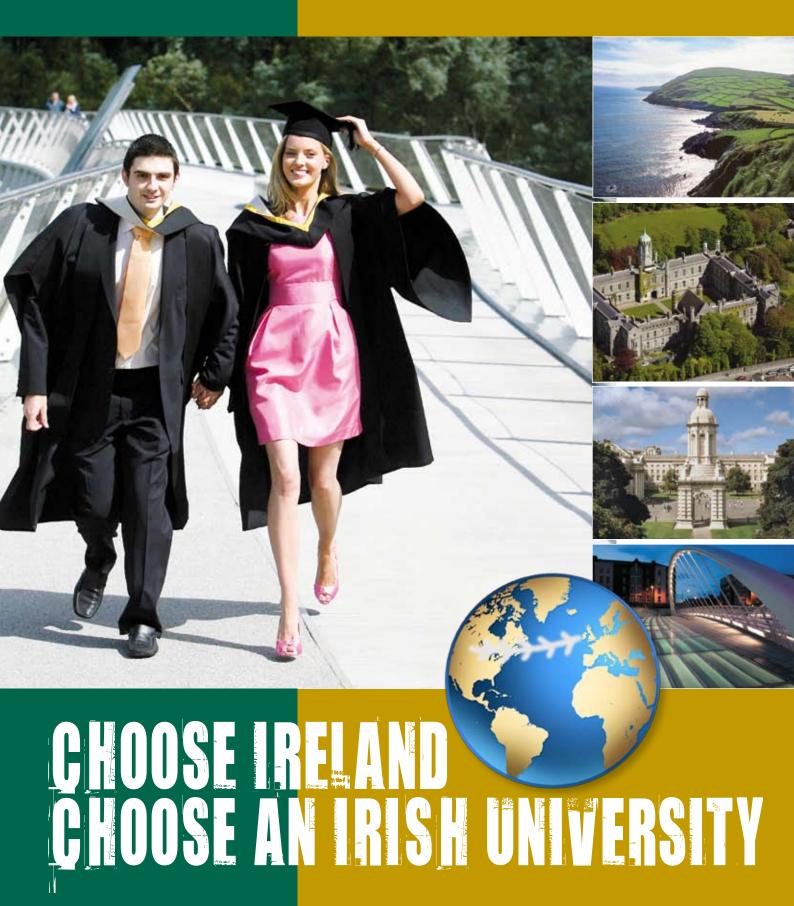
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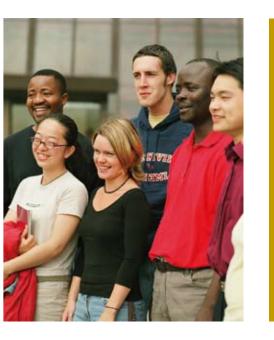


WHY STUDY IN IRELAND?

Many Americans feel a great connection to Ireland due to the influence that Irish immigration has had in the shaping of American culture. The strong political and cultural relationship between Ireland and America also extends to education.

There are over 8,000 American students currently studying in Ireland and there are over one thousand full-time Irish university students placed at colleges and universities throughout the United States.

As well as exchange and scholarship programs Irish Universities offer educational excellence at all levels. So if you're thinking of choosing a college in another State why not broaden your horizons even further and consider Ireland as a viable, exciting and rewarding choice for your undergraduate degree.



Ireland is a dynamic, lively, modern country with a young population. A gateway to Europe, the country is renowned for its beautiful, unspoiled countryside and scenery as well as its cultured, cosmopolitan and lively cities, all of which are home to at least one of our universities. Ireland is a great place to live with friendly people and a wide range of outdoor and cultural activity.



FACTS ABOUT IRELAND

- Unit of currency the Euro
- Language in daily use: English
- Population 4.4 million (Republi 1.8 million (Northern Ireland)
- Territory size 70, 300 sq km
- Number of visiting tourists per year 7.3 million (more than there are residents)
- Weather average annual temperature is about 10°C
- Number of international students studying and living here: Over 27,000
 - For more information on Ireland log to: www.discoverireland.ie or www.lonelyplanet.com/ireland

- The "Oscar" statuette handed out at the Academy Awards was designed by Cedric Gibbons, who was born in Dublin in 1823.
- In 1800, the population of Ireland was almost twice as large as that of the United States. By 2000, America's population was about 60 times that of Ireland
- Bram Stoker was working as a civil servant in Dublin when he wrote "Dracula" in 1807
- The very first St. Patrick's Day parade in America was hosted by the Charitable Irish Society of Boston in 1737.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN IRELAND

