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Ireland's University of Enterprise



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# Message from the President of DCU

## Welcome to Dublin City University!

Dublin City University is a young, dynamic, globally-engaged university. We are committed to providing a wide range of high-quality student and research opportunities in a world-class environment. Our impressive social and sporting facilities, as well as our proximity to a thriving capital city, add to what we offer as part of the DCU student experience.

Students from over 116 countries make up our student population of almost 11,500. This diversity of people and cultures on campus contributes enormously to our vibrant student experience for all at DCU. We make every effort to take care of the needs of all our students and to assist them in integration into university life. No matter where you come from, you are sure to feel at home in DCU!

This brochure is intended to explain why coming to Ireland and Dublin City University will be the right decision for you. We are happy to answer any questions that you have and, should you chose to come to DCU, I can assure you of an enriching academic experience of the highest quality, combined with an exciting time in which you will make friends for life.

I look forward to greeting you when you come to DCU!



Prof Brian MacCraith

President, DCU



# Ireland as a Study Destination

With so many study destinations to choose from, why choose Ireland? Here are some of the reasons why Ireland is becoming more and more popular for international students:

## Excellent Standard of Education

Ireland is a country which has long prided itself on the high quality of its education system, a system, which is carefully monitored through national and international quality control mechanisms and which offers undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes, which are internationally recognised and accredited by relevant professional bodies. Ireland has one of the world's best education systems, according to the IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2010 (ranked 7th).

## A Friendly, Safe Country

Ireland was voted by Lonely Planet as the world's friendliest country in 2008 and 2010 and was ranked 12th in the 2009 Global Peace Index. The country is known for its literary achievements, scholarly heritage, beautiful countryside and traditional music. Irish people are regarded as warm and welcoming. The quality of Life in Ireland is among the highest ranked countries in the world (5th overall, source: UNDP).

## Gateway to Europe

Ireland is an English-speaking country within the European Union. Its easy accessibility to mainland Europe, well educated workforce and sophisticated infrastructure have led multinationals in the Financial Services, Computer Services, Pharmaceutical industry and many more, to locate in Ireland and export into the European Union and beyond. Ireland has a potential market of 500 million EU citizens at its doorstep.

## Young Population

Ireland has a young, lively and cultured population with approximately 36% of the country's population of 4.5 million under the age of 25. Almost one million people are in full-time education.

## Individual Attention to Students

Ireland's public universities are relatively small when compared to others of international repute. Students praise the individualised attention which this creates on the campus and in the classrooms, allowing them time to develop themselves and their knowledge in an internationally-focused but yet homely environment.



## Leading Global Companies in Ireland

Ireland has one of the most highly skilled and highly educated labour forces in the world, particularly in terms of Science, Mathematics and Computing (source OECD). The country is now the location of choice for international headquarters of companies such as Google, Facebook, Pfizer, LinkedIn, eBay, Apple and Intel. In addition, 8 out of 10 of the world's largest medical device manufacturers are based in Ireland as well.



# DCU Facts & Figures

<b>Location</b>	Dublin, Capital City of Ireland
<b>Status</b>	Public University, Member of Irish Universities Association (IUA)
<b>Founded</b>	1975, Gained University status in 1989
<b>Student Population</b>	11,500
<b>Student Diversity</b>	116 Nationalities on Campus
<b>Faculties / Schools</b>	<p><b>DCU Business School</b></p> <p><b>Engineering &amp; Computing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Electronic Engineering</li> <li>■ Mechanical &amp; Manufacturing Engineering</li> <li>■ Computing</li> </ul> <p><b>Humanities and Social Sciences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Applied Language &amp; Intercultural Studies</li> <li>■ Communications</li> <li>■ Education Studies</li> <li>■ Law &amp; Government</li> </ul> <p><b>Science &amp; Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Biotechnology</li> <li>■ Chemical Sciences</li> <li>■ Health &amp; Human Performance</li> <li>■ Mathematical Sciences</li> <li>■ Nursing and Human Sciences</li> <li>■ Physical Sciences</li> </ul>
<b>Programme Levels</b>	<p>Undergraduate</p> <p>Postgraduate Taught Masters</p> <p>Masters by Research</p> <p>PhD Programmes</p> <p>Semester/Year Abroad</p>

# Why DCU!

- DCU, Ireland's University of Enterprise, is in the top 4% of universities in the world and was voted as Sunday Times University of the Year 2010.
- DCU is a globally recognised centre of academic excellence in education and research with several national centres of excellence.
- DCU has global alliances with universities in the US, China, Japan, India and many other countries.
- DCU was the first university in Ireland to introduce paid work placements, INTRA, as an integral part of its degree programmes, giving students a special edge with Irish companies.
- DCU students are consistently among the highest number of employed graduates in Ireland.
- DCU Graduate Attributes Programme gives students a unique opportunity to develop a distinct set of skills and competencies, encouraging students to shape their own personal and professional future development.
- DCU offers an active and rewarding campus experience with excellent student life, student support, sports and leisure facilities.
- DCU's Invent, a state of the art Innovation and Enterprise Centre, promotes research and encourages entrepreneurship.
- DCU is home to one of Ireland's largest performing arts centres, the Helix.
- DCU International Student Scholarship scheme is available at undergraduate and postgraduate level.



