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Foreword

Fáilte! On behalf of the Indonesian student association in Ireland, which is also known as the PPI Irlandia, we want to welcome you to the Republic of Ireland. PPI Irlandia is a forum for Indonesian students in Ireland to communicate, interact and share information. PPI Irlandia is the first organization that can be contacted when you have received a Letter of Acceptance from your university.

Quick Guide is an effort by the Irish PPI to assist you in preparing your study in Ireland. This quick guide is the second edition which is a continuation of the previous edition. We add further information to each city, which includes an explanation of universities in each city, transportation, accommodation options, shopping centers, groceries stores, daily expenses, worship places, and tourist attractions. We also added information related to the "LAPOR DIRI" by the Indonesian Embassy in London and an invitation to vote in the April 2019 general election. We hope that by adding the following information, you can better prepare yourself for your studies in Ireland.

We will upload this brief guide to our website (ppi-irlandia.org) and also our facebook. We hope that with this brief guide, you can prepare yourself carefully. Enjoy your time in Ireland, if there are questions that you want to ask, don't hesitate to contact us at our email, which is ppiirlandia@gmail.com.

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Ireland in few words

After the Brexit, Ireland becomes the only one English-speaking country in the European Union (EU). The currency is Euro (€) as used in most of EU countries. However Ireland is not part of Schengen area.

Irish people are friendly and helpful. Other than that, it is well-known as country with a high tolerance, you are allowed to do anything as long as it is not against the law. As most of European countries, you can get the freedom of speech and acts. Of course you have to avoid abusive words and negative attitudes.

Not only in the UK, you will hear diverse accent as well in Ireland. You have time to familiarise yourself by watching some videos from YouTube.

Generally, the cities in Ireland are quite windy and cloudy. So even though you are in Summer time, you won't be able to see the sun every day. Geographically, Ireland divided into west and east coasts. This causes cities along the west side reasonably more wet compared to the east cities. Due to the island located very close to the Atlantic Ocean, you might not see the thick snow like the ones in Scandinavian countries. Usually the snows won't stay long and easily disappear.

Please find the other interesting facts about Ireland and PPI Irlandia by following our official social media.

Cities and Towns



DUBLIN

Welcome to Dublin, the capital of Ireland. Dublin is famous for its friendly charm and cultural heritage. Dublin has a world-renowned history of literature and film with famous figures such as George Bernard Shaw (playwright, critic and Nobel Prize winner), James Joyce (writer and poet), Oscar Wilde (playwright, poet, essayist and novelist) and Dracula, creator Bram Stoker. Leading Hollywood actors from Dublin include Maureen O'Hara, Brendan Gleeson, Gabriel Byrne and Colin Farrell. Dublin is located on the East Coast of Ireland, stretching along the Irish Sea with a half-moon shape. Dublin City covers an area of 115 km². The average temperature in January is 5 ° C and the average in July is 17 ° C. It is estimated that 50 percent of the city

population is under 25 years old. Dublin was chosen as Europe's fourth most popular holiday city, after London, Paris and Rome and is one of the friendliest capitals in the world. The elegant Georgian architecture in Dublin makes it one of the most attractive capitals in Europe. Dublin is a relatively small city and easily accessible, quite small and it is safe enough to get around on foot. Extensive tram system and suburban rail system, DART, provides excellent transport links within the city.

University



Trinity College Dublin

General Information

Trinity College Dublin (TCD) is the oldest university in Ireland that has been established since 1591. TCD is the highest ranked Irish university, which is recognized for its academic excellence. The university is located in the city center, where Dublin's cultural and retail districts meet. Communities in TCD are very dynamic, with 16,939 students representing each region in Ireland, 122 nationalities, and various social backgrounds and age groups. These colleges are included in the QS of the top 100 world universities and are included in the ranks of the top 50 universities in Europe. Offering a unique educational experience

in a variety of disciplines, the TCD curriculum does not only aim to gain knowledge but also develop critical thinking at every stage of the undergraduate program.

Courses

TCD has three faculties, namely Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; engineering, mathematics and science; and health science. Courses can be looked at <https://www.tcd.ie/courses/>

Non-EU Requirements

I. International Foundation Programme Entry Requirements

To apply for the International Foundation programme, you will need IELTS 5.0 with 5.0 in writing with no element below 4.5. For law, pharmacy, and psychology, you will need IELTS 6.0 with no band below 5.5. For the academic requirements, you will need a secondary sc

II. Undergraduate Entry Requirements

You can do an online application by going to the courses section on the website. Go to the course that you choose and there will be an option to make an application for EU students and Non-EU students.

Normally, the requirement for online application consists of:

- a. High school transcripts
- b. IELTS, Cambridge Advanced/Proficiency, TOEFL scores, for applicants whose first language is not English
- c. Two letters of recommendation
- d. Passport
- e. Application fee (non-refundable) and application fee payment form

For further information, you can go to the website, it will surely be helpful for you!

III. Postgraduate Admission Requirements

Generally, applicants will need to hold at least a 2.1 honors degree from an Irish university or equivalent result from a university in another country and display a high level of competence in the English language in one of the examination systems recognised by TCD.

More detailed requirements for each course are listed on their applicable course page at www.tcd.ie/courses

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University College Dublin

General Information

UCD is one of the leading research-intensive universities in Europe with an environment where undergraduate education, masters and Ph.D. training, research, innovation, and community involvement form a dynamic spectrum of activities. As the largest university in Ireland, with its extraordinary strength and diversity of disciplines, UCD embraces its role to contribute to the development of Ireland; through studies and discussions about society, business, economy, culture, language, and creative arts,



as well as through research and innovation. UCD is globally recognized for its excellence in teaching and learning - 9 out of 30 subjects are ranked in the top 100 in the world (2015 QS World University Subject Ranking) and are ranked first in Ireland in 12 subjects. The quality of this teaching is complemented by high standards of support. Belfield, UCD's main campus is located in a 132-hectare location, 4 km south of Dublin city center.

Courses

Six Colleges and its school components form UCD's academic structure. Through this structure, UCD provides excellence in teaching, scholarship, and research. You can access the full information about the courses at www.ucd.ie

Non-EU Requirements

I. English Language Requirements

- a. An average score of 6.5 over all components and a minimum of 6.0 in each band
- b. A minimum score of 600 in the paper-based TOEFL PBT, with test of written English at 475+
- c. A minimum score of 90 is required in the TOEFL iBT with a score of at least 20 for each section.

II. Undergraduate and Postgraduate Requirements

You can search for the course that you want to study and apply for it directly on the website. You can do it in the "How to apply" section to get the application form.

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Dublin City University

General Information

Dublin City University has established a reputation as Ireland's University of Enterprise, through strong and active relationships with academic, research and industry partners both at home and abroad. In 2017, the university has 17,000 students and more than 50,000 alumni. In addition, DCU has around 1,200 online education students studying through DCU Connected. DCU provides a unique learning environment where students are encouraged to develop their creativity and skills as innovators. The focus is not



only on academic learning; students get the opportunity to spend time in real-world professional environments as part of their studies, and they also work with innovators on their own ideas, establish companies and explore their own social and commercial ideas. DCU is located not far from Dublin city center, Dublin Airport, and M50 and M1 motorways. The campus is bordered by Ballymun Road and Collins Avenue.

Courses

DCU has a leading business school in Ireland, with also other prospects of studying that include engineering, humanities and social science, science and health, and many more to offer. You can search it online at www.dcu.ie

Non-EU Requirements

I. English Language Requirements

- a. An average score of 6.5 over all components and a minimum of 6.0 in each band (IELTS)
- b. A minimum score of 580 in the paper-based TOEFL PBT
- c. A minimum score of 92 is required in the TOEFL iBT

II. Application form

You can open it at https://www.dcu.ie/registry/application_forms.shtml

For more information, please open the website at www.dcu.ie

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Griffith College Dublin

General Information

Founded in 1974, Griffith College is the largest independent third-level institution in Ireland located in three

locations, namely Dublin, Cork, and Limerick. The main campus is located one mile from St. Stephen's Green on Dublin's South Circular Road. Griffith College has a growing international reputation for student success. This college has earned a reputation and won awards in providing excellent teaching and learning materials for

students. Griffith College offers an internationally recognized post-graduate and graduate degree programs, equipped with a variety of professional, short-term and corporate training education solutions - at Griffith College, all of which are available to everyone.

Courses

You can find the courses at www.griffith.ie



Non-EU Requirements

I. English Language Requirements

You can find it at the website www.griffith.ie

II. Undergraduate and Postgraduate Requirements

You can search for the course that you want to study and apply for it directly on the website. You can download the prospectus first thing to look at what you will be studying for that course.

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Dublin Institute of Technology

General Information

Dublin Institute of Technology (Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Bhaile Atha Cliath) is the main third-level institution in Dublin, Ireland. DIT is ranked as one of the top 100 universities in "Higher Education Rankings", under the age of 50. DIT specializes in developing graduates for leadership roles both nationally and internationally. They offer Bachelor, Masters and Doctorate degrees with over 150 programs; Arts & Tourism, Business, Engineering & Built Environment, and Science & Health. With students from more than 85 different countries around the world, you are guaranteed to have a multicultural experience in DIT. The core values reflected in DIT's mission emphasize student-centered learning, useful knowledge, a rigorous critical discovery and investigation process, and support for entrepreneurship and diversity.

Courses

You can search about the courses offered by DIT at www.dit.ie

Non-EU Requirements

I. English Language Requirements (some courses may require higher English language requirements)

- a. An average score of 6.0 (IELTS)
- b. A minimum score of 550 in the paper-based TOEFL PBT
- c. A minimum score of 92 is required in the TOEFL iBT

II. Undergraduate and Postgraduate Requirements

You can search for the course at <http://www.dit.ie/studyatdit/undergraduate/howtoapply/>

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Transport

There are a variety of choices relating to the transportation services around Dublin. Starting from the bus, trem, DART, bikes, or even car rental. You just need to go to <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-roads-and-traffic-traffic-dublin/public-transport-dublin> to get more information about the different transportation choices.

Accommodation Choices

There are many types of accommodation offered to students but the most common are: On-campus Accommodation, Private Housing, and Digs.

1. On-Campus Accommodation

Campus accommodation in dormitories are always in demand and generally relatively expensive. Most of the concepts are apartments for 4 to 8 students, with private bedrooms and shared facilities such as kitchen, living room and bathroom. Leases usually have to be paid at the beginning of each semester, and not every month. An initial deposit is also needed which will be returned when you leave. Some dormitories will charge extra for heating and electricity.

Fees for on-campus accommodation will vary for each university. Here is the cost of boarding accommodation on UCD.

On-campus no catered - €692 - €952 per month

2. Apartments outside campus

This type of accommodation can be suitable for those of you who could not get a room for the on-campus accommodation. Many campus work with these service providers so the students can also book these places from the campus' website.

The disadvantage of this type of accommodation is that the rent is often more expensive. In particular, many private apartments for students living off-campus have been built in recent years and offer "luxury" accommodation, and the rent can be as high as € 10,000 for a 9-month lease.

Here are the average monthly rental fees for apartments in Dublin.