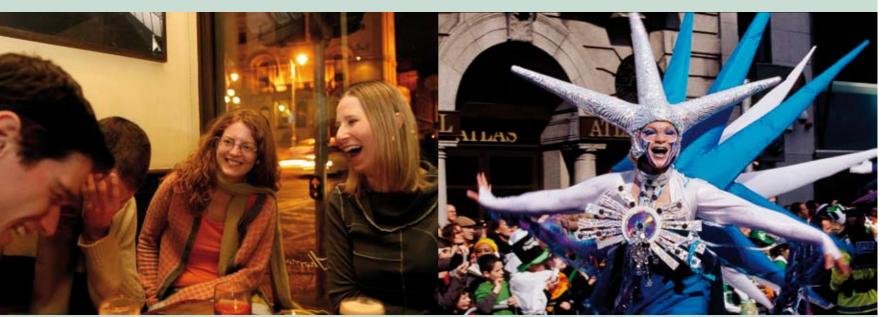
Ireland has seven universities. Each one offers internationally recognised bachelor degrees, masters degrees and doctorates. The universities authorise their own awards and external examiners monitor awards to certify their consistency and high standards.

The academic year typically runs from September to June and is divided into either two or three semesters with holidays in December (Christmas) and April (Easter).

Degree programmes in Ireland are generally more structured compared to the United States, however most universities offer a combination of single subject specialized degrees and more flexible multi-disciplinary options for students who are still undecided on their major subject of study.

The duration of your degree will depend on the subject area, however most degree programs last three or four years, with the exception of some professional degree programs such as Medicine or Dentistry which can take up to 6 years to complete.

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars, tutorials and practical work (where appropriate). In addition, you will be expected to undertake a good deal of independent learning outside of the classroom, Students are assessed based on a combination of coursework, mid term assignments and end of term written examinations.



MAKING AN APPLICATION

Students from outside the European Union (EU) apply directly to their chosen university. Such applicants should contact the Admissions Office or International Office of the relevant university for information on the application process, as each university has their own application procedures and closing dates.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements will vary between different universities and degree programmes so it is best to contact the international office of your chosen university to find out what grades you will need for your course. US students applying for entry to an undergraduate degree programme are assessed based on their high school grades and performance in standardized tests (e.g. SATs or ACT). See college profiles below for more information.

COLLEGE PROFILES

There is a great vibrancy to the university scene in Ireland with over 73,000 undergraduates and 18,000 postgraduates who have access to unprecedented opportunities across every facet of the university experience.

Our university community is becoming increasingly international in character, reflecting the changing face of Ireland and attractiveness of the Irish university experience to students from across the globe. Over 27,000 international students from 114 countries are living and studying in Ireland.

All seven Irish universities are ranked in the top 500 universities in the world, with three in the top 200, according to the Times Higher Education QS World University Rankings 2010.

DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

Dublin City University is Ireland's youngest university – recognised nationally and internationally as a dynamic centre of academic excellence and innovation. DCU is known for its academic rigour, student-centred approach to learning, and socially-relevant research. Radical in its strategy from the outset, Dublin City University has always been responsive to the needs of business and industry, both in programmes of study and in research. DCU is characterized by a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship, an ability to move quickly and to effect change.





DCU was the first university in Ireland to introduce work placements (INTRA) as part of its degree programmes. The aim is for students to put their academic skills into practice in the work environment. Its degree programmes were also the first to be interdisciplinary, with, for example science students taking business courses, business students taking languages and language students taking computing.

DCU takes its role as a community citizen seriously, actively promoting economic, cultural and educational development in our neighbourhood and our nation.

Full details of the programmes, along with comprehensive information about the campus, can be found on the DCU website.

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

Programmes are offered at undergraduate and postgraduate level at each of the following Schools and Faculties:

- Business
- Engineering and Computing
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science and Health



HOW TO APPLY

All Non-EU undergraduate applicants may apply directly to the University at the address below. EU undergraduate applicants should apply via the Central Applications System (www.cao.ie)

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prior to entry.