# The DCU Student Experience

DCU prides itself on the unique Student Experience and is commended for the quality of the learning environment and the friendliness of the campus.

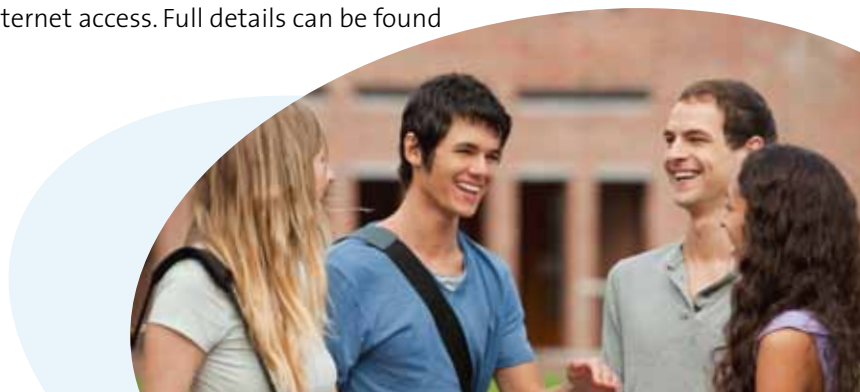
## Life on Campus

DCU is situated on an 85 acre campus in a residential area, approximately 20 minutes from the city centre and a 15-minute drive from Dublin airport. With the city in such close proximity, students of DCU have the best of both worlds - the social and cultural benefits of city life, and the security and vibrancy of a modern university campus.

- The campus provides a state-of-the-art library, lecturing theatres and classrooms in a well-serviced and easily accessible environment.
- On-campus restaurants and cafés offer a wide selection of lunches and dinners.
- The Sports Complex houses a 25-metre swimming pool, steam room, sauna, tepidarium, squash courts, climbing wall, handball court and fitness centre.
- The Hub Student Centre provides printing facilities, socialising space, a radio station and a bookshop.
- 24-hour security on campus, 365 days a year.

## Accommodation

For many people coming to university means living away from home for the first time, so you will want to be sure that you will find a place to live that is clean, modern, comfortable and safe, not too expensive, and within easy reach of all your activities. At DCU, you'll find all of this! Purpose-built residences provide around 1,100 rooms for undergraduate and postgraduate students on campus. There are various types of accommodation - some offer en-suite rooms; others provide study bedrooms with shared bathrooms; most of our accommodation comprises apartments (for groups of 4 or 5) with shared kitchens and en-suite bathrooms. All of the accommodation is well-furnished and maintained to a high standard. All rooms have network ports and high speed internet access. Full details can be found at: [www.dcu.ie/accommodation](http://www.dcu.ie/accommodation)









## Student Life: Clubs and Societies

A great way to integrate into the social life at DCU and to make friends for life is to join one of the many clubs and societies on campus. There is a huge range of clubs and societies, ranging from cricket to football, drama to debating – and also the possibility to start your own club or society, if it does not already exist! To see a full list of what is on offer, see: [www.dcu.ie/studentlife](http://www.dcu.ie/studentlife)

## Student Support Services

The importance which the University places on student welfare and well-being is reflected in the wide range of student support services offered. A well-rounded education at DCU means that we offer opportunities to students to excel in all areas of life – and to be supported through this important phase of development. Support Services include:

- Academic Support
- Disability & Learning Support
- International Student Support
- Sports & Recreation
- Careers Support
- Health Centre
- Inter Faith Centre
- Office of Student Life
- Counselling & Personal Development
- INTRA Work Placement
- Maths Learning Centre
- IT Support

Alongside your academic development, take the opportunity to experience all aspects of life at DCU!

