

Dublin City University

International Summer
School – Summer 2025

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Dublin City University is an Irish public university, with 20,000 students. Our institution is based in a residential neighbourhood 5km north of Dublin City Centre. DCU is ranked in the Top 4% of Worldwide Universities and is placed 59th in the world in the 'Young Universities' category.

DCU International Summer School takes place at our Glasnevin Campus, an 85 acre university campus set in low-rise parkland style development.

The campus is modern and has excellent facilities including: university residences, a supermarket, theatre, five restaurants, a sports centre and swimming pool, library, pharmacy and physician. Over ten bus routes connect DCU with Dublin City Centre, and travel time is 25 minutes approximately.

DCU and Ireland is the perfect location to take an overseas study programme, and we expect that over 950 international students will join us for programmes in summer 2025. We hope that you will be one of these students!



DCU Glasnevin Campus; The Spire, O'Connell Street, Dublin

The DCU International Summer School is a 4-week programme taking place in summer 2025. There are three programme date options:

- Summer School 1 – Sunday 25 May to Saturday 21 June 2025
- Summer School 2 – Sunday 29 June to Saturday 26 July 2025
- Summer School 3 – Sunday 3 to Saturday 30 August 2025

Students will attend English language development classes on weekday mornings, and on weekday afternoons will attend field trips and cultural / professional lectures and seminars. At weekends students can attend out-of-town day trips to destinations around Ireland, or alternatively use the time to self-explore.

Indicative programme timetable information is available later in this document.



Credits / ECTS and Certification

Our programme offers 140 contact hours, which is equivalent to 5 ECTS. Therefore, students may be awarded 5 ECTS from their home university for participation in the DCU International Summer School (please check that your university are agreeable to this).

Each participant will receive a programme certificate and academic transcript upon completion of the summer school.



Student Field Trips



Host Family; Accommodation

Accommodation Options

DCU will offer two accommodation options to International Summer School students: stay at DCU Campus Residences (single ensuite bedroom, located inside our campus, self-catering) or at a DCU Host Family (single bedroom with half board meals), located close to DCU.

For information about DCU Residence, see:

<https://english.dcu.ie/accommodation/dcu-glasnevin/>

For information about DCU Host Family accommodation, see:

<https://english.dcu.ie/accommodation/host-family/>

Safety and Welfare

All programme services are delivered and managed by DCU. We operate a 24 hour assistance telephone service to assist students where they require help. Ireland is ranked the friendliest country in Europe and the 9th friendliest country in the world. The Global Peace Index has ranked Ireland as the 8th most peaceful place on earth.



DCU Glasnevin Campus; Accommodation



Dublin City Centre; Students Outside Temple Bar

Use DCU as a Base for your European Adventure!

DCU is located 15 minutes from Dublin Airport, Ireland's main airport. Many international students take advantage of the location of DCU and Ireland – London is just over one hour flight time from Dublin, and most other European capital cities are 2-3 hours travel time. Ryanair is an Irish airline offering low cost international travel – consider a weekend break to a European capital during your time in Ireland!

Weather – Moderate Irish Summer!

Summer weather in Ireland is moderate – with average temperatures of 14 to 18 °C (57.2 to 64.4 °F).

Provisions – What to Bring

Ireland uses Plug Type 'G' – please ensure to bring an adaptor so that you can charge your device. Wi-Fi is free at DCU and at our Host Families.

We recommend that bring warm clothing and a raincoat as the weather is not as warm as in your home country.



Visa

Depending on your passport, you may not require a pre-arranged visa to enter Ireland (see: <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving-country/visas-for-ireland/visa-requirements-for-entering-ireland/>)

When you register for our programme we will issue you with a 'Course Admission Letter'. You will present this letter with your passport upon arrival, and you will be permitted entry to Ireland.

Travel to Ireland and Insurance

Travel to Ireland is by flight connection. Airline options include Aer Lingus, Ryanair, British Airways, Emirates, Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airlines and Finnair. The arrangement of flights is the responsibility of students. We also advise that students purchase travel insurance.

Travel to DCU Campus from Dublin Airport

Travel to DCU Campus is on Bus Route 19, which takes 20-35 minutes approximately.

Scholarship Opportunities

We intend to offer a number of scholarship places on this programme. Further details will be communicated to your organiser or university.