Non-EU and EU postgraduate students should apply online at: **www.pac.ie** Direct applications from Non-EU students are accepted from November of the year

CONTACT INFORMATION

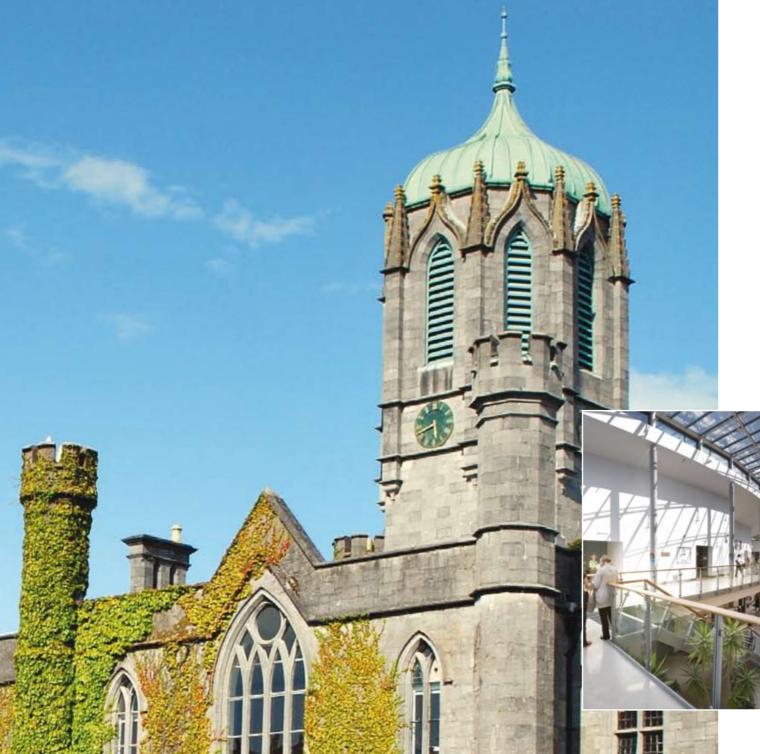
International Office, Dublin City University, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, Ireland.

Tel: +353-1-7007411 **Fax:** +353-1-7008698

Email:

International.office@dcu.ie

Web: www.dcu.ie



International students are invited to apply to study at NUI Galway for full-degree courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

For application details visit: www.nuigalway.ie/international

Fax: + 353 91 495551

Web: www.nuigalway.ie/international

HOW TO APPLY

Tel: + 353 91 495277

Undergraduate Prospectus: www.nuigalway.ie/undergrad/

Postgraduate Prospectus: www.go4th.ie/prospectus.html

Study Abroad/Visiting Students Information:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: international@nuigalway.ie

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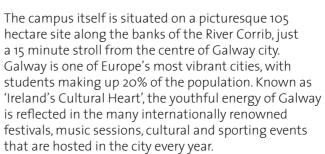
Established in 1845, NUI Galway has a long established reputation as a student-centred and research-intensive university. In recent years, NUI Galway has been extremely successful in developing a number of high profile inter-disciplinary centres of excellence. As a result, the University continues to attract high calibre academics and researchers from around the world, whose expertise helps ensure that our teaching programmes continue to respond to the ever changing needs of students, employers and the wider society.

NUI Galway's commitment to excellence embraces



both the academic and personal development of each student. The university has an excellent reputation for the provision of care and support services to international students. The International Affairs Office in particular provides a comprehensive advisory, information and support service for students and organises various social and cultural events to help new students adjust and integrate into the life of the University.

The unique student experience at NUI Galway owes much to our location in the beautiful west of Ireland.



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ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

The National University of Ireland, Galway comprises five colleges:

- College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies
- College of Business, Public Policy and Law
- College of Engineering and Informatics
- College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
- College of Science

NUL MAYNOOTH

National University of Ireland Maynooth, situated just 15 miles west of Dublin.

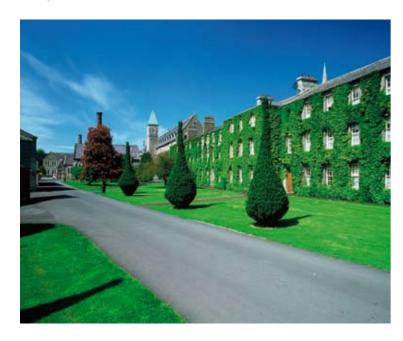
NUI Maynooth has a long-standing international reputation for learning and academic excellence in the sciences and humanities. Its traditional core strengths have been augmented by new courses in Finance, Computer Science and Electronic Engineering.