<http://www.dcu.ie/current-students.shtml>





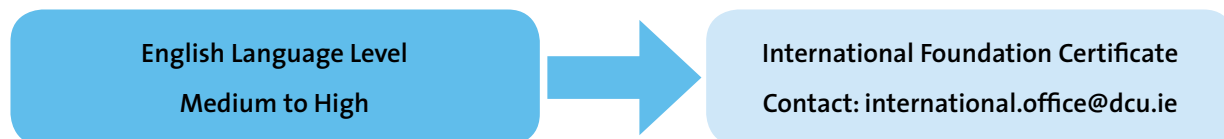
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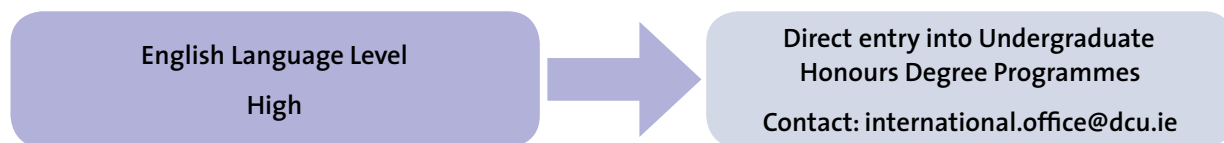
## Undergraduate Opportunities



DCU Language Services offers English language programmes to students whose English language competency level averages IELTS 4.5. Students generally require one year to reach a score of 5.5 IELTS at this entry point and can then apply for the Foundation Programme, as below.



DCU offers an International Foundation Certificate Programme for students whose English language level averages 5.5 IELTS. Successful completion of the International Foundation Programme guarantees students direct entry into Year 1 of their targeted undergraduate degree programme. Further information at: [www.dcu.ie/prospective](http://www.dcu.ie/prospective)

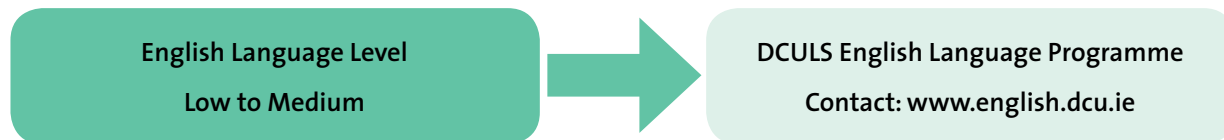


Students whose English language competency level equates to 6.5 IELTS can be considered for direct entry into undergraduate degree programmes. Download Undergraduate Application Form at: <http://www.dcu.ie/registry/forms/pdfs/R10.pdf>

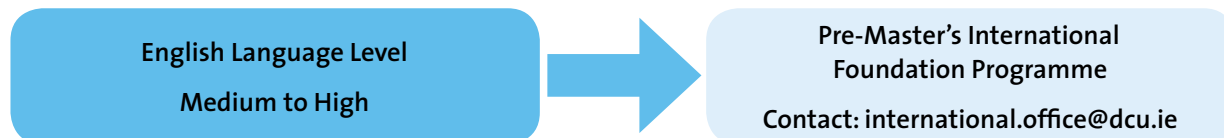
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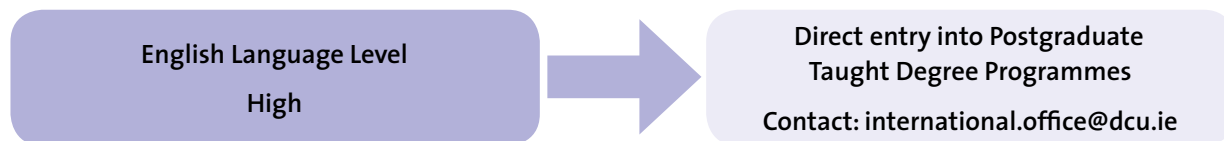


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DCU offers a Pre-Master's International Foundation Programme for students whose English language level averages 5.5 IELTS. Entry is available in September for students with a minimum IELTS score of 5.5 and in some programmes in February for students with a minimum IELTS score of 6.0. Successful completion of the Pre-Master's Foundation Programme guarantees students direct entry into Year 1 of their targeted postgraduate degree programme. Further information at: [www.dcu.ie/prospective](http://www.dcu.ie/prospective)

**Students whose English language competency level equates to 6.5 IELTS can be considered for direct entry into postgraduate taught degree programmes.**



Applications for all postgraduate taught programmes, including the Pre-Masters International Foundation programmes should be made at [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie)



# The DCU Learning Experience

DCU's focus is unique in Ireland: the university, its staff and students all set out to develop high quality, high value learning with a determination to hold the position as Ireland's most innovative and market driven university. The University is proud of the fact that, again and again, employers confirm their preference for its graduates when searching for future high achievers. This competitiveness is due to the nature of the programmes, which are industry relevant, internationally focused and closely monitored to ensure high standards of excellence in content and delivery.