Questions

If you have any questions please email Mr. Niall Martin at niall.martin@dcu.ie

Application Process

Applications are now open for the International Summer School – Summer 2025. Please submit your application at:

<https://english.dcu.ie/apply/summerschool>

Watch our Videos

We invite you to Watch Our Videos for further information at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@dcu.internationalacademy>



Programme Services Summary

A summary of what is offered on the programme is as follows:

Item	Description
Tuition	140 Hours of Content, delivered over 4 weeks, including English language training, attend field trips and cultural / professional lectures.
Accommodation	DCU Residence Accommodation – single en-suite bedroom, self-catering for 4 weeks. Or DCU Host Family Accommodation – single bedroom, with half board meals, located 15-45 minutes from DCU.
Meals - Students at DCU Residence	Students can cook in their apartments (food can be purchased from DCU supermarket) or alternatively students can purchase meals from DCU Restaurant.
Testing	Pre arrival online language assessment included. There is no final exam on the programme – assessment is by continuous assessment.
Language Levels	Students are placed to classes according to their language level. We offer classes for every level. There is no minimum language requirement to join the programme.
Minimum GPA	There is no minimum GPA required to apply.
Certificate and Reports	We will issue a certificate and academic transcript. Our programme is 140 hours, equivalent to 5 ECTS.
Materials	All course materials are included in fees. Students required to bring pen and paper to classes / lectures. No laptop / device required.
Arrival Date to Accommodation	Summer School 1 – Sunday 25 May 2025 Summer School 2 – Sunday 29 June 2025 Summer School 3 – Sunday 3 August 2025
Departure Date from Accommodation	Summer School 1 – Saturday 21 June 2025 Summer School 2 – Saturday 26 July 2025 Summer School 3 – Saturday 30 August 2025
First Day of Classes	Summer School 1 – Monday 26 May 2025 Summer School 2 – Monday 30 June 2025 Summer School 3 – Tuesday 5 August 2025
Last Day of Classes	Summer School 1 – Friday 20 June 2025 Summer School 2 – Friday 25 July 2025 Summer School 3 – Friday 29 August 2025
Field Trips	Some Field Trips carry an extra fee. These trips are optional for students. Further details at: https://english.dcu.ie/social-activities/
Application Deadline	At least 4 weeks before programme commencement. Students advised to apply as early as possible as limited places available. Places offered first come first serve.
Application Link	https://english.dcu.ie/apply/summerschool
Not Provided by DCU	Flights, Insurance, Airport Transfer (take Bus 19), Public Transport Card
Terms and Conditions	See: https://www.english.dcu.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2018-07-31-dcu-1s-terms-and-conditions_2018.pdf
DCU Policies:	https://english.dcu.ie/student-policies/
Enquiries to:	Mr. Niall Martin – niall.martin@dcu.ie

Programme Timetable

Day	Sunday Day 1	Monday Day 2	Tuesday Day 3	Wednesday Day 4	Thursday Day 5	Friday Day 6	Saturday Day 7
08.00hrs		Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time
09.00-13.00hrs	Arrival to Ireland Take Bus Route 19 from Dublin Airport to DCU	Orientation Day for Summer School	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	Optional Field Trip Or Free Day
13.00 - 14.00hrs		Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	
Afternoon	Check in to Accommodation	Orientation Day for Summer School	Afternoon Lecture: Culture	Free Afternoon	Field Trip: Museum	Free Afternoon	
19.00hrs	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time
Evening	<< Free Time >>						
Day	Sunday Day 8	Monday Day 9	Tuesday Day 10	Wednesday Day 11	Thursday Day 12	Friday Day 13	Saturday Day 14
08.00hrs		Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time
09.00-13.00hrs	Optional Field Trip Or Free Day	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	Optional Field Trip Or Free Day
13.00 - 14.00hrs		Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	
Afternoon		Field Trip: Howth	Afternoon Lecture: Transversal Skills	Free Afternoon	Field Trip: Tech Walking Tour	Free Afternoon	
19.00hrs	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time
Evening	<< Free Time >>						

Day	Sunday Day 15	Monday Day 16	Tuesday Day 17	Wednesday Day 18	Thursday Day 19	Friday Day 20	Saturday Day 21
08.00hrs	Optional Field Trip Or Free Day	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time
09.00-13.00hrs		International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	Optional Field Trip Or Free Day
13.00 - 14.00hrs		Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time
Afternoon		Field Trip: Temple Bar	Free Afternoon	Afternoon Lecture: Employment Skills	Field Trip: Dun Laoghaire	Free Afternoon	
19.00hrs	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time
Evening	<< Free Time >>						

Day	Sunday Day 22	Monday Day 23	Tuesday Day 24	Wednesday Day 25	Thursday Day 26	Friday Day 27	Saturday Day 28
08.00hrs	Optional Field Trip Or Free Day	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time	Breakfast Time
09.00-13.00hrs		International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	International Language Development Class	Departure Check out from Accommodation
13.00 - 14.00hrs		Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time
Afternoon		Field Trip: Irish Writer's Walking Tour	Free Afternoon	Afternoon Lecture: Global Society	Reception with Ambassador to Mexico	Free Afternoon	Take Bus Route 19 to Dublin Airport
19.00hrs	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time	Dinner Time
Evening	<< Free Time >>						