Today, NUI Maynooth is a dynamic and innovative university of some 8000 students from every county in Ireland as well as from over 50 countries throughout Europe, the United States, Latin America and Asia. The



University is located in Ireland's only university town, Maynooth, which combines the historical legacy of its medieval origins with a present day location on the fringes of Dublin, adjacent to the Irish and European headquarters of many multi-national high technology companies.

NUI Maynooth offers a student-friendly environment providing world-class teaching and research facilities and courses, while still retaining a uniquely friendly and personal atmosphere.



ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

The University has three Faculties – the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy; the Faculty of Science and Engineering; and the Faculty of Social Sciences, which offer programmes from undergraduate to doctorate levels in a range of disciplines including the traditional humanities, music, education, anthropology, media studies, business, basic sciences, social sciences, computer and electronic engineering.

HOW TO APPLY

Qualified international students are invited to apply to study at NUI Maynooth for full-degree undergraduate or postgraduate courses.

Study abroad students are welcomed for one semester (Autumn or Spring) or a full year of study.

Students wishing to apply for undergraduate programmes or to come as a visiting international student can download application forms and detailed information from our website international.nuim.ie.

Information on postgraduate study can be found at this website also. Postgraduate applications are made online at www.pac.ie.

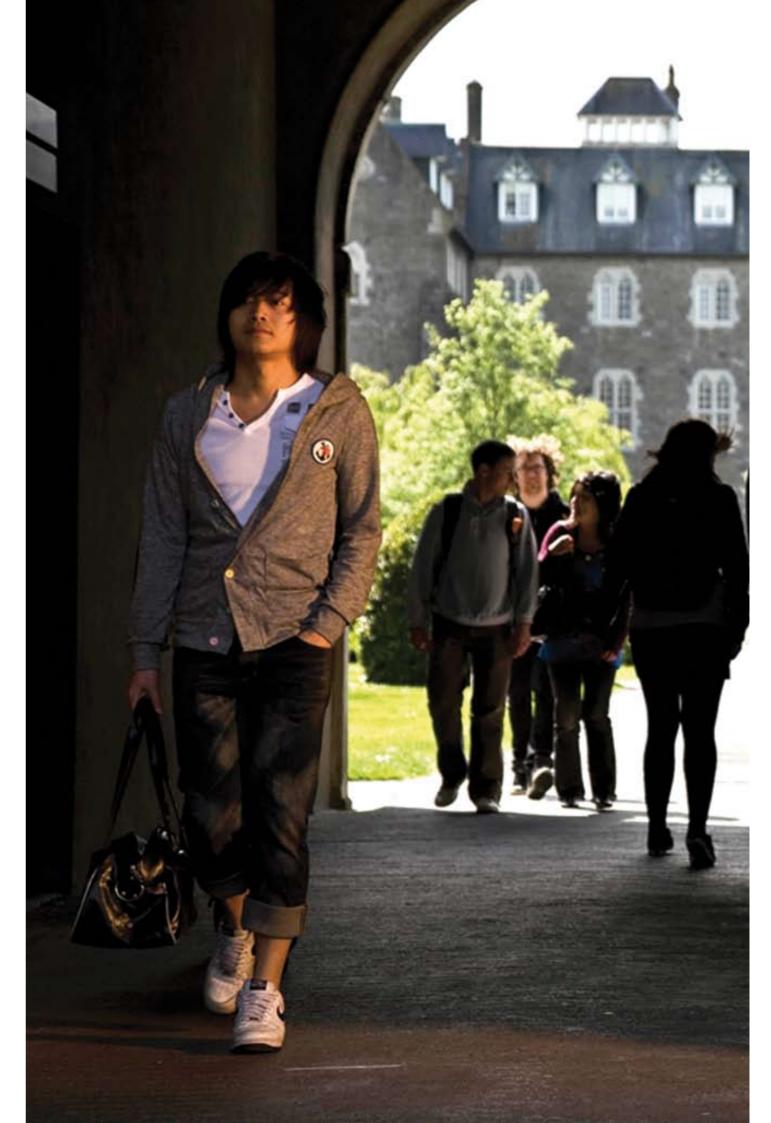
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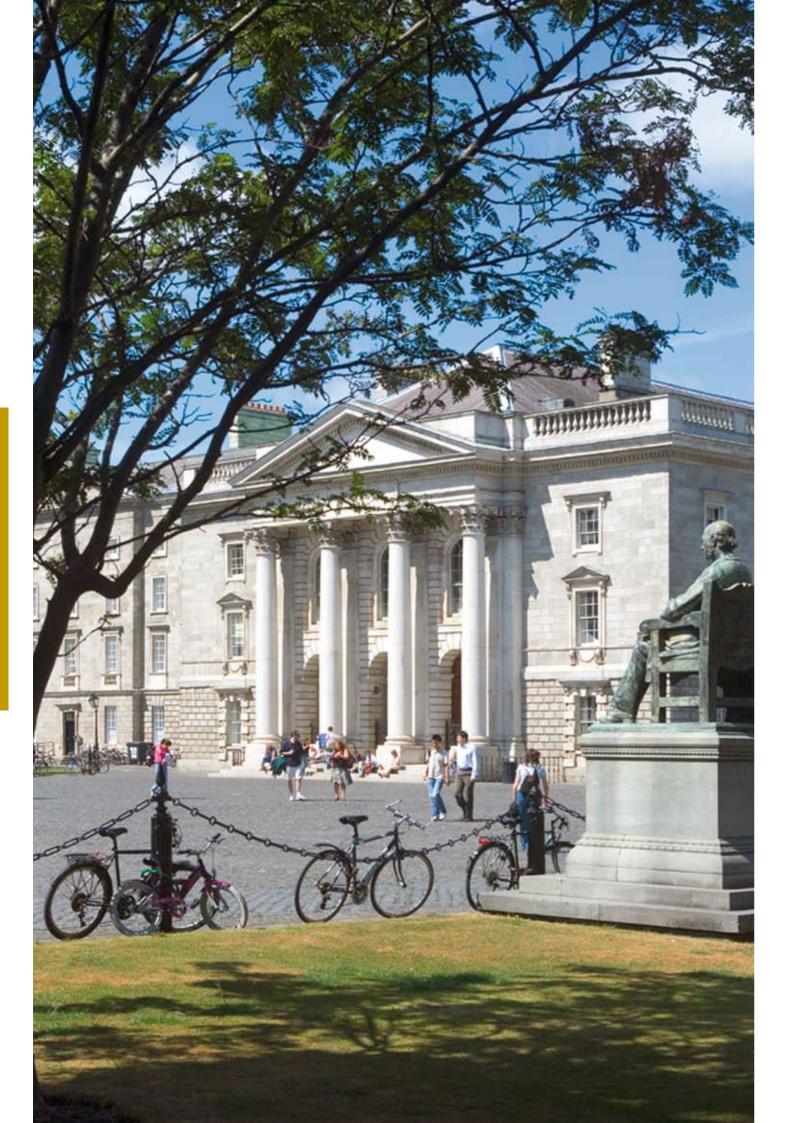