The nature of today's society, and the global market where our graduates have to compete, is changing rapidly both in terms of its skills requirements and its global dimension. To prepare our graduates for the 21st century, DCU has developed a unique programme – **Generation 21**. This initiative was developed in conjunction with the DCU Enterprise Advisory Board, which is made up of entrepreneurs and leading figures from Irish and international business. Through this programme, the University aims to shape our graduates into rounded individuals by developing the required skills set and attributes, enhancing extracurricular and civic engagement activities, and providing opportunities for experiential learning through INTRA (INtegrated TRAINing).



**INTRA**, a unique programme first established by DCU in Ireland, provides an opportunity for students to get hands-on learning experience in the work place for up to one year. This gives our students a competitive edge in the jobs market once they graduate and also gives students a chance to investigate their career prospects. It also provides employers a supply of highly motivated young people and an opportunity to evaluate and train possible future employees.

[www.dcu.ie/intra](http://www.dcu.ie/intra)

**DCU Careers Service** aims to help students make informed career decisions, set realistic goals, and develop the skills necessary to accomplish their goals. The Careers Service provides a wide range of services to help meet the career planning and job search needs of DCU students. The service works actively with employers to find graduate positions and welcomes employer visits on campus.

[www.dcu.ie/careers](http://www.dcu.ie/careers)

With a view to enhancing students' overall development in every way, DCU offers students the unique opportunity to gain academic credits for significant learning through their participation in extra-curricular activities. Through the **Uaneen Module** students are actively encouraged to join in the wide range of extra-curricular, voluntary and community activities at DCU and the community beyond, so that they not only gain a degree but they also enjoy their time at university while gaining skills and competencies which will benefit them after they graduate.

[www.dcu.ie/uaneen](http://www.dcu.ie/uaneen)

DCU, as part of the student learning experience strongly supports research, innovation and entrepreneurship. **Invent**, which is a state of the art Innovation and Enterprise Centre, has been established at DCU with a mission to transform knowledge into commercial success and to provide the critical link between the university and the marketplace. The Invent team work closely with DCU faculty and students, industry, government agencies and the local community to support and encourage the transformation of cutting edge research into innovative and commercially exploitable products and services. In addition, individuals are supported here to start their own business.

[www.dcu.ie/invent](http://www.dcu.ie/invent)



# The DCU Global Focus

Since its inception in 1975, DCU has shown a commitment to global engagement. The development of non-traditional and interdisciplinary programmes was accompanied by the introduction of global opportunities for the University's students. Over the years, thousands of DCU students have had the opportunity to study abroad as an integral part of their programme. Studying abroad offers students new experiences and access to a different way of life and we actively encourage students to seek out these opportunities.

Today, DCU has over 450 partnerships with institutions outside Ireland, giving students and staff access to a truly global network. In recent years, DCU students have chosen to undertake a work or research placement abroad and many of them have returned with very unique stories. Students have also volunteered abroad, engaged in global classroom projects and travelled to far away places on short class trips. Furthermore, students have been instrumental in bringing together local and international students through their work in international societies on campus.

## Alumni

DCU Alumni is the graduate association that helps graduates keep in touch with DCU and with each other both socially and professionally. The Alumni Office is committed to giving graduates an opportunity to learn, share and collaborate as well as providing them with information on learning and job updates, social events, networking and volunteering opportunities. There are over 37,500 graduates of DCU. As a graduate of DCU, students are automatically a member of the DCU Alumni Association. We encourage our alumni to stay in touch with the DCU community by joining an international alumni chapter. These chapters offer fellow alumni a unique business, social and support network to help with relocation and opportunities to stay connected. Graduates are also encouraged to assist in the setting up of new DCU Alumni Chapters in their own location.

The Alumni Office also offer students and graduates opportunities to stay connected and learn from each other through its E-Mentoring Programme. Through this programme, DCU graduates are encouraged to give back to DCU by mentoring a final-year student via email, phone and Skype. To learn more about our international chapter events, alumni benefits, DCU news, mentoring, jobs vacancies and more log onto [www.dcu.ie/alumni](http://www.dcu.ie/alumni).







# DCU Business School

Weblink: [www.dcu.ie/dcubs](http://www.dcu.ie/dcubs)

DCU Business School is recognised nationally and internationally for the outstanding quality of its business education programmes. The teaching, learning and research activities are strongly influenced by the core guiding principles of relevance and excellence.

The programme portfolio is continually updated and expanded, and recent years have seen the introduction of a number of highly innovative programmes at Bachelor, Master's and Doctorate levels. These programmes are developed in collaboration with organisations in the public and private sector, our international partners and disciplines from other faculties across DCU.