- a. Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre : €1,527.61
- b. Apartment (1 bedroom) Outside of City Centre : €1,283.71
- c. Apartment (3 bedrooms) in City Centre : €2,690.00
- d. Apartment (3 bedrooms) Outside of City Centre : €2,199.79

3. Private rental accommodation

Options here include renting a bed-sit, flat / apartment, or a shared house. It's usually cheaper to share accommodation with others. Bed-sit is basically one unit of a room with basic cooking facilities (small kitchen area), bed and some additional furniture. Toilet and bathroom facilities generally share with the other residents. Flats or apartments will offer a kitchen, living room, bathroom, and one or more bedrooms. Again, quality and costs vary. A simple one bedroom unit might be cheaper than a bed-sit, while a three-bedroom flat/apartment would be much more expensive. A house or apartment shared with others can be the cheapest option because the bill is divided between several people. In all cases, rent is usually paid in advance, every month. At the beginning of the rental period, you will be asked to pay a rental deposit for one month, which will be returned to you when you leave (make sure you don't cause any damage). The normal duration of rental is 9 or 12 months, and it is usually difficult to find a shorter one. The average rental fee is € 400 to € 800 per month.

4. Digs

You can live as a paid guest in a house in Ireland, where you have your own room to study, but share a house with a family. In Ireland, accommodation with families is commonly known as living on "Digs"; in other countries, it might be known as "homestay". Normally, breakfast and dinner will be provided but you need to buy your own lunch on campus or elsewhere. Many choices of Digs have more than one room available for students so you will not only be alone at home with a host family. Most Digs are located in South Dublin, which is known as a very prosperous area, so some homes are generally very comfortable and can offer various facilities for students. Often, you will not be charged additional fees for electricity, internet or laundry. The weakness of Digs is that most of them only provide rooms from Monday-Friday, so you have

to find a place to stay during the weekend. The average cost for Digs also varies but is relatively similar to sharing a house with other people (as mentioned above) ranging from € 400 to € 800 per month.

Shopping Centre and Groceries Store

As an international student, you probably want to know where to purchase food, clothes and other items you might need. Dublin is an awesome city for shopping. Plenty of shopping areas are being developed, with different varieties of shops located everywhere. Depends on your budget, there are expensive stores where you can find high quality and widely known brand in Grafton Street and the surrounding area. If you prefer to shop in the cheap stores, you can go across the river and wander around in Jervis Street, Henry Street, and Mary Street.

Shopping Centre

There are several stores that will offer unbeatable value on basic clothing, such as Dunnes Stores and Penneys. Both stores, especially Penneys is a local's favorite, and you'll be able to find these stores branches in City Centre. For quality clothing with a reasonable price, you can try visiting Marks and Spencers that can be found in Grafton Street and Jervis Shopping Centre.

On the case when you want something with higher quality, there are plenty of great choices of clothing shops in Grafton Street such as Brown Thomas and BT2, which are Dublin's premier designer shops. There are plenty of high-street fashion retailers such as Oasis, Warehouse, and Next.

Sometimes, you might want to window shop, and what's a better place than a shopping centre? Here is a list of shopping centres that are located in Dublin.

- ILAC Shopping Centre in Henry Street
- Jervis Shopping Centre in Abbey Street Upper

- Stephen's Green Shopping Centre in St. Stephen's Green
- George's Street Arcade in South Great George's Street
- Dundrum Town Centre in Sandyford Road
- Stillorgan Shopping Centre in Lower Kilmacud Road
- Blanchardstown Centre in Blanchardstown Road South
- Nutgrove Shopping Centre in Nutrgrove Ave

Grocery Store

There are different types of market and stores in Dublin, and as an outsider, it can be challenging to figure these things out. Some of the main supermarket chains in Ireland are Aldi, Lidl, Tesco, and Dunnes. Each of these supermarkets has numerous stores around Dublin. Prices will vary between the chains, so make sure you try going to different stores to figure out which suits best for your food preferences and budget. If you are looking for fruits, vegetables, and meat, you might want to check out the Henry Street market. Remember, go early for the fresher produce! A tip before you do your shopping is to bring your own bag as most stores will charge you extra for a plastic or paper bag.

Don't worry, if you need to buy halal food, there are also several stores in Dublin that sells halal food & grocery. Take a quick look at these places:

- ICCI Halal Shop in Clonskeagh
- Al-Barakah Halal Shop stocks halal meat and poultry as well as different kind of foods at Islamic Foundation Ireland, Dublin 8
- Arab & Asian Supermarket for halal food and butcher
- Halal Food & Grocery in Merchants Quay
- Aroma Spice Halal Grocery in Clondalkin
- Azan Halal Shop in Blanchardstown
- Eurasia Supermarket in Dublin 22
- Asian Food in Mary Street
- Cost Less The Supermarket in Tallaght
- Zamzam Halal Food Store in Phibsborough
- Kwality Foods in Rathmines

Daily Expenses

(Taken from <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Dublin-Ireland>)

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<i>Lunch Menu (including drinks)</i>	13 €
<i>Combo meal at fast food restaurant</i>	8 €
<i>Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1 kg)</i>	4.48 €
<i>Whole Fat Milk (1liter)</i>	1.26 €
<i>Eggs (12 per package)</i>	3.97 €
<i>Tomato (1 kg)</i>	2.52 €
<i>Local Cheese (500gr)</i>	5.26 €
<i>Apples (1 kg)</i>	2.24 €
<i>Potato (1 kg)</i>	1.08 €
<i>Coca Cola (2 liter)</i>	2.33 €

Worship Place

- St John the Evangelist Church, Coolock
- All Saints' Church, Raheny
- St Assam's Church, Raheny
- St George's Church, Hardwicke Place
- Finglas Abbey
- The Roman Catholic St Pappin's Church
- The Black Church or St. Mary's Chapel-of-Ease
- St Doulagh's Church
- The Moravian Church, Kevin Street
- St Patrick's Cathedral
- Christ Church Cathedral
- Terenure Synagogue
- Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland, Roebuck Rd
- Dublin Mosque, South Circular Road
- Anwar-I-Madina Islamic Centre of Dublin, Talbot St
- Talbot Mosque
- Blackpitts Mosque
- Masjid Dublin
- South Dublin Maktab - Lucan

Tourist Attraction

1. Trinity College and College Green
2. Grafton Street
3. National Botanic Garden
4. Malahide Castle
5. Kildare Street Museums and House of Parliament
6. The National Gallery of Ireland
7. National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts and History
8. Phoenix Park and Dublin Zoo
9. Kilmainham Gaol
10. St. Patrick's Cathedral
11. Dublin Castle and The Chester Beatty Library
12. The Little Museum of Dublin



GALWAY

Galway is located in Ireland's western seaboard, the main town in the Province of Connacht, more or less 185 Km away from Dublin or 2.5 - 3 hours away by bus. It has a population of approximately 258,058 and is considered to be the fifth most populous Irish County. This town is the home of many festivals especially during summer, such as Galway arts festivals, Macnas festival, and Galway Food festival. Galway is famous for the exciting places to visit such as Cliff of Moher, Kylemore Abbey, The Burren, Aran Islands, and Connemara. It is a modest place to live as a student with moderate and acceptable living expenses. It is estimated that standard monthly expenses would cost approximately 1000 Euro. Transportation is relatively easy since it has a range of options from walking, bike share, or bus.

University

National University of Ireland Galway

General Information

The National University of Ireland Galway, also known as NUI Galway, was established in 1849 and was called Queen's College Galway. Later in 1908, it was changed to University College Galway (UCG) only until 1997 was changed again to National University of Ireland Galway. Recently, NUI Galway is one of the top five universities in Ireland and among the top 1% of Universities worldwide for its teaching and research in 25 subjects. While the overall university ranked 260 in the world, some subjects were in better positions such as Nursing (top 100), English language and literature (top 150), and Medicine (top 200).



Courses

NUI Galway has a broad range of courses comprise of undergraduate and postgraduate studies that allow students to study an extensive choice of both broad-based programmes as well as more specialized programmes. Further information please refer to www.nuigalway.ie

Non-EU Requirements

I. English Language Requirements

Students must provide evidence of having reached the required standard in the English Language in reading, writing and communication. A minimum overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no less than 6.5 in the writing ability band and no less than 6 in the other band. Some programmes may apply different standard, please refer to the each course information. A certified statement of proficiency in English must be provided as a prerequisite to registration as a student of the NUI Galway.

II. Undergraduate Entry Requirements

- a. Students must demonstrate that they have reached a level of education in their country of origin that is the equivalent of a Secondary School Diploma (High School Diploma) with good grades, (Indonesian students were required to achieve the average grade of 7.2)
- b. Students must also have an IELTS of 6.5 or equivalent

III. Postgraduate Admission Requirements

- a. Applicants should have an honours degree in a related subject
- b. If English is not your first language, a minimum score 6.5 IELTS or equivalent is required for all postgraduate programmes

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Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

General Information

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, also known as GMIT, was established in 1972 and was called Regional Technical College (RTC) Galway. Later in 1998, it was changed to GMIT. The campus was spread in several places: Galway, Mayo, Letterfrack, and Mountbellew.

Courses

GMIT has a broad range of courses comprise of undergraduate and postgraduate studies that allow students to study an extensive choice of both broad-based programmes as well as more specialised programmes. Further information please refer to www.gmit.ie/courses/all-courses

Non-EU Requirements

English Language Requirements

Students must provide evidence of having reached the required standard in the English Language in reading, writing and communication. A minimum overall IELTS score of 5.5 for undergraduate studies and 6 postgraduate studies. Some programmes may apply different standard, please refer to the each course information. A certified statement of proficiency in English must be provided as a prerequisite to registration as a student of the GMIT.

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Transport from Dublin Airport

Traveling to Galway from Dublin Airport is easy. There will be two different non-stop busses (Gobus and City link) every hour. Tickets will be cheaper to buy online, although buying directly from the driver is also possible. Tickets will be valid for a month.

Accommodation Choices

There are many types of accommodation offered to students but the most common are: On-campus Accommodation, Private Housing, and Digs.

1. 2 student residences on campus

Corrib village and Goldcrest Village

For further information, go to <https://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/>

2. 7 student residences off campus

These residences are more suitable for undergrad students: Dunaras, Cuirt na Coiribe, Gort na Coiribe, The student village at Menlo Park Apartments, Centrepoint Apartments, Donegan Court, Swuite.

For further information, go to <https://www.nuigalway.ie/student-life/>

3. Private Sector Accomodations.

Please check out our NUI Galway StudentPad website (<https://www.nuigstudentpad.ie/Accommodation>) or GMIT website (www.gmit.ie/general/accommodation to find accommodation in Houses/Apartments and Sharing with the Owner

4. Student villages (GMIT)

Glasan (www.glasan.com) and Cuirt na Rasai (www.cuirtnarasai.com)

Shopping Centre and Groceries Store

There are many types of accommodation offered to students but the most common are: On-campus Accommodation, Private Housing, and Digs.

1. Eyre Square Centre

It is an inner-city public park in Galway, Ireland within the city center, adjoining the nearby shopping area of William Street and shopping street. Another shopping center is Galway shopping center in Headford Rd.

2. Groceries Store

There's a lot of groceries stores in Galway, which include Dunnes stores, ALDI, TESCO, SUPERVALU, Lidl.

Daily Expenses

(Taken from <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Galway-Ireland>)

Milk (regular), (1 liter)	1.37 €
Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500 g)	1.47 €
Rice (white), (1 kg)	1.73 €
Eggs (regular) (12)	3.64 €
Local Cheese (1 kg)	5.56 €
Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1 kg)	4.39 €
Apples (1 kg)	1.93 €
Potatoes (1 kg)	1.16 €
Onion (1 kg)	1.00 €
Lettuce (1 head)	0.93 €
Water (1.5 liter bottle)	1.25 €

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Worship Place

- Galway Cathedral
- St Augustine's Parish Galway
- St Nicholas Collegiate Church
- And more churches around the town
- Galway Mosque (Ahmadi Muslim Mosque)
- The Galway Mosque East
- Friday pray is conducted in Boxing Gym, West side routinely and Aras Moyola 2nd floor except during summer time.