International Office, Humanity House, South Campus, NUI Maynooth, Maynooth, Co Kildare, Ireland.

Tel: +353 1 708 3868 **Fax:** + 353 1 708 6113

Email: International.Office@nuim.ie

Web: international.nuim.ie





TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Founded in 1592 Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's oldest university. Trinity's excellent reputation for teaching and research of the highest quality puts the university at the forefront of higher education in Ireland and internationally. The university's outstanding performance in international rankings is testament to this achievement.

Standing on a self-contained site in the heart of Dublin, the University covers some 47 acres of cobbled squares and green spaces, around buildings which represent the accumulated architectural riches of nearly three centuries. One of Ireland's major tourist attractions, Trinity is also an intimate part of the city at whose heart it stands, crossed by hundreds of Dubliners who use it as a daily thoroughfare.

Trinity prides itself also on its tradition of personal contact between staff and students, encouraged by its collegiate atmosphere. There are close to 16,000 students and 2,700 staff who together form a compact academic community, with several hundred students and a number of staff living on campus. College provides a complete daytime environment, with a range of facilities - dining hall, cafeterias and bars - and a varied social life sustained by a host of student societies and sports clubs.





ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

The University offers a wide range of programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate level across three faculties: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics and Science, and Health Sciences. Students are also welcome to study at Trinity as a Visiting Student for an academic year, (or for one or two semesters).