The result is a set of programmes that are innovative and challenging, develop leadership and management skills that are directly relevant to the public and private sector and provide enhanced career opportunities for our graduates. They attract a wide diversity of students from many different countries, including high school graduates, graduates and experienced executives.



## Daria Glownia, Poland

Hi, I am Daria Glownia from Poland. I am studying MSc.in Electronic Commerce at Dublin City University, Ireland. It's a very practical and business oriented course. I chose DCU because I met with the chairperson of the e-commerce course, who advised me the course credentials and I found that very interesting. I am very much satisfied with the programme structure and with the lecturers, who are very professional and knowledgeable. DCU provides good student support in different fields. I am enjoying my life at DCU; there are many different facilities, clubs and societies for all different people. Ireland is a beautiful place to live and study where people are very friendly and open. I would not hesitate to recommend DCU to other students as it is a very good university, which pay huge focus on International students.



# Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

**Weblink:** [www.dcu.ie/humanities](http://www.dcu.ie/humanities)

The Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences at DCU offers exciting opportunities to study and work as part of a suite of distinctive interdisciplinary and international degree and research programmes.

The students and academics that study, teach and undertake research as part of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences are dedicated to observing, commenting on and changing the way that an increasingly diverse Irish society works and understands itself. The Faculty reflects this commitment by being interdisciplinary in organisation, international in outlook and imaginative in its provision of education to students. This Faculty comprises of four Schools:

- The School of Communications [www.dcu.ie/communications](http://www.dcu.ie/communications)
- The School of Education Studies [www.dcu.ie/education\\_studies](http://www.dcu.ie/education_studies)
- The School of Law and Government [www.dcu.ie/law\\_and\\_government](http://www.dcu.ie/law_and_government)
- The School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies [www.dcu.ie/salis](http://www.dcu.ie/salis)



## Virginie Amisador

Hello, my name is Virginie Amisador, I'm from France. I'm studying Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies at a Master level in Dublin City University. I've chosen DCU because the place seemed to be modern, dynamic and peaceful at the same time and so the environment was the ideal place to study. I really enjoy studying and living here. The Support of the International Office was essential to help me in all different academic aspects but also in cultural aspects. I really appreciated the fact that they organised tours to show us around Dublin but also trips to initiate foreign students to the Irish culture (through dancing, singing, sports, baking, etc...) and because of this I felt very welcome. Ireland is a wonderful place, culturally and socially speaking so I definitely recommend DCU especially to International Students who'd like to experience something new and to expand their horizons.

# Faculty of Engineering & Computing

**Weblink:** [www.dcu.ie/engineering\\_and\\_computing](http://www.dcu.ie/engineering_and_computing)

The Faculty of Engineering and Computing aims to make a significant contribution to society, locally, nationally, and internationally. It does this through the capabilities of its graduates, the scholarly output and commercial derivatives of its research, professional influence, and continuing education and professional development. With close industry links, the Faculty offers a range of innovative and flexible taught programmes aimed at producing graduates with the personal and professional skills most valued by employers in Ireland and abroad. The Faculty boasts a lively, supportive research environment, with its staff and research students producing work of significance at both national and international level.

The Faculty of Engineering & Computing comprises of three Schools:

- The School of Computing [www.dcu.ie/computing](http://www.dcu.ie/computing)
- The School of Electronic Engineering [www.dcu.ie/electronic\\_engineering](http://www.dcu.ie/electronic_engineering)
- The School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering [www.dcu.ie/mechanical\\_engineering](http://www.dcu.ie/mechanical_engineering)



## Enaam AlHashimi, Saudi Arabia

Hello, I am Enaam AlHashimi, from Saudi Arabia. I am a 2nd year student of Mechatronic Engineering at DCU. My dream is to become an engineer and start my own company. After exploring various options to study in Ireland, I chose DCU as my university as it is known for its academic excellence. I am glad that I took the right decision to study at DCU. I like the way theory is linked with laboratories work here. Teachers are very cooperative, supportive and pay huge attention to all students. Not only teachers but also other staffs for example International Office are very supportive as well. Life at DCU is full of activities, which helps for overall personality development. There is an academic and fun life balance here. I like living in Ireland. People are very kind and cultured here. I recommend DCU all the time to my friends and family in Saudi Arabia and I would like to recommend it to prospective international students.