Tourist Attraction

1. Eyre square
2. Cliff of Moher
3. Kylemore Abbey
4. The Burren
5. Connemara



CORK

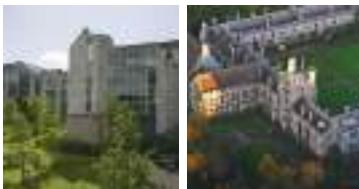
Cork (/kɔːrk/; Irish: *Corcaigh*, pronounced [ˈkorky], from *corcach*, meaning "marsh") is a city in south-west Ireland, in the province of Munster, which had a population of 125,622 in 2016. It is the third largest city on the island of Ireland, after Dublin and Belfast, and the second largest in the Republic of Ireland. The city is situated on the River Lee which splits into two channels at the western end and divides the city center into islands. They reconverge at the eastern end where the quays and docks along the river banks lead outwards towards Lough Mahon and Cork Harbour, which is one of the largest natural harbours in the world by navigational area. The city has many local traditions in food, including crubeens, tripe and drisheen. The English Market sells locally produced foods, including fresh fish, meats, fruit and vegetables, eggs and artisan cheeses and breads. During certain city festivals, food stalls are also sometimes erected on city streets such as St. Patrick's Street or Grand Parade. The Cork accent, part of the Southwest dialect of Hiberno-English, displays various features which set it apart from other accents in Ireland. Patterns of tone and intonation often rise and fall, with the overall tone tending to be more high-pitched than other Irish accents. English spoken in Cork has a number of dialect words that are peculiar to the city and environment. Like standard Hiberno-English, some of these words originate from the Irish language, but others through other languages Cork's inhabitants encountered at home and abroad. The Cork accent displays varying degrees of rhoticity, usually depending on the social-class of the speaker.

University

University College Cork

General Information

UCC is a constituent university of the National University of Ireland, and located in Cork. The university was founded in 1845 as one of three Queen's Colleges located in Belfast, Cork, and Galway. It became University College, Cork, under the Irish Universities Act of 1908. The Universities Act 1997 renamed the university as National University of Ireland, Cork, and a Ministerial Order of



1998 renamed the university as University College Cork – National University of Ireland, Cork, though it continues to be almost universally known as University College Cork. Amongst other rankings and awards, the university was named Irish University of the Year by the Sunday Times on five occasions; most recently in 2017. In 2015, UCC was also named as top performing university by the European Commission funded U-Multirank system, based on obtaining the highest number

of "A" scores (21 out of 28 metrics) among a field of 1200 partaking universities. UCC also became the first university to achieve the ISO 50001 standard in energy management in 2011. Also in 2015, the CWTS Leiden Ranking placed UCC 1st in Ireland, 16th in Europe and 52nd globally from a field of 750 universities. The 2011 QS World University Rankings assigned a 5-star rating to UCC, and ranked the university amongst the top 2% of universities worldwide. UCC was ranked 230th in the 2014 edition of the QS World University Rankings. 13 of its subject areas featured in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015 (up from 10 subject areas in 2014), including the Pharmacy & Pharmacology disciplines, which were listed with the top 50 worldwide. The Universitas Indonesia (UI) Greenmetric World University Ranking awarded UCC a second in the world ranking for the second year in a row in 2015 for its efforts in the area of sustainability, with 360 universities from 62 countries ranked overall. UCC has also been recognized for its digital and social media presence, including for 'Best Social Media Engagement' category at the 2014 Social Media Awards, and as a finalist for 'Best Use of Social Media by a State Body' and 'Best Non-Profit/ Organization Twitter Account' at the 2015 Social Media Awards. A previous finalist at the 2013 and 2014 Web Awards, UCC also made the 2015 finals in two categories, 'Most Influential Irish Website Ever' and 'Best Education and Third Level Website'. University College Cork had the first website in Ireland in 1991 (only the ninth website in the world at the time), serving transcriptions of Irish historical and literary documents for the CELT project converted from SGML to HTML. As of 2016, University College Cork (UCC) had 21,000 students. These included 15,000 in undergraduate programmes, 4,400 in postgraduate study and research, and 2,800 in adult continuing education across undergraduate, postgraduate and short courses. The student base is supported by 2,800 academic, research and administrative staff. As of 2017, UCC reportedly had 150,000 alumni worldwide.

Courses

UCC has 68 Schools and Departments. There are 3 kinds of Teaching Mode in UCC : Full Time, Part Time, and Distance Learning. Courses can be looked at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/courses/>

Requirements

1. All applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of English language proficiency through the following recognised tests: IELTS or TOEFL. English language tests must be undertaken no more than two years prior to commencement of a programme. The scores of IELTS is vary for every programs. Please see : <https://www.ucc.ie/en/study/comparison/english/>
2. Certificate of Graduation from Academic/Islamic Secondary School
3. For Undergraduate program, full-time degree students must normally have reached 17 years of age
4. Some of the program, there is a special requirements. Please visit link:
<https://www.ucc.ie/en/international/studyatucc/undergraduateprogrammes>

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Cork Institute of Technology

General Information

Cork Institute of Technology (CIT), formerly the Regional Technical College, Cork, is an Institute of Technology in Ireland, located in Cork, Ireland opened in 1973. The institute has 17,000 students (both part-time and full-time) in art,





business, engineering, music, drama and science disciplines. Cork Institute of Technology comprises two constituent Faculties and three constituent Colleges. The constituent Faculties are Engineering and Science, and Business and Humanities. The constituent colleges are the CIT Crawford College of Art and Design, the CIT Cork School of Music and the National Maritime College of Ireland. Faculties are made up of Schools which in turn comprise two or more academic departments. The institute has been named as Institute of Technology of the Year in The Sunday Times University Guide for Ireland on numerous occasions. In 2007 the title of the head of the institute changed from "Director" to

"President". In March 2008 it was announced that the Institute was applying for university status. At present, CIT has 1,465 staff members of which 862 are academic staff. The academic staff consists of 473 permanent whole-time, 156 pro-rate part-time and 233 hourly-paid part-time members. The non-academic staff is composed of technical support, library, administrative and services staff. The non-academic staff members break down as follows: 131 Management, Clerical Admin and Library; 177 Student Services Support, including Exam Invigilators; 82 Technicians; 67 Research staff; and 96 support staff including Caretakers, Attendants and Cleaners. A proposal has been put forward that Cork Institute of Technology could merge with Institute of Technology, Tralee in the future, creating one entity that will most likely to be known as Munster Technological University. The University would offer a multi-campus institution spanning across Cork and Kerry, creating a second University in the region, and third in the province of Munster.

Courses

CIT has 5 Faculty for the Undergraduate programs and 4 Faculty for Postgraduate programs. Courses can be looked at <https://www.cit.ie>

Non-EU Requirements

1. Birth Certificate OR Photo Page of Passport – Photocopy of either document
2. School Leaving Examination Certificate OR High School Transcript. Include forecast results if final results are not available. (Bachelor Degree Applicants only)
3. Academic Transcript and Proof of Final Degree (required for transfer and postgraduate applicants) & Academic Marking/Grading Scheme
4. English Language Proficiency score for applicants whose first language is not English. i.e. IELTS Academic Certificate, TOEFL.

All applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of English language proficiency. English language tests must be undertaken no more than two years prior to the start of a programme.

IELTS (Academic)

At least 6.0 with no section below 5.5

Some programmes require a higher score at least 6.5 with no section below 6.0. Please check specific course requirements.

TOEFL

At least 80 - with minimum scores: Listening- 17; Reading - 18; Speaking – 20; Writing - 17

Some programmes require a higher score at least 90 - with minimum scores: Listening - 23; Reading - 21; Speaking - 22; Writing - 23. Please check specific course requirements.

Pearson PTE (Academic)

At least 56 with no section below 51

Some programmes require a higher score at least 61 with no section below 56.
Please check specific course requirements

5. Curriculum Vitae

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Transport

Air

Cork Airport is one of Ireland's main airports. It is situated on the south side of Cork city in an area known as Ballygarvan. Over 15 airlines fly to more than 38 destinations in Europe and North America. Scheduled airlines using Cork airport include Aer Lingus, Aer Lingus Regional operated by Stobart Air, Flybe, Iberia Express, Ryanair and Norwegian Air International.



Bus

Public bus services within the city are provided by the national bus operator Bus Éireann. City routes are numbered from 201 through to 226 and connect the city



centre to the principal suburbs, colleges, shopping centres and places of interest. Two of these bus routes provide orbital services across the Northern and Southern districts of the city respectively.

Buses to the outer suburbs, such as Ballincollig, Glanmire, Midleton and Carrigaline are provided from the city's bus terminal at Parnell Place in

the city centre. Suburban services also include shuttles to Cork Airport, and a park and ride facility in the south suburbs only. Long distance buses depart from the bus terminal in Parnell Place to destinations throughout Ireland. Hourly services run to Killarney/Tralee, Waterford, Athlone and Shannon Airport/Limerick/Galway and there are six services daily to Dublin. There is also a daily Eurolines bus service that connects Cork to Victoria Coach Station in London via South Wales and Bristol. Private operators include Irish Citylink, Aircoach and Dublin Coach. Irish Citylink serves Limerick and Galway. Aircoach operates an Express non-stop service which serves Dublin City Centre and Dublin Airport 18 times daily in each direction. Dublin Coach serve Dublin via Fermoy, Mitchelstown, Cashel and Cahir.

Harbour and waterways

The Cross River Ferry, from Rushbrooke to Passage West, links the R624 to R610. This service is useful when trying to avoid the traffic congestion in Jack Lynch tunnel and Dunkettle area. The Port of Cork is situated at Ringaskiddy, 16 kilometres (10 miles) SE via the N28. Brittany Ferries operates direct car ferry services from Cork to Roscoff in France and Santander in Spain.

Rail

Cork was one of the most rail-oriented cities in Ireland, featuring eight stations at various times. The main route, still much the same today, is from Dublin Heuston.

Originally terminating on the city's outskirts at Blackpool, the route now reaches the city centre terminus of Kent Station via the Glanmire tunnel and Kilnap Viaduct. Now a through station, the line through Kent connects the towns of Cobh and Midleton east of the city. This also connected to the seaside town of Youghal, until the 1980s. Other rail routes terminating or traversing Cork city were the Cork, Blackrock and Passage Railway, a line to Macroom, the Cork and Muskerry Light Railway to Blarney, Coachford and Donoughmore, as well as the Cork, Bandon and South Coast Railway connecting Bantry, Skibbereen, Clonakilty and many other West Cork towns. West Cork trains terminated at Albert Quay, across the river from Kent Station (though an on-street rail system connected the two for rolling stock and cargo movement). The wider city area, including the city's suburbs, is served by three railway stations. These are Cork Kent railway station, Little Island railway station and Glounthaune railway station.

Accommodation Choices

There are many types of accommodation offered to students but the most common are: On-campus Accommodation, Private Housing, and Digs. Please visit www.daft.ie to find student's accommodation in Cork

1. On-Campus Accommodation

Campus accommodation in dormitories are always in demand and generally relatively expensive. Most of the concepts are apartments for 4 to 5 students, with private bedrooms and shared facilities such as kitchen, living room and bathroom. Leases usually have to be paid at the beginning of each semester, and not every month. An initial deposit is also needed which will be returned when you leave. Some dormitories will charge extra for heating and electricity. The cost of the apartment are different for each. The rates are 600, 800, 1000 euros.

