book?

A: We recommend contacting us as early as possible, particularly for summer programmes, so that we can check availability and arrange accommodation, activities, transfers and other programme requirements.



Why Choose DCU?

Q: Why should I choose DCU International Academy for a Junior Programme?

A: A Junior Programme at DCU combines English language learning, university life, cultural discovery and

international friendship in one experience.

Students benefit from:

- English classes designed for young learners
- A modern university campus
- Dedicated programme support
- A varied social and cultural programme
- Excursions and activities
- International student interaction
- Residential accommodation options
- Full-board options for summer residential programmes
- 24-hour support
- The opportunity to experience life at an Irish university

With more than 30 years of experience delivering Junior summer programmes, DCU International Academy welcomes thousands of students to its residential programmes each summer.



Ready to Plan Your Junior Programme?

Whether you are a school, tour operator, international partner, parent or group organiser, our team can help you create a programme that combines learning, culture, friendship and fun.

Contact DCU International Academy today to discuss your Junior Programme requirements and request a proposal.



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Classes



Residence Reception



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Residence Rooms



DCU Restaurant



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Host Family



DCU Campus



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