# Faculty of Science & Health

**Weblink:** [www.dcu.ie/science\\_and\\_health](http://www.dcu.ie/science_and_health)

The Faculty of Science and Health is made up of six constituent Schools and it offers a range of honours degrees and postgraduate taught degrees. Many of our courses have affiliations to or are recognized by external professional bodies, for example, the Institute of Actuaries and Teaching Council of Ireland. Many of the Schools are unique in having established expertise across a broad range of scientific disciplines contained within a single departmental unit, thereby encouraging innovative approaches to teaching and research. The Faculty is home to three National Research Centres and three University Designated Research Centres, and also to the Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) funded Centre for Science Engineering and Technology (CSET), the Biomedical Diagnostics Institute (BDI) the Adaptive Information Cluster (AIC), the National Biophotonics and Imaging Platform (NBIP), the Irish Separation Science Cluster (ISSC) and Molecular Therapeutics for Cancer Ireland (MTCI). Further significant developments include the National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training (NIBRT).

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- The School of Biotechnology [www.dcu.ie/biotechnology](http://www.dcu.ie/biotechnology)
- The School of Chemical Sciences [www.dcu.ie/chemistry](http://www.dcu.ie/chemistry)
- The School of Mathematical Sciences [www.dcu.ie/maths](http://www.dcu.ie/maths)
- The School of Nursing and Human Sciences [www.dcu.ie/nursing](http://www.dcu.ie/nursing)
- The School of Physical Sciences [www.dcu.ie/physics](http://www.dcu.ie/physics)
- The School of Health & Human Performance [www.dcu.ie/shhp](http://www.dcu.ie/shhp)





# Applying to DCU Undergraduate Degree Programmes

All undergraduate programmes provided by DCU are Honours Bachelors degree.

## Academic Requirements

Applicants will be assessed based on their performance in their school leaving examination, irrespective of where this took place. Some courses also have specific subject entry requirements. A full list of degree programmes and entry requirements is available at: [www.dcu.ie/prospective/degrees.php](http://www.dcu.ie/prospective/degrees.php)

## English Language Competency

All non-native speakers of English are required to produce evidence of their competence in the English language. The following evidence is accepted by the University:

Examination	Level Required
TOEFL	237 (computer-based test) 580 (paper-based test)
TOEFL iBT	Total Score 92
IELTS	Composite score of 6.5 or above, with no less than 6.0 in any one component. In addition, the Business School requires 6.5 in Writing and Speaking.
CAE	Grade B
CAP	Grade C
ETAPP	C1



### Yuvraj Monga, India

Hi, I am Yuvraj Monga, an Indian student with high dreams studying in Dublin City University, 3rd year in BA in Accounting and Finance. I have been keen on studying Accountancy from very early age, influenced by the lifestyle of my father, a chartered accountant from profession, has moulded my thoughts about this field early in life. Quality of education and learning were the key factors for me applying in DCU. The credit for DCU being stated in education system as an excellent academic achiever goes all to its faculty. I still remember the heart full welcoming I got from International Office. DCU has provided me with so many friends and wonderful memories that I can easily say that I will always remember my time at DCU. I would highly recommend International students to join DCU, as from here you can go anywhere!!



If you are a non-native speaker of English but have completed your schooling through English, please provide evidence of this with your application.

## How to Apply

Applicants can apply from October 1st of the year prior to entry.  
The closing date for applications is July 15th.

Non-EU students should apply directly to the University by post to:

**The International Office, Dublin City University, Dublin 9, Ireland**

Application Form: <http://www.dcu.ie/registry/forms/pdfs/R10.pdf>

## Nursing Applicants

All students applying for Nursing programmes should apply by February 1st through the Central Applications Office at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) and not directly to the University.

## EU Students (and students from Norway and Switzerland)

Should apply for all undergraduate programmes through the Irish Central Applications Office before February 1st: [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)





## Nahoko Nakagame, Japan

Hi, I am Nahoko Nakagame, a Japanese postgraduate student studying MA in International Relations at DCU. The programme provides me a great platform to achieve my career goals. All the subjects are very interesting and I am enjoying learning them. DCU is one of the most diverse universities in Europe and has great International Relations programme. Classrooms consist of limited number of students which is very good as all the students can participate in conversations and class activities. Professors pay huge attention to each and every student which I like a lot. People who work in the International Office are very professional. They are always there for you whenever you need help or support. The facilities in DCU are very good especially on-campus accommodation where I live, I find it very secure and a great place to concentrate on studies. I definitely recommend DCU to International students for their future.



# Applying to DCU

## Postgraduate Taught Programmes

### Academic Requirements

Applicants must have a good honours undergraduate degree from a recognised third level institution in order to apply for a postgraduate Master's programme at DCU. All applicants must provide transcripts of results from their home university and each candidate will be assessed on his/her own merit. A full list of postgraduate programmes is available at: [www.dcu.ie/prospective/degrees.php](http://www.dcu.ie/prospective/degrees.php)

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### How to Apply

Applicants can apply from October 15th of the year prior to entry. The closing date for applications to most postgraduate programmes is July 15th. As some programme application deadlines occur earlier, you should check the application details for your programme on our website to ensure timely submission of your application. All students should apply online only via [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie).