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are welcome from all non-EU citizens. Applications for undergraduate admission should be submitted to The International Office. Applications for taught postgraduate programmes should be submitted online at www.tcd.ie/Graduate Studies.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The International Office, East Theatre, Trinity College, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Telephone: +353 1 8963150 / 8962011

Fax: +353 1 6771698
Email: international@tcd.ie
Website: www.tcd.ie/international

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

University College Dublin (UCD) is Ireland's largest and most richly diversified university with 24,000 students. The University traces its origins to the Catholic University of Ireland founded in 1854. Since then, the University has played a central role in Ireland's advancement as a successful European state and has established a distinguished record of service to scholarship and to the Irish and international community.

Today, UCD is a vibrant, modern and research-intensive university situated on a spacious and leafy campus of 350 acres some 4 kilometers to the south of Dublin city centre. For students, both Irish and international, it is a supportive and stimulating environment in which to spend a period of intellectual and personal development.

UCD offers a lively campus community in which to live and study. The University has modern buildings and first class academic and sporting facilities. It has a busy extracurricular life and students are encouraged to become actively involved in the wide range of social, cultural and sporting activities available. UCD also has comprehensive student support services, including a student health centre, student advisors, counselling, and careers advisory facilities. Student accommodation is available on-campus for 2500 students.





ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

UCD has five Colleges – Arts & Celtic Studies; Business & Law; Engineering, Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Human Sciences; Life Sciences. The University provides Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees in a broad range of disciplines across thirty four academic schools. Unique in Ireland, UCD is among the few European universities that have the four Life Science Faculties of Agriculture, Medicine, Science and Veterinary Medicine.

HOW TO APPLY

UCD welcomes applications from well-qualified international students. All non-EU undergraduate applicants should apply directly to UCD online at: www.ucd.ie/apply. All postgraduate applicants should apply online at www.ucd.ie/apply. Entry requirements and application deadlines can be found at: www.ucd.ie/prospective.html
Study Abroad/Junior Year Abroad Programmes

UCD Centre for Study Abroad offers extensive Study Abroad/Junior Year Abroad programmes which provide opportunities for students to study at UCD for a semester or an academic year in a wide range of subjects including Arts, Celtic Studies and Human Sciences, Business, Pre-Law, Engineering, Architecture, Science, Agriculture, Nursing and Midwifery, Sports and Exercise, Clinton Institute for American Studies as well as a Summer Internship programme. Please visit www.ucd.ie/international for more information.



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

University College Cork (UCC) was founded in 1845 and is one of Ireland's oldest universities. Situated in Cork, Ireland's second city, UCC plays an important role in the economic, social and cultural life of the country as a whole.

Its degrees, conferred by the National University of Ireland, are internationally recognised. UCC is a cosmopolitan university with excellent academic programmes, a reputation for high-quality research and superb infrastructure.





CONTACT INFORMATION

International Education Office. University College Cork.

Tel: +353 21 4904733 (Undergraduate and Postgraduate Full Degree) **Tel:** +353 21 4904727 (Study Abroad)

Fax: +353 21 49 04 735

Email: international undergrad@ucc.ie international postgrad@ucc.ie k.mcsweeney@ucc.ie (study abroad) caroline.crowley@ucc.ie (general enquiries from US

Website: www.ucc.ie/international Blog: uccinternational.wordpress.com
Twitter: www.twitter.com/ucc_us_students

There are over 20,000 students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate studies. UCC attracts a large number of international students with some 2800 students from 100 countries; all six continents are represented.

The campus is situated along a riverside garden setting, radiating a warm, personal charm. Home to the Glucksman Art Gallery and the Granary Theatre, the university offers a rich and vibrant cultural and artistic environment. Students can also avail of superb student accommodation and first-rate sporting facilities.

Excellent student support systems are also in place. In the International Student Barometer, a survey of international students by independent research specialists, UCC's International Education Office was voted number one among 93 universities world wide.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The University has four Colleges – Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Science; Business and Law; Science, Engineering and Food Science; Medicine and Health.

At undergraduate level, the University offers some 50 degree programmes (many of which offer the opportunity of work placement or study abroad) and there is a full range of postgraduate degrees (both taught and by research) at the level of Master and Doctorate in all departments.