2. Apartments outside campus

This type of accommodation can be suitable for those of you who could not get

a room on campus. Many campuses work with these service providers so the students can also book places from the campus' website or accommodation office.

The disadvantage of this type of accommodation is that the rent is often more expensive. In particular, many private apartments for students living off-campus have been built in recent years and offer "luxury" accommodation, and the rent can be as high as € 1,000 for a 9-month lease.

3. Private rental accommodation

Options here include renting a bed-sit, flat / apartment, or sharing a house. It's usually cheaper to share accommodation with others. Bed-sit is basically one unit of a room with basic cooking facilities (small kitchen area), bed and some additional furniture. Toilet and bathroom facilities generally share with other residents. Flats or apartments will offer a kitchen and a living room (maybe combined), a bathroom and one or more bedrooms. Again, quality and costs vary. A simple one bedroom unit might be cheaper than a bed-sit, while a three-bedroom apartment/apartment would be much more expensive. A house or apartment sharing with others can be the cheapest option because the bill is divided among several tenants. In all cases, rent is usually paid every month and in advance. At the beginning of the rental period, you will be asked to pay a rental deposit one month, which will be returned when you leave (make sure you don't cause any damage). The normal duration of a rental is 9 or 12 months, and it is difficult to find a shorter one. The average rental fee is € 400 to € 800 per month.

Shopping Centre and Groceries Store

As an international student, you probably want to know where to purchase food, clothes and other items you might need. There are many shops in Cork city. Furthermore those who wish to purchase halal food that's no longer an issue.

1. Shopping Centre

There are several stores that will offer unbeatable value on basic clothing, such as Dunnes Stores and Penneys, which are the local favourites. Both stores, specifically Penneys is local's favorite, and you'll be able to find these stores in the City Centre and in the Bishopstown. For quality clothing at good value prices, you can try visiting Marks and Spencers that area can be found in St. Patrick Street and. In the case that you want something of higher quality, there is a good choice of clothes shops on St. Patrick Street and the surrounding area. There are plenty high-street fashion retailers, for those with an unlimited budget, A Brown Thomas is available.

Other than what the city has to offer, Mahon point is the largest shopping centre in Cork.

2. Groceries Store

Some of the main supermarket chains in Ireland are Aldi, Lidl, Tesco and Dunnes Stores. Each of these supermarkets has numerous stores in and around Cork. Prices will vary between the chains, so make sure you try going to different stores to figure out which one suits your food preferences and budget. A tip before you do your shopping is to bring your own bag as most stores will charge you extra for a plastic or paper bag.

Don't worry if you need to buy halal food, as there are also plenty of stores in Cork that sells halal food. Majority of which are located in City Centre : Asian Store, Aishaa, Khan, Farrash, and etc.

Daily Expenses

things

<i>Lunch menu (including drinks)</i>	13 €
<i>Combo meal at fast food restaurant</i>	8 €
<i>Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1 kg)</i>	4.48 €
<i>Whole Fat Milk (1liter)</i>	1.26 €
<i>Eggs (12 per package)</i>	3.97 €
<i>Tomato (1 kg)</i>	2.52 €
<i>Local Cheese (500gr)</i>	5.26 €
<i>Apples (1 kg)</i>	2.24 €
<i>Potato (1 kg)</i>	1.08 €
<i>Coca Cola (2 liter)</i>	2.33 €
<i>Halal Chicken/ Chicken Legs (1 Kg)</i>	2 €
<i>Tempeh</i>	2,8 €

Worship Place

- Catholic Church,
- Church of Ireland
- Cork Muslim Society and Cork Mosque,
- Cork Muslim Women's Group
- Baptist Church, MacCurtain Street
- Douglas Baptist Church
- Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig
- Cork Hebrew Congregation,The Synagogue
- Christian Orthodox Community of Cork
- Russian Orthodox
- Roman Catholic Holy Trinity Church on Father Mathew's Quay
- Methodist Church
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Celestial Church of Christ
- Lee Valley Bible Church

Tourist Attraction

- Quadrangle UCC
- Blackrock Castle
- Fota Wildlife Park
- Camden Fort
- Gougane Barra
- The Old Head
- Kinsale
- English Market
- Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral
- Shandon, Cork



CARLOW

Carlow is the county town of County Carlow, located in the south-east of Ireland, 84 Km away from Dublin. It has a population of approximately 24,272. Carlow is a very nice town to live in, especially for students. The quite atmosphere is very suitable for everyone that needs a proper situation to study. It also has a lot of education institutions that makes Carlow a student's town. Nevertheless, it still has what the other cities in Ireland all have in common, that is a mesmerizing nightlife. It offers a few choices of bars and nightclubs which can be a perfect refreshment for students who are tired of their school life. The living cost here in Carlow is also below average. It is estimated that for standard daily expenses, it would costs for only ±7 euro per day. There is also no need to worry about transportation inside the town. Everywhere is within walking distance of approximately 3 Km. Carlow is also known for its historical sites. One of Carlow's most infamous and historical landmarks is the Brownshill Dolmen, locates on the Hacketstown Road. There are also other intriguing sites to visit which dates back to the 1900s, such as Duckett's Grove Walled Garden. Overall, Carlow is a very convenient place to study, and it surely offers a lot of attractions to keep you from getting bored with school stuffs!

University



Institute of Technology, Carlow

General Information

Institute of Technology, Carlow, also known as IT Carlow, is one of the largest tech colleges in Ireland, with campuses in Carlow, Wexford, and Wicklow. It has ranked in the top three of the 14 IoTs (Internet of Things) for CAO first preferences for Level 8 honours degree programmes since 2010. In 2014, the IT was named the Sunday Times Institute of Technology of the Year.

Courses

NIT Carlow, despite of the name IT (Institute of Technology), has a broad range of courses including science, computing, business, marketing, pharmaceutical, etc. You can access more information regarding the courses on www.itcarlow.ie

Non-EU Requirements

I. English Language Requirements

Students must provide evidence of having reached the required standard in the English Language in reading, writing and communication. A minimum IELTS score of 5.5 to 6 or equivalent completion of studies. Some programmes may require a higher standard e.g. computing. A certified statement of proficiency in

English must be provided as a prerequisite to registration as a student of the Institute.

II. Undergraduate Entry Requirements

- a. Students must demonstrate that they have reached a level of education in their country of origin that is the equivalent of a Secondary School Diploma (High School Diploma) with good grades in an appropriate language, mathematics and at least 4 other subjects. (For the 2018-2019 intake, Indonesian students were required to achieve the average score 75 for the national exam)
- b. Students must also have an IELTS of 5.5 or equivalent
- c. Please note that some programmes, such as our Child Youth and Family Studies may also require the provision of References. Other programmes, such as our Sports and Design programmes require the provision of a Portfolio. Students should check under the course details for special entry requirements.

III. Postgraduate Admission Requirements

- a. Applicants should have an honours degree in a related subject
- b. If English is not your first language, a minimum score 6.5 IELTS or equivalent is required for all postgraduate programmes

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Transport from Dublin Airport

IT Carlow students will get a free taxi transport from Dublin Airport to their accommodation in Carlow with an online booking at ITC's website after the Letter of Acceptance (LoA) has been received and the administration requirements have been completed.

Another way of going to Carlow is to use the J.J. Kavanagh Coaches or Bus Eireann which they will both stop at either Barrack Street (in front of ALDI store) or IT Carlow Main Entrance. Price ranges from 10-15 Euro. Bus and shuttle information can be obtained at the website getthere.ie.

Accommodation Choices

1. HATCH Riverbank Apartments

This is the most popular accommodation to live in. It is right in the centre of Carlow Town, 10 minute walk to IT Carlow, 5-10 minute walk to ALDI and TESCO (groceries stores). Almost all of the residents living there are ITC's students. Price varies from 114-134 Euro per week.

For further information, go to <https://hatchstudents.ie/carlow-accommodation/>

2. Carraig Abhainn

It is located on 26 Carraig Abhainn, Mortarstown Road, Carlow. Carraig Abhainn has considerably cheaper price than HATCH Riverbank Apartments, which goes from 90-130 Euro. It is closer to ITC than from HATCH Riverbank, but farther to the town centre compared to HATCH.

For further information, go to <https://carraigabhairinn.ie/>

3. Other choices of accomodations.

This includes local housing and dormitories which can be rented individually or in groups. You can search for those first hand by looking at Google and type "Accomodations in Carlow".

Shopping Centre and Groceries Store

1. Shopping Centre

There are 2 shopping centres, which are Carlow Shopping Centre and Fairgreen Shopping Centre.

The first place you normally need to go to is Penny's, located in the Carlow Shopping Centre. It sells housing stuffs that would be helpful for you.

2. Groceries Store

There's a lot of groceries stores in Carlow, which include ALDI, TESCO, SUPERVALU, Lidl, and Raths Londis Plus. Most of ITC's students generally buy their groceries from ALDI or TESCO since those two are closer to ITC than the others.

Daily Expenses

things

<i>Milk (regular), (1 liter)</i>	1.25 €
<i>Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500 g)</i>	1.47 €
<i>Rice (white), (1 kg)</i>	1.73 €
<i>Eggs (regular) (12)</i>	2.96 €
<i>Local Cheese (1 kg)</i>	7.00 €
<i>Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1 kg)</i>	7.90 €
<i>Beef Round (1 kg) (or Equivalent Back Leg Red Meal)</i>	9.00 €
<i>Apples (1 kg)</i>	2.03 €
<i>Banana (1 kg)</i>	1.79 €
<i>Oranges (1 kg)</i>	2.00 €
<i>Tomato (1 kg)</i>	2.49 €
<i>Potato (1 kg)</i>	1.50 €
<i>Onion (1 kg)</i>	1.00 €
<i>Lettuce (1 head)</i>	0.93 €
<i>Water (1.5 liter bottle)</i>	1.25 €

Worship Place

- Redeem Christian Church of God
- Carlow Methodist Church
- Saint Mary's Church of Ireland
- Assembly of God Ireland Ministry Carlow
- Saint Clare's Church
- Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow
- Carlow Masjid

Tourist Attraction

1. Carlow Castle
2. Brownshill Dolmen
3. Carlow County Museum
4. Duckett's Grove



LIMERICK

Limerick is a city in County Limerick, Ireland. It is located in the Mid-West Region and is also part of the province of Munster. Journey from Dublin International Airport just over 2 hours 30 minutes. Limerick City and County Council is the local authority for the city. The city lies on the River Shannon, with the historic core of the city located on King's Island, which is bounded by the Shannon and the Abbey River. Limerick is also located at the head of the Shannon Estuary where the river widens before it flows into the Atlantic Ocean. With a population of 94,192 (2016 census), Limerick is the third most populous urban area in the state, and the fourth most populous city on the island of Ireland. Limerick is suitable for student and the atmosphere is perfect. There are many historical sites like King John's Castle, St. Mary Cathedral and others. People commute by bus or car, but for most student we walk. There are a lot of supermarket and minimarket within walking distance.

University

Limerick Institute of Technology

General Information

Limerick Institute of Technology also known as LIT, is one of the largest tech college in Limerick, with campuses in Moylish, St.Clare and Thurles. It has ranked 16th best University in Ireland.