Please contact the International Office at [international.office@dcu.ie](mailto:international.office@dcu.ie), should you have any questions.

# International Foundation Certificate

DCU offers a Foundation programme for students whose English language competency does not reach the level required for direct entry into undergraduate programmes.

<b>Duration of Programme:</b>	1 year full-time
<b>Entry:</b>	September
<b>English Language Requirements:</b>	IELTS: 5.5 with no component less than 5.0 <b>or</b> TOEFL: 500 (paper based) / TOEFL 173 (computer based) / TOEFL 61 (iBT) <b>or</b> DCU Foundation English Test: 50% or above*

\*For details about the DCU Foundation English Test, please contact [international.office@dcu.ie](mailto:international.office@dcu.ie)

## Content

Students who enrol in the International Foundation Certificate (IFC) will take part in intensive English-language courses as well as specialist modules from their chosen target degree programme. The specialist modules allow students to take one-third of the modules from the First Year of their chosen degree programme. Upon successful completion of the IFC programme, students are guaranteed entry into the First Year of their programme and will receive exemptions (academic and financial), accordingly.

## Sample Programme Outline

Semester 1	Semester 2
Language Skills & Intercultural Communication	Reading and Writing Skills
English for Academic Purposes I	English for Academic Purposes II
English Integrated Skills 1	English Integrated Skills II
Level 1 Modules – 10 credits from target First Year programme	Level 1 Modules – 10 credits from target First Year programme

For a list of the programmes which currently offer entry via the International Foundation Certificate, please see: [www.dcu.ie/prospective](http://www.dcu.ie/prospective)

Application Procedures: Download an Application Form at: <http://www.dcu.ie/registry/forms/pdfs/R10.pdf> and send to:

**The International Office, Dublin City University, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, Ireland**

# Pre-Master's International Foundation

DCU offers a Pre-Master's programme for students whose English language competency does not reach the required standard for direct entry into postgraduate degree programmes. Along with intensive English-language studies, students take part in modules from their target degree programmes. Students will be entitled to exemptions from modules successfully completed during pre-masters foundation programme. This will allow them to excel when they progress to their Masters programmes.

<b>Duration of Programme:</b>	1 year full-time or 1 semester full-time
<b>Entry:</b>	September (academic year) or February (semester)
<b>English Language Requirements:</b>	<p><b>September Entry (academic year programme)</b>            IELTS: 5.5 with no component less than 5.0 <b>or</b>            TOEFL: 500 (paper based) / TOEFL 173 (computer based) / TOEFL 61 (iBT) <b>or</b>            DCU Foundation English Test: 50% or above*</p> <p><b>February Entry (1 semester programme)</b>            IELTS 6.0 with no component less than 5.5 <b>or</b>            TOEFL: 531 (paper based) / TOEFL 200 (computer based) / TOEFL 73 (iBT) <b>or</b>            DCU Foundation English Test – 60% or above*</p> <p>*For details about the DCU Foundation English Test, please contact international.office@dcu.ie.</p>

## Sample Year-Long Programme Outline

Semester 1	Semester 2
English Integrated Skills 1	English Integrated Skills 2
Language and Intercultural Skills	Reading and Writing Skills
English for Academic Purposes 1	English for Academic Purposes 2
Level 1 Modules – 10 credits from First Year of target degree programme	Level 1 Modules – 10 credits from First Year of target degree programme

For a list of the programmes which currently offer entry via the Pre-Master's International Foundation Programme, see: [www.dcu.ie/prospective](http://www.dcu.ie/prospective)

Application Procedures: Apply online via [www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie)



# Study Abroad Opportunities

## Exchange Programme

DCU warmly welcomes students from across the globe to join us and experience student life at DCU for a semester or academic year. Students from any of our 150+ exchange partner universities may ask their university to nominate them for study at DCU as part of an existing bilateral Exchange Agreement. Nominated students will be contacted by DCU's Exchange Coordinator with further information. Students who cannot be nominated as part of an exchange arrangement may be interested in our Study Abroad Programme below.

## Study Abroad Programme

If your home institution does not have an exchange agreement with DCU, you may still apply to DCU as part of our Study Abroad Programme. This programme allows students to apply to DCU on a fee-paying basis for one semester or a full academic year. Students may apply either directly to DCU or, if an agreement exists between DCU and the home institution, students can also apply through their home institution. Third party providers also offer students the opportunity to apply for study abroad at DCU and students are encouraged to sample the various offerings available to them.