Please refer to the website for details: www.ucc.ie/international



UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

The University of Limerick (UL) was established in 1972. It is an independent, internationally focused university with over 11,300 students and 1,200 staff. UL is a young, energetic and enterprising university with a proud record of innovation in education and excellence in research and scholarship.

UL offers a wide selection of opportunities at undergraduate and graduate level in the four faculties of the University: Kemmy Business School, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences,

Faculty of Education and Health Science and the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

The University is situated on a superb riverside campus of over 131 hectares with the River Shannon as a unifying focal point. Outstanding recreational, cultural and sporting facilities further enhance this exceptional learning and working environment. The University of Limerick campus is located 5km from Limerick City and 20km from Shannon International Airport.





UL has one of the largest Cooperative Education programmes in the European Union. Through this integral part of the academic program some 2,000 undergraduate placements are secured annually in industry, commerce, the public service

and the professions. One third of placements are international, located primarily in North America, Europe and South East Asia. Professional placement is provided for students on nursing and education programmes.

HOW TO APPLY

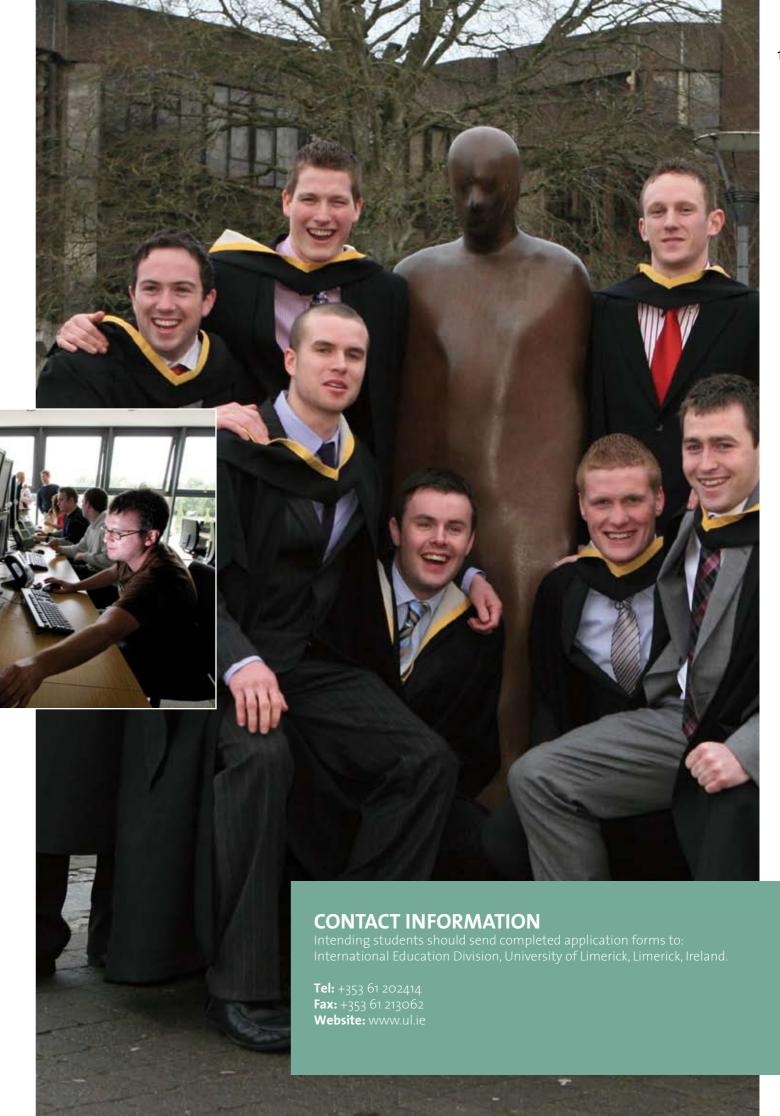
Students should apply directly to the International Education Division, University of Limerick or through approved agents. Application procedures and forms are available on www.ul.ie

Email contact:

Full Degree – int.ed@ul.ie Study Abroad Programme – studyabroad@ul.ie

Deadline for applications:

- Full Degree (Undergraduate and Postgraduate) 1st July for entry in September of that year
- Study Abroad Programme1st June for Year and Autumn Semester 1st December for Spring Semester
- Summer Schools in Irish Studies1st April for the following June





















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