Courses

LIT has several different schools. In moylish campus there are Business and Humanities, Science, Engineering and Information Technology and Built Environment. St. Clare campus is home for Art and Design School. Thurles campus has a diverse programme from environment, social study, marketing and others

Non-EU Requirements

1. English Language Requirements

Students must provide evidence of having reached the required standard in the English Language in reading,



writing and communication. A minimum IELTS score of 5.5 to 6 or equivalent completion of studies. Some programmes may require a higher standard e.g. computing. A certified statement of proficiency in English must be provided as a prerequisite to registration as a student of the Institute.

2. Undergraduate Entry Requirements

- a. Students must demonstrate that they have reached a level of education in their country of origin that is the equivalent of a Secondary School Diploma (High School Diploma) with good grades in an appropriate language, mathematics and at least 4 other subjects. (For the 2018-2019 intake, Indonesian students were required to achieve the average score 75 for the national exam)
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- c. Please note that some programmes, such as our Child Youth and Family Studies may also require the provision of References. Other programmes, such as our Sports and Design programmes require the provision of a Portfolio. Students should check under the course details for special entry requirements.

3. Postgraduate Entry Requirements

- a. Applicants should have an honours degree in a related subject
- b. If English is not your first language, a minimum score 6.0 IELTS or equivalent is required for all postgraduate programmes

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University of Limerick

General Information

University of Limerick is one of the best University in Ireland. UL ranks 5th in all of Ireland. It has a lot of range in programme. It has amazing campus

Courses

University of Limerick has a lot of programme for Undergraduate from Faculty of Education and Health Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Business School, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Interdisciplinary Programmes until Exchange programme.

Post Graduate can choose from Faculty of Education and Health Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, Faculty of Science and Engineering to Business School.



Non-EU Requirements

1. TOEFL 580 (paper based) or 90 (internet based)
2. IELTS Minimum score of 6.5* with no less than 6.0 in any component. *Please note some programmes have a higher IELTS requirement.
3. Requirements for programme can be seen in www.ul.ie

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Transport



Getting to LIT from Dublin International Airport

LIT should take a bus from Dublin International Airport to Arthur's Quay Bust Station, Limerick City Center. LIT students will get a free taxi transport from Arthur's Quay to their accommodation in Limerick with arrangement from LIT's International Office.

The bus from Dublin International Airport to Limerick is eireagle (www.eireagle.ie). The bus will take 2 hours 30 minutes to arrive at Arthur's Quay and price around €25

Getting to UL from Shannon Airport

Shannon Airport is located 24km from Limerick City and is well-serviced by Bus and Taxi Services.

At the beginning of each term, they provide a complimentary shuttle service from

Shannon airport to the University of Limerick. The service will be available on specific days depending on your programme of study at UL. They will send information on how to avail of this service via email.

Getting to UL from Dublin Airport

Dublin Airport is located 192km from Limerick City and is well-serviced by public and private transport services.

Dublin Coach M7 Express Service. This is one of the most direct ways of getting from Dublin Airport to the University of Limerick. Fares cost approximately €15.00 and the journey takes about 2 and a half hours.

Arriving late at Dublin Airport

If your flight arrives into Dublin Airport late at night, we recommend that you stay at one of the airport hotels before travelling to Limerick the following day. There are a number of hotels located close to the airport including, Carlton Dublin Airport Hotel, Clarion Hotel, Dublin Airport, and Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport.

Accommodation Choices

1. Cratloe Wood Student Village

Located on Old Cratloe Road, Munster, Limerick. Cratloe Wood Student Village has incredible price for just € 60/week for twin double. Cratloe Wood Student Village is close to LIT just around 20 minutes of walk.

For further information, go to www.cratloewood.com

2. Thomond Village

It is located on Old Cratloe Road, Munster, Limerick. Thomond has slightly more expensive price at €85/week. It is beside Cratloe Wood Student Village. The

distance to LIT much further with around 23 minutes of walking

For further information, go to www.thomondvillage.com

3. Other choices of accomodations.

This includes local housing and dormitories which can be rented individually or in groups. You can search for those first hand by looking at Google and type "Accomodations in Limerick".

Shopping Centre and Groceries Store

1. Shopping Centre

There are 2 shopping centres, which are Limerick Shopping Centre and Jetland Shopping Centre

The first place you normally need to go to is Penny's, located in the Jetland Shopping Centre. It sells housing stuffs that would be helpful for you.

2. Groceries Store

There's a lot of groceries stores in Limerick, which include TESCO, SUPERVALU, Centra, Lidl, and Dunnes. Most of LIT's students generally buy their groceries from Dunnes or TESCO since those two are in walking distance. Although TESCO is much further than Dunnes.

Daily Expenses

things

<i>Milk (regular), (1 liter)</i>	1.25 €
<i>Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500 g)</i>	1.47 €
<i>Rice (white), (1 kg)</i>	1.73 €
<i>Eggs (regular) (12)</i>	2.96 €
<i>Local Cheese (1 kg)</i>	7.00 €
<i>Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1 kg)</i>	7.90 €
<i>Beef Round (1 kg) (or Equivalent Back Leg Red Meal)</i>	9.00 €
<i>Apples (1 kg)</i>	2.03 €
<i>Banana (1 kg)</i>	1.79 €
<i>Oranges (1 kg)</i>	2.00 €
<i>Tomato (1 kg)</i>	2.49 €
<i>Potato (1 kg)</i>	1.50 €
<i>Onion (1 kg)</i>	1.00 €
<i>Lettuce (1 head)</i>	0.93 €
<i>Water (1.5 liter bottle)</i>	1.25 €

Worship Place

- St. Augustine's Church
- St. Munchin's (Roman Catholic) Church
- Abundant Life Christian Church
- Limerick Baptist Church
- St. Mary's Cathedral
- St. Michael's
- Masjid Al-Noor
- Limerick Mosque and Islamic Cultural Center

Tourist Attraction

- King John's Castle
- Terra Nova Fairy Garden
- The Milk Market
- Hunt Museum

DUNDALK

Dundalk is a town in the County Louth. It is located on the Castletown River, which flows into Dundalk Bay, and is near the border with Northern Ireland, halfway between Dublin and Belfast. Dundalk is also known for its soccer team, Dundalk FC. Founded in 1903, they are the second most successful team, in terms of trophies won (13 leagues titles &10 FAI Cups), in the history of League in Ireland. They play their home games in Oriel Park. There are a few ways to access Dundalk, most students commute by bus or by train. With only 34,496 people living in the city, the town provides a nice atmosphere that is perfect for students. Known as a student-friendly town, Dundalk houses a few student accommodations and navigation around the town is easy as there is a bus service in town. Even though it is not a huge city like Dublin, Dundalk still provides attractions perfect for tourist and students.



Dundalk Institute of Technology

General Information

Dundalk Institute of Technology, also known as DKIT, is an award-winning Technological Institute. The institute offers 60+ undergraduate and post-graduate programmes.



Courses

Despite being an Institute of Technology, DKIT offers a broad range of courses such as Engineering, Sport and Health Sciences, Business and Accounting, Hospitality and Tourism, Nursing and Healthcare, etc.

More information on the courses can be found at www.dkit.ie

Non-EU Requirements

I. English Language Requirements

Students must provide evidence of having reached the required standard in the English Language in reading, writing and communication. A minimum IELTS score of 5.5 for Ordinary Degree (level 7) and IELTS Score of 6.0 for Honours Degree (level 8)

II. Undergraduate Entry Requirements

- Applicants must be 17 years of age in January In the year of entry to

programme of study at DkIT

- b. Students must demonstrate that they have reached a level of education in their country of origin that is the equivalent of a Secondary School Diploma (High School Diploma) with good grades in Mathematics and English. (for the 2018-2019 intake, Indonesian students were required to achieve the average score 75 for the national exam).
- c. Students must also have an IELTS of 5.5 for Ordinary Degree or IELTS Score at 6.0 for Honours Degree (level 8) or a TOEFL iBT of 70
- d. Please note that some programmes have special entry requirements. Please check programme details in DkIT prospectus or DkIT website.

III. Postgraduate Admission Requirements

- a. Hold an NQAI Level 8 award or equivalent (at minimum Second Class Honours, Grade 2 level) in an area of study cognate to the proposed study area or
- b. Hold such other qualifications as may be acceptable to the Programme Board for the purposes of proceeding to a specific Master Degree or
- c. Hold such other qualifications as may be acceptable to the Programme Board for the purposes of proceeding to a specific Master Degree or
- d. Minimum. IELTS Band 6.5 or Minimum iBT 80

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Transport from Dublin Airport

Students of DKIT can use the bus or train to get to Dundalk. The most commonly used bus is Eirann which will stop next to DKIT. Bus prices range from €15 but cheaper prices can be found online on their website at <http://www.buseireann.ie/>

Accommodation Choices

1. Setanta Oriel (Managed by Martha Developments)

Twin-sharing room only. Rates range €2850 a year

For further information visit www.heatherviewcourt.com

2. Mourne View Hall (Managed by MacFar Property)

Single Room, Rates range from €3200 per year

3. Other choices of accommodations.

This includes local housing and apartments which can be rented individually or in groups. You can search for those first hand by looking at Google and type "Student Accomodations in Dundalk".

Shopping Centre and Groceries Store

1. Shopping Centre

There are 2 shopping centres, which are The Marshes and Long Walk Shopping Centre

The first place you normally need to go to is Dunnes Store, located in the Marshes Shopping Centre. It sells housing stuffs that would be helpful for you.

2. Groceries Store

There's a lot of groceries stores in Carlow, which include ALDI, TESCO, Dunnes, and Lidl. Most of DKIT's students generally buy their groceries from TESCOR or LIDL since those two are closer to AIT than the others while ALDI and Dunnes are located near Marshes and Town Centre.

Daily Expenses

Milk (regular), (1 liter)	1.09 €
Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500 g)	1.20 €
Rice (white), (1 kg)	1.63 €
Eggs (regular) (12)	2.55 €
Local Cheese (1 kg)	6.00 €
Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1 kg)	7.00 €
Beef Round (1 kg) (or Equivalent Back Leg Red Meal)	8.11 €
Apples (1 kg)	1.50 €
Banana (1 kg)	1.53 €
Oranges (1 kg)	1.95 €
Tomato (1 kg)	2.15 €
Potato (1 kg)	1.00 €
Onion (1 kg)	0.99 €
Lettuce (1 head)	0.90 €
Water (1.5 liter bottle)	1.25 €

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Worship Place

- Assemblies of God Pentecostal Church in Dundalk
- Church of Our Lady of the Snows in Dundalk
- Church of the Holy Family in Dundalk
- Dundalk Muslim Community Mosque

Tourist Attraction

- County Museum Dundalk
- An Táin Arts Centre
- Ice House Hill Park
- Our Lady's Well
- Castle Roche



ATHLONE

Athlone is a town in the County Westmeath. It is located in the heart of Ireland by the River Shannon. Athlone is a popular stop for pleasure craft along the River Shannon. Lough Ree, the largest lake on the Shannon, is a short distance upstream from Athlone, and many boat companies are based out of the town. There are a few ways to access Athlone, most students commute by bus or by train. With only 21,000 people living in the city, the town provides a nice atmosphere that is perfect for students. Known as a student-friendly town. Athlone houses a few student accommodations and navigation around the town is easy as there is a bus service in town. Even though it is not a huge city like Dublin, Athlone still provides attractions perfect for tourist and students.

Athlone Institute of Technology

General Information

Athlone Institute of Technology, also known as AIT, is an award-winning Technological Institute and soon to be one of the first Technological University in Ireland. The institute offers over 100 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Courses

Despite being an Institute of Technology, AIT offers a broad range of courses such as Engineering, Sport and Health Sciences, Business and Accounting, Hospitality and Tourism, Nursing and Healthcare, etc.

More information on the courses can be found at www.ait.ie



Non-EU Requirements

I. English Language Requirements

Students must provide evidence of having reached the required standard in the English Language in reading, writing and communication. A minimum IELTS

score of 5.5 with no Bands less than 5.0.

II. Undergraduate Entry Requirements

- a. Applicants must be 17 years of age in January in the year of entry to programme of study at AIT
- b. Students must demonstrate that they have reached a level of education in their country of origin that is the equivalent of a Secondary School Diploma (High School Diploma) with good grades in Mathematics and English. (For the 2018-2019 intake, Indonesian students were required to achieve the average score 75 for the national exam)
- c. Students must also have an IELTS of 5.5 with no Bands less than 5.0 or a Toefl iBT of 70
- d. Please note that some programmes have special entry requirements. Please check programme details in AIT prospectus or AIT website.

III. Postgraduate Admission Requirements

- a. Equivalent of Honours Bachelor Degree from a recognized University in a discipline relevant to the postgraduate degree sought with minimum average of 60% in final year examinations
- b. Letter of recommendation from academic lecturer from home university
- c. Minimum. IELTS Band 6.0 with no band less than 5.5 or Minimum iBT 80

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Transport from Dublin Airport

Students of AIT can use the bus or train to get to Athlone. The most commonly used bus is citylink which will stop next to AIT. Bus prices range from €18-€20 but cheaper prices can be found online on their website at www.citylink.ie

Accommodation Choices

1. Heatherview Court Apartments

Heatherview Court is Athlone's most recently completed modern student accommodation. Heatherview Court is stylish, comfortable and secure, equipped for every aspect of modern student living.

Situated on the Dublin road, Heatherview Court is only a 100m walking distance to the main gates of Athlone Institute of Technology's. This new development comprises of 15 purpose built self-catering apartments. Each unit includes 5 single ensuite bedrooms and 1 twin ensuite room.

Rates range from €3040 to €3800 a year

For further information visit www.heatherviewcourt.com

2. Glen Abhainn Student Village

A student accommodation complex consists of 96 apartments accommodating students of Athlone Institute of Technology. Accommodation varies in style offering students the opportunity to select an apartment suitable for sharing with friends.

Rates range from €3600 to €8360 per year. More Information can be found in glenabhairinvillage.ie

3. 3.Other choices of accomodations.

This includes local housing and apartments which can be rented individually or in groups. You can search for those first hand by looking at Google and type "Student Accomodations in Athlone".

Shopping Centre and Groceries Store

1. Shopping Centre

There are 2 shopping centres, which are Athlone Town Centre and Golden Island Shopping Centre

The first place you normally need to go to is Penny's, located in the Golden Island Shopping Centre. It sells housing stuffs that would be helpful for you.

2. Groceries Store

There's a lot of groceries stores in Carlow, which include ALDI, TESCO, Dunnes, and Lidl. Most of AIT's students generally buy their groceries from Lidl since those two are closer to AIT than the others while ALDI, TESCO and Dunnes are located near Golden Island Shopping Centre.

Daily Expenses

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<i>Milk (regular), (1 liter)</i>	1.09 €
<i>Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500 g)</i>	1.43 €
<i>Rice (white), (1 kg)</i>	1.52 €
<i>Eggs (regular) (12)</i>	2.62 €
<i>Local Cheese (1 kg)</i>	6.00 €
<i>Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1 kg)</i>	7.72 €
<i>Beef Round (1 kg) (or Equivalent Back Leg Red Meal)</i>	8.24 €
<i>Apples (1 kg)</i>	1.50 €
<i>Banana (1 kg)</i>	1.61 €
<i>Oranges (1 kg)</i>	1.50 €
<i>Tomato (1 kg)</i>	2.00 €
<i>Potato (1 kg)</i>	1.40 €
<i>Onion (1 kg)</i>	0.90 €
<i>Lettuce (1 head)</i>	1.00 €
<i>Water (1.5 liter bottle)</i>	1.33 €

Worship Place

- St Mary's Church
- Athlone Methodist Church
- Redemption Baptist Church
- Corpus Christi Church
- Ss. Peter & Pauls Church
- Athlone Prayer Room/Mushalla
- Gurudwara Sahib

Tourist Attraction

- Athlone Castle
- Lough Ree
- Church of Saints Peter and Paul
- Sean's Bar (Oldest pub in Europe)
- Luan Gallery
- Clonmacnoise
- Dean Crowe Theatre



SLIGO

Sligo is a coastal seaport and the county town of County Sligo, Ireland within the western province of Connacht. With a population of approximately 20,000 in 2016, it is the second largest urban centre in the West of Ireland, with only Galway being larger. The Sligo Borough District constitutes 61%(38,581) of the county's population of 63,000. Straddles the Garavogue River where it meets Sligo Bay. It's known for its literary heritage and rugged countryside. Ruined medieval Sligo Abbey has carved tombs and a 15th-century altar. Sligo County Museum displays memorabilia of local poet E.B. Yeats, paintings and Stone Age artefacts. The Model is a contemporary arts centre featuring works by 20th-century Irish artists. It takes about 3 hours long from Dublin City, and about 2 hours long from Galway City. Sligo is located pretty close to the border with the UK, that only about 40 minutes to treach the border from Sligo.

University



Institute of Technology Sligo

General Information

Institute of Technology Sligo or also known as IT Sligo, is the largest college in Sligo and north-west area. It's ranked as the 5th best Institute of Technology campuses in Ireland, with a stunning 21st century learning environment..

Courses

IT Sligo has three different faculties, School of Business and Social Science, School of Engineering and Design, and School of Science and nine different departments.

Non-EU Requirements

1. English Language Requirements

Students must provide evidence of having reached the required standard in the English Language in reading, writing and communication. A minimum IELTS score of 5.5 for undergraduate and score of 6 for

postgraduate, or equivalent completion of studies. Some programs may require a higher standard (e.g. computing or engineering). A certified statement of proficiency in English must be provided as a prerequisite to registration as a student of the Institute.

2. Undergraduate Entry Requirements

- a. Students must demonstrate that they have reached a level of education in their country of origin that is the equivalent of a Secondary School Diploma (High School Diploma) with good grades in an appropriate language, mathematics and at least 4 other subjects. (For the 2018-2019 intake, Indonesian students were required to achieve the average score 75 for the national exam)
- b. Students must also have an IELTS of 5.5 or equivalent
- c. Please note that some programmes, such as our Child Youth and Family Studies may also require the provision of References. Other programmes, such as our Sports and Design programmes require the provision of a Portfolio. Students should check under the course details for special entry requirements.

3. Postgraduate Entry Requirements

- a. Applicants should have an honours degree in a related subject
- b. If English is not your first language, a minimum score 6.0 IELTS or equivalent is required for all postgraduate programmesis required for all postgraduate programmes.

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Transport

Getting to IT Sligo from Dublin International Airport

Getting to IT Sligo should take a bus from Dublin International Airport to Sligo Bus Station with Bus Éireann. IT Sligo international students will get a free bus ticket with arrangement from IT Sligo International Office. The bus will take 3-4 hours to arrive at Sligo Bus Station and price around €17 for student single and around €22 for return.

Arriving late at Dublin Airport

If your flight arrives into Dublin Airport late at night, we recommend that you stay at one of the airport hotels before travelling to Sligo on the following day. There are a number of hotels located close to the airport including; Carlton Dublin Airport Hotel, Clarion Hotel, Dublin Airport and Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport.

Accommodation Choices

1. The Clarion Village

Located on Clarion Road, Ballytivnan, Sligo, Clarion Village has a price for € 4,075 for single room and €3,050 for twin sharing (price it's for the academic year - 9 months). Clarion Village is close to IT Sligo just around 5 minutes of walk.

For further information, go to www.thevillageclarion.com

2. The Grove Student Accommodation

Located just the end of Clarion Road right beside Clarion Village, The Grove has the En-Suite Single Room with price for € 4,250 for the academic year. It takes about 10 minutes of walk to IT Sligo. For further information, go to www.thegrovesligo.ie

3. Yeats Village

Located in Farranacardy, Sligo, Yeats Village has a variable pricing. Starting from € 3,000 for twin sharing, € 3,920 for single room, and € 4,100 for Single En-Suite for the academic year, and only take about 5 minutes to walk to the campus. For further information, go to www.yeatsvillage.net

4. Ard Nua Village

Located on Hazelwood Road, Ballinode, Sligo, just right beside Yeats Village, Ard Nua offer variable house type from apartment to town house, with price starting from € 3,791.04 per academic year. It takes about 10 minutes to get to the IT Sligo. For further information, go to www.ardnua.com

5. Gateway Apartments

Located just right beside the campus, Gateway is the closest accommodation from campus. Gateway also has a greatest price for student accommodation with € 3,100 per academic year and only takes 1-2 minutes to get to the campus. For further information, go to www.gatewayapartments.ie

6. Other choices of accomodations.

This includes local housing and dormitories which can be rented individually or in groups. You can search for those first hand by looking at Google and type "Accomodations in Sligo".

Shopping Centre and Groceries Store

1. Shopping Centre

There are 2 shopping centres, which are Quayside Shopping Centre and Johnston Court Shopping Centre.

The first place you normally need to go to is Penny's, located on the O'Connell

Street. It sells housing stuffs that would be helpful for you.

2. Groceries Store

There are many choices of groceries stores in Sligo, which include Tesco, SPAR, Centra, Lidl, Aldi and Dunnes. Most of the students generally buy their groceries from Aldi, Lidl or Tecso. There's also free bus running for IT Sligo's students to Aldi.

Daily Expenses

Milk (regular), (1 liter)	1.09 €
Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500 g)	1.42 €
Rice (white), (1 kg)	1.45 €
Eggs (regular) (12)	2.57 €
Local Cheese (1 kg)	6.50 €
Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1 kg)	7.90 €
Beef Round (1 kg) (or Equivalent Back Leg Red Meal)	8.00 €
Apples (1 kg)	1.50 €
Banana (1 kg)	1.53 €
Oranges (1 kg)	1.62 €
Tomato (1 kg)	2.15 €
Potato (1 kg)	1.25 €
Onion (1 kg)	1.00 €
Lettuce (1 head)	1.00 €
Water (1.5 liter bottle)	1.33 €

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Worship Place

- St. Mary's Cathedral
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church
- St. Anne's Catholic Church
- Dominican Friary
- St. John's Cathedral
- Calry Church of Ireland
- Globe House Muslim Community
- Methodist Church Wine Street

Tourist Attraction

- Sligo Abbey
- Strandhill Beach
- Rosses Point Beach
- Benbulben
- Knocknarea

Before flying

In this section, we provide you with approximated living costs as a student in Ireland and required documents to get a VISA. Before getting VISA, it is necessary for you to hold a Letter of Acceptance (LoA). How to get LoA? You might need to check each university website. You can visit educationinireland.com. We know it is a long way to go, so take your time to prepare all of it.

Living Costs

It highly depends on personal needs and cities where you live. However we will attempt to list down the essential costs.



<i>Accommodation + bills (single person)</i>	€ 350 – 550
<i>Mobile credit</i>	€ 20 – 40
<i>Internet package</i>	€ 25 – 30
<i>Groceries (€ 20 – 50 per week)</i>	€ 80 – 250
<i>Transportation (bus&/ bicycle)</i>	€ 45 – 116
<i>Others (fun, clothes)</i>	€ 50 – 100
Total	€ 570 – 1086

The total cost excludes your annual fee for university and annual health insurance (Approx. €120). Don't worry, there are some chances to work as well. You are coming here to study, therefore you have limited time to work at least 20 hours per week. Please check our website for collected opportunities so far.

Potential income /month (€ 9.15 – 15 per hour) € 732 – 1200

Be insightful! You can also check the following link;

numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Dublin

Student VISA Requirements

Item Checklist	Scholarship (LPDP)	Scholarship (Other)	Self Funding
Application form	Fill online from the following : visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/OnlineHome.aspx Make sure you keep the VISA application number with you.		
Photographs	2 white-background passport size (3.5 x 4.5)		
Copy of Leaving Certificate + Transcripts	Last highest education attended, translated into English. For example, if you are applying for MSc, then this will be the graduation certificate of your Bachelor Degree.		
English Fluency Test	IELTS/TOEFL accepted, check the requirements issued by each university.		
Letter of Funding Source	Letter from the scholarship body confirming the coverage (tuition, health insurance and living cost at minimum). All written in English.	Your own funding statement, written in English.	
Bank Statement	No minimum fund, as long as the scholarship also covers your living cost. Better prepare with English translation (can be specifically requested to the bank)	The aim is to show the prove that you have sufficient funding to support the study, health insurance and living cost. Suggested amount is tuition fee + 7000 EUR per year (In English)	
University Acceptance Offer	LOA (official Letter Of Acceptance) from the University confirming your seat.		
Itinerary Plan	Don't book any ticket yet, just the flight booking plan is enough		
First few week accomodation	Hotel booking in Ireland for the first 2 week should be enough. This can be booked via AirBnB/Booking.com/etc		

<i>Copy of Tuition Payment Slip</i>	Can be skipped	Sometimes the scholarship body will not transfer any payment if the VISA is not issued yet (but meanwhile this receipt required by the VISA application). The applicant has to solve this funding issue first by paying the minimum payment fee themselves (~ 6000 EUR).	Proof of fund transfer from local bank for tuition fee.
<i>Copy of Tuition Receipt from University</i>	Can be skipped	Proof that the fund transfer for tuition fee has been received by the University.	
<i>Medical Insurance</i>	Case by case, might not be mandatory for first VISA application, but it is required for Re-Entry VISA below.		
<i>Copy of Birth/Marriage Certificate</i>	Translate into english		
<i>Copy of current Passport and Previous Passport (if any)</i>	Copy the first passport page that shows clear identification and also all other pages having previous immigration stamps/VISA stickers on it.		

TIPS

- VISA approval might take some time, so plan it well. Weekly update on VISA decision can be tracked at :

inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Visa%20Decisions

- If you already submitted your VISA request to INIS via local embassy but you have waited 3 or 4 weeks without any updates, please contact your program director and tell them that you need the visa issued urgently as the college will commence soon. Usually, they have direct contact to INIS and should be able to make a couple of necessary calls.

Other Preparation (after VISA issued)

- We advise you to check your credit card or debit card, and make sure it has VISA or Mastercard logo . This can be used to withdraw money during your first week before you make your Irish bank accounts (Approx. Rp. 25,000 will be charged per transaction. Alternatively, you can bring cash as well. The amount of €400 will be relatively adequate for your daily expenses (but definitely not enough for renting an accommodation).
- Having some cash is valuable for you, just enough money to get you coffee and snacks during your airport transit (€10) + transport from Dublin Airport to your place (depends on the distance from the airport to your city).
- Regarding flight itinerary, you can check Emirates, Etihad or Turkish Airlines. Please be aware of your transit city, if it's UK, you will definitely need UK transit visa (British Airways or Garuda Indonesia). There are also premium airlines, such as KLM and Lufthansa.
- Do recheck the place where you will stay for at least the first two weeks. Please book it before your flight day to prevent chances of not getting an accommodation when you have arrived. You can book it from Airbnb or Booking.com.
- We recommend you to bring your finest jacket, because it's freezing cold and windy throughout the whole year. Waterproof jacket with a hoodie is the perfect choice to handle the rainy cities in Ireland.
- Instead of umbrella, it will be better to have a waterproof rain coat. Due to strong wind, your umbrella might be easily broken.
- Carry your important documents on your bag in the cabin, immigration officers might ask you these. Convince them that you will study in Ireland (just documents as mentioned for VISA requirements).
- Don't forget your travel or health insurance proof.

After landing

After more than 15 hours on board, it is the right time to open again the quick guide. Take a seat for relax and sip of coffee or tea will be a good idea. Get the free internet access for your mobile by connecting it to Dublin Airport WIFI, it will be enough for you to browse Google maps or letting your beloved people that you have safely arrived in Ireland. Additionally, it is also possible to purchase your first Irish SIM card on a small stall inside the airport.

Mobile SIM card



Ireland offers you various providers, from Tesco Mobile, Vodafone, Three, Eir to Meteor. Those who want to stay online, some of it offer all you can eat data. It fully depends on your personal taste and trust.

FYI, Ireland has 4G coverage. Nevertheless, only few places covered by public WIFI. Basically if you are student in EU countries, you will be able to access unlimited high speed internet on any university in EU region called EDUROAM. Usually each university in Ireland has their own WIFI for their students.

Accommodation

This is the second endeavour after you got scholarship or LoA, Yes! How to get a decent accommodation? A shortage of new student dormitory development recent years has imposed students to rely their needs on private housing.

This accommodation is very crucial stage to start everything on your life in Ireland. Many following administration requires your proof of address. Once you get an accommodation, a written letter from your landlord can be your proof of address in addition to bills (bin, electricity, or internet).

If you don't have any temporary stay after landing in Dublin (we know it is not preferable situation), you may contact Andari Robinson at her mobile number +353871180435 (150 EUR per week, bills and meals included). Her place is in 126 Sanford Wood, Swords Road (ETA 15 mins from Dublin International Airport). She is an Indonesian who is nice and friendly.

Proof of address will be used later for :

- Open new Bank Account to secure your living cost + tuition fee.
- IRP, yearly permit to live legally in Ireland.
- Get PPS number to get access for your baby's free health care or get a job.

About the accommodation in Ireland, firstly and for sure it's not cheap and sometimes private houses outside the university won't accept students. Some landlords offer 1 year contract, but some don't care much about it. You need to hand more money for deposit, usually the deposit is equal to 1 month rent. So for the first payment will equal to 2 months. Don't worry, the deposit will be returned to you at the end of renting period if you don't break anything and return the room as the way you received it.

Here are some tips and tricks to assist you;

- The graduation ceremony for university usually commence around October or November every year. This is the perfect time to replace many graduated

students' room to be yours. If you know one of them, ask their help to get it for you.

- Be active and nice. If you are a landlord, you will never give the key to the disrespect and dishonest people. So the landlords also need to be convinced that their property is in a good hand and that you will take care of it for them. Usually they avoid students who like 'party-all-over-the-night'.
- Usually the closer accommodation to the university, the higher cost you have to pay. Please also consider the amount of time between walking and taking bus. Additionally it costs you extra expenses for trip by bus. And please keep in mind that mostly bus service ends at 11 PM (Look at their timetable).
- On the first day of living your apartment, take pictures for all damaged wardrobes and show it to the landlord, so they won't blame you later, otherwise it will be deducted to your deposit.

We list down necessary steps for securing you an accommodation:

1. Prepare your documents. For student, they will ask copy of passport, proof of college admission, recent bank statement. They will consider that full-time student is not their priority list. Tips: please show in your bank statement that you have at least 3000 EUR or provide your salary or stipend, it helps to convince them that you can pay the rent. If you bring family, they will ask your spouse document details and your child passport. Most of them prefer a single tenant or working couple tenants. But, it is better to say directly with whom you are going to live with.
2. Browse as much information as possible from the website. Please check these following sites daft.ie, myhome.ie accomodationforstudents.com, rent.ie, and adverts.ie. So far daft is the most updated site of accommodation. Some apartments could be only stay in website for couple hours. Better if install the application in your mobile phone and check it every minute. Tips: Apartments located in even postcode is likely more secure and preferable to stay. However the price is also higher. Beside checking the facilities and location, it is important to notice whether they use agent or not. Tips: Sherry Fitzgerald is famous agent, so they are trustworthy but little bit more expensive and demanding. Wyse is second best agent, they are responsive and less demanding.
3. Contact the landlord directly or agency. After finding the apartment via internet,

please kindly contact them to ask these things: open viewing time, the name of person who is responsible to the apartment and address details (mostly they do not include the apartment number in the website). Tips: contact from phone (SMS/ring), better not via email as they will response slower.

4. Take a view carefully. Sometimes, it needs 3 or more viewings after you decided the apartment you would like to stay. You can compare one apartment to another in facilities, bus/train route, grocery shops and surroundings. Tips: never deal without viewing the apartment.
5. Now it's time to make a deal! even though the price is already listed, it is okay to bargain. I got € 50 cheaper from bargaining, of course before making any deals.

Administration

Irish Resident Permit/ IRP (Previously known as GNIB)

For those of you in Dublin, you must attend personally to INIS office in Burgh Quay. If you reside outside Dublin, contact the nearest GARDA office. Every public service in Ireland requires appointment beforehand. Sometime the Internation Student Section from each campus also coordinates the appointment schedule with INIS office, so stay tuned for any information from them as well. The usual peak of the queue will be around September/October when all the foreign students just arrived. For those reside in Dublin, the following URL is very useful to find the appointment.

harshp.com/dev/utils/IRP-appointments/

What you need :

- Passport
- Health insurance, this is different with travel insurance. Health insurance can be arranged before or after your arrival in Ireland. FYI, health care is not cheap in Ireland. You can check hia.ie for comparison.
- Proof of Address, this can be a letter from campus showing your enrollment, and your current living address. Trinity and UCD student can obtain this from student

portal and then get signed and stamped by Academic Registrar. International students office is where most universities help student to provide this letter. In case you move to different address, please either call (different in different city, please refer to Inis.ie) or email IRP_DV@garda.ie to inform them your new address within two weeks or they will take it as an offense and you will have problem for your next IRP card application.

- A letter from international office
- €3000 in your bank account if you are a self-funded student.
- It costs you €300 and can be paid by Credit/Debit Card/Giro.

IRP shows a stamp as described below:

- Student will have stamp 2 (you may work up to 20 hours/week)
- Husband/wife of a student has stamp 2a (you can't work at all)
- After graduated, you can obtain a stamp 1G permit for 2 year (Graduate Visa).

If you live in Dublin, the IRP card will be sent to your listed home address around 10 working days. And If you live outside Dublin, the IRP card should be retrieved from the same GARDA office where you apply around 1 month afterward.

PPS Number

Personal Public Service (PPS) number is an identification number for accessing social welfare benefits. Sometimes, this number is associated with taxes. If you haven't had this number when you receive your first salary, you must pay around 50% from your salary as emergency tax instead of standard 20% tax.

So, these are activities that need a PPS number:

- For receiving your salary
- For getting a social welfare, such as free child immunisation paid by Irish taxes

- For opening bank account
- For registering your children to school administration
- For receiving any grants (e.g. water grants or housing grants)
- For having medical card/GP visit card

The required documents to apply for PPS number is different for each need. To get updated information, please refer to:

citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/irish_social_welfare_system/personal_public_service_number.html

Always start with making appointments before. For creating new PPS, use the following URL :

mywelfare.ie/Account/Login

GP Visit Card

If you have children below 6 years old, you may apply for this card to get a free GP consultation in anytime. GP visit card is not related to child immunisation, but in order to get this card, you must have the PPS number.

hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/mc/gpvc/

Apply for GP visit card to the link above and select your preferred doctor. Well, since we don't know the quality of each doctor, then choose the closest one with your home address for emergency cases. The chosen doctor may accept or reject your application, it depends on the quota that they have. The rejection letter may come to your home address around 2 weeks after submissions. If rejected, you may apply to another doctor until you get accepted. If accepted, a GP visit card will be delivered to your home.

After receiving this card, you have to bring it or quote the number every time you make an appointment to your GP. So, they will prioritize yourself in their queue.

Anyway, by defaults, you can have medical service by calling their practice number. But usually they charged you around 20 EUR minimum per visit.

Multiple re-entry VISA

Whenever you plan to travel out of the country, you need multiple re-entry VISA so then you can come back legally to Ireland. Don't worry, it's free for Indonesian citizen.

There are 2 methods to apply re-entry VISA :

1. By directly visit INIS office in Dublin, prior to this please make an appointment at reentryvisa.inis.gov.ie.
2. Via registered Post (cost around €7).

Send all required documents below to :

Visa Division Head Office / Re-entry Visa Processing Office

Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service

Department of Justice and Equality

13-14 Burgh Quay

Dublin 2

Ireland

D02 XK70

Usually it takes 10 working days approximately till you hand back your passport.

Below are the required supporting documents;

- Your passport
- Your IRP card
- 2 x Standard size passport photos
- Application form:
reentryvisa.inis.gov.ie/website/INISOA/IOA.nsf/ReEntryVisaAppForm.pdf
- A letter from International office of your university confirming that you are a registered student

Consular services at the Indonesian Embassy

After you settled with IRP, it's a good idea to register yourself at Indonesian Embassy in London, UK. Why UK? because our Indonesian ambassador in London works for the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland and the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Registration at the Indonesian Embassy helps you when you have to extend your passport or suddenly we are in emergency situation. Please follow the link :

consular.indonesianembassy.org.uk

Join PPI Irlandia

Please send your query to facebook.com/PPI.Irlandia. We just accept membership if you hold LoA from Irish universities. Afterwards, you have to fill your identity details on the provided registration sheet and we encourage you to donate € 2 monthly. The fund will be used to provide you free lunch on our programs up to the cultural night. The cash flow report prepared to be available every year.

Join IIA

Whenever you want to explore or conserve our traditional dance and other cultural things, Indonesian Irish Association (IIA) will be the most suitable place for you. Usually they join St. Patrick's Day Parade and wear our beautiful traditional clothes along the road. Check their official website at indonesianirish.blogspot.ie

Banks



At least 3 banks are available to help your transaction, they are AIB, Bank of Ireland (BOI) and Ulster Bank. For your information, AIB bank has received an award as the most student-friendly bank. Most of the banks require at least 5 days to proceed your debit card and it will be shipped directly to your home address.

For opening a bank account, please prepare your documents as shown below;

- Your passport
- Proof of your address
- A letter from the university regarding request for opening a bank account. This letter can be used as the proof of address.
- PPS number (optional but preferable)

To support your busy daily activity, why don't try to install mobile banking to ease your transaction?

If you want to use your debit card out of the country, do not forget to inform your bank before your departure. Otherwise it will be blocked!

Electricity, Heating & Internet



When you rent an apartment, landlord should clearly shows you where the electricity meter is, and what is the initial meter values on it. Then you can apply for your own electricity vendor and get the bill under your name.

If you don't have gas heating, then most probably you are eligible to have dual price electricity (day-standard/night-cheaper). This type of electricity requires specific

type of meter, please make a check and ask your landlord or agency.

Electricity bill is decreasing 2% per year since 2015, there is a 50% discount for daily use, starting from 11 pm to 8 am (Winter) or 12 pm to 9 am (Summer). Use these hours to turn on your heater, dishwasher or your washing machine.

The immigration office might require the proof-of-residence when you extend your IRP, make sure your name and address prints out correctly and reflected in your monthly bill statement. Most important is you have to keep the MPRN number.

Heating

Depends on your accommodation type, you might be lucky to have an apartment with always-on gas heating. This is the preferred accommodation over the electricity heating.

Internet

FYI, Broadband in Ireland is one of the fastest in EU.

Coverage varies in each region. The suggestion is to prefer broadband provider with fiber optic or cable modern infrastructure over a copper/4G/LTE since it provides more reliable connectivity. Some apartment rent already includes internet subscription as well.

There is TV package / subscription (also TV tax in Ireland and usually it is pricey). There is FreeView digital TV in Ireland, and sometime with proper antenna it can receive digital TV from UK as well. Of course you can watch from Netflix as well on your computer.

Transportation

Are you a cyclist? Why don't you buy a new bicycle or the second-hand ones? If we have olx.com in Indonesia, then we have donedeal.ie or adverts.ie in Ireland, go check the best bicycle for you there! Second option does not require you to buy nor

maintain your bikes. several cities (Dublin, Galway, Cork, Limerick) have partnership with Coca Cola and have a program of Coca Cola Zero bike. They have bikes in many strategic spots within the city area. You will need to pay an annual membership card before using their bikes and additional payment is needed if you use it for longer than 30 minutes. Further information please refer to Bikeshare.ie

Bus

If your house is quite far from the university and most of the time you require bus, don't forget to apply for Student LeapCard, it gives you special student price. You may look for the booth in the university to get LeapCard, and please bring your student card as student proof. Just in case you don't find it, You can also apply student Leapcard online at leapcard.ie, the card will be sent to your address (deposit of € 10).

LeapCard will hold some credits, once it's almost finished, try to top it up by using Leapcard Top Up (only in Android).

The other useful application could be Dublin Bus app (Dublin bus timetable for each stop), Journey Planner for Ireland (Dublin+Eireann bus timetable, route, and cost estimation) and My Taxi (to call taxi), because Uber is illegal here.



Intercity bus line

Sometimes you definitely want to travel longer to other cities to visit your friends and relatives with the affordable cost. Bus will be the best option for that. citylink.ie and gobus.ie offer plenty departure times and destination.

If you bought return ticket and accidentally you



cannot reach the bus, don't worry you can call them to reschedule your departure or just simply show your ticket to the driver, they might understand.



Train

Do you have desire for a pleasurable journey? you can take irishrail.ie as well. Sometimes they offer limited departure time. It all depends on your needs and plan.



Airlines

At least 2 well-known Irish airlines can satisfy your demand, aerlingus.com and ryanair.com. Ryanair is very popular as Low Cost Carrier (LCC) market segment, you can check their latest deal.

Insurances

Health Insurance

A valid health insurance with Europe coverage is needed when you renew your IRP card on the next year. Health insurance can be obtained for yearly or until you finish your study (3 or 4 year). Here is the option:

Cigna Insurance (it was VanBreda International) based in Belgium. For Indonesian, you have to prove in your documents that you are free from Tuberculosis. You will need to fill this form intip.in/CignalInsurance

Would you like to purchase the Irish one? then check also O'Driscoll O'Neil (ODON) Insurance at odon.ie. They have a competitive product called Medicover standard only for € 120 per year.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is needed when you're going abroad for any countries. For certain countries, it may have different rates. For any quick quotes, AIG Insurance is well recommended comaig.com/travel-guard. Please check to your university as particular (single) postgraduate students already covered by AIG through Business scheme. However, this scheme is not applicable for dependents.

Stay healthy and religious

Stay healthy

Most of Irish universities have students sport clubs ranging from archery to kayaking and martial arts. Students can join this for free. They will have their one or two times activities per week. Please refer to your university sport clubs guidance. In addition to this, University might in partnership with a sport center where students can get special price to become members. Well, men sana in corpore sano. Keep exercising, keep yourself healthy, and hopefully it will help your study even better.

Healthy is also about mental health and well-being. If you feel you are a kind and generous person, you might have interest in joining volunteering activities. Again, University has so many different options for you to do good deeds. This can be searched via student union in each campus. Be alert, many people might waiting for a help from you.

Stay religious

As president Sukarno said at US Congress in 1956, "5 guidance principles in our life as written in Pancasila, they are belief in God, nationalism, humanity, democracy and social justice". Most of Indonesian people are religious, here we try to answer your concern for where to pray.

For moslem, there are some mosques available in Dublin. They are ICCI mosque (at

Roebuck Road, close to UCD) islamireland.ie, Medina Mosque/ Talbot Mosque (City Center, the place is quite hidden), and South Circular Mosque (Dublin 8, known as the first mosque in Dublin) islaminireland.ie.

Student prayer rooms are available inside the UCD Dublin and NUIG Galway, you can ask the Islamic Society (ISOC) in your university if they exist.

For catholics and christians, don't worry because Ireland has plenty churches all over the country. Most of them are catholics ones. For catholics in Dublin, you can visit St Teresa's Church which located closely to Brown Thomas. And for christian, there is St Mark's Church (pentecostal). Moreover, you have a chance to join Christian Society at your university as well. For more details please go ask Chaplaincy which is also available in most of universities.

Due to limited information, we will be very happy to assist Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism students to learn where they can pray in Ireland.

Ireland Embassy in Indonesia

Republic of Ireland has its representative in Indonesia which will be very happy to serve your needs regarding information about your study in Ireland. Feel free to ask them through their email, website, or even arrange an appointment to meet them so you can get more information about Ireland. You can visit their website at <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/indonesia/>"

Let's Vote!

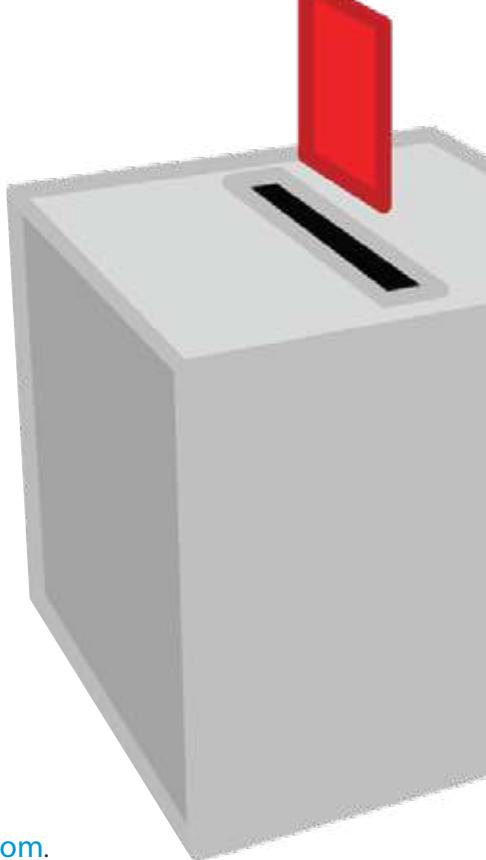
As you might already know, Indonesia will have its presidential election on April, 2019. Indonesians in Ireland are required to register themselves for the election. You can register at <http://indonesianembassy.org.uk/ppln-london>. If by any chances there's a problem with the registration, you can fill the form:

<https://www.kemlu.go.id/london/id/berita-agenta/berita-perwakilan/PublishingImages/Pages/Pengumuman-Daftar-Pemilih-Sementara-Luar-Negeri-%28DPLSN%29-Inggris-Raya-dan-Republik-Irlandia/