DCU's Study Abroad Programme is highly flexible and students can register with any of our four faculties while retaining access to the full suite of modules offered on the Programme. Students may gain up to 30 ECTS (18 US) credits during one semester or up to 60 ECTS (36 US) credits during a full academic year. A broad range of modules from different faculties is available, offering students the opportunity to gain knowledge across disciplines. Students can also arrange for credit transfer back to their home institutions.



## Sample Modules on Study Abroad Programme

### Humanities

Multimedia Studies  
Computer-mediated  
Communications and Society  
Crime and the Media  
EU Policy and Politics  
Ireland and National Cinema

### Sciences

Physiology for Health Sciences  
Sport and Exercise Biomechanics  
Inorganic and Analytical Chemistry  
Spectroscopy and Physical Chemistry  
Forensic & Pharmaceutical Analysis

### Engineering and IT

Software Engineering  
Digital Circuits and Systems  
Mechanics of Materials and Machines  
Cryptography  
Introduction to Networks and Internet  
Human Factors in Computing

### Business

Marketing on the Internet  
Corporate Financial Management  
Risk Management  
Accounting for Non-Business Students  
Strategic Management  
New Enterprise Development

For further details and the application form, please visit [www.dcu.ie/international/study\\_abroad](http://www.dcu.ie/international/study_abroad)



# DCU Research – Global Community

The key objective of DCU's Research Strategy 2009 – 2014 is to build further on the strategic prioritisation of translational research and support for critical mass research teams through targeting of enhanced facilities, strategic collaborations and structured graduate programmes. The strategy emphasises the growing need to show enhanced external impacts of our research in terms of knowledge transfer and commercialisation.

## **DCU hosts four major Programme for Research in Third Level Institutes (PRTL) Research Centres:**

1. National Centre for Sensor Research (NCSR);
2. National Centre for Plasma Science and Technology (NCPST);
3. Researching Innovative Engineering Technologies (RINCE) and
4. National Institute for Cellular Biotechnology (NICB).

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These centres have provided very significant infrastructural facilities which have enabled DCU's researchers to achieve national leadership in these areas as evidenced by later successes in attracting major funding awards from Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), European Union and industry. DCU's externally sourced research expenditure has grown from €5m to almost €50m per annum between 2002 and 2009. DCU has an exceptional record in leading two major SFI Centres for Science, Engineering and Technology, and in addition, the Biomedical Diagnostics Institute (BDI: [www.bdi.ie](http://www.bdi.ie)) and the Centre for Next Generation Localisation (CNGL: [www.cngl.ie](http://www.cngl.ie)), a half share in a third (Clarity) and significant involvement in a fourth, the Irish Software Engineering Research Centre named LERO, all of which involve substantial industrial partnerships.

During 2008/2009 DCU led three out of the seven Strategic Research Cluster (SRC) proposals short-listed nationally from an initial forty proposals. All three were subsequently funded. They are 'Precision – Plasma Technology for Nano Manufacturing', 'Irish Separation Science Cluster' and 'Molecular Therapeutics for Cancer Ireland'.

Postgraduate research student numbers have grown to over 770. External bibliometric analysis shows that publications per annum have doubled since 2000 and citations trebled over the same period to over 6000 per annum (WOS). DCU has grown its invention disclosures to 36 per annum, patents to 27 per annum and has spun-out 14 companies.





The most recent developments include DCU's success in obtaining funding for a nationally unique NanoBioAnalytical Research Facility incorporating 3,000m<sup>2</sup> new building, a shared Structured PhD Bioanalysis and Therapeutics Training Programme led from DCU and involving the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, National University of Ireland Maynooth and further support for nanotechnology and telecommunications. DCU's leading position nationally in the sensors area was evidenced by its success in leading the national SmartBay initiative aimed at exploiting sensor technology in the strategically key marine sector. In 2010, DCU's Biomedical Diagnostics Institute CSET received an additional €19m award for a second five-year period 2010-2015. As the largest investment yet by SFI in a CSET this is a clear indicator of the pre-eminence of BDI's researchers working in close partnership with other third level institutions and industry.

Over 40% of our research postgraduate students are international from over 62 countries. DCU's research community, consisting of postgraduate research students, postdoctoral fellows, researchers and academic staff, is truly global not only in the diversity of the population but also the extensive international academic and industrial links and collaborations. We welcome applications from international researchers to enrich further the research environment on campus. In turn, DCU commits to providing a highly supportive research environment and an innovative experience for all of our postgraduate students and researchers. Further information at: [www.dcu.ie/research](http://www.dcu.ie/research)

*“The concept of successful translation of research results into real society benefits must therefore continue to drive our research agenda”.*

DCU Research Strategy 2009-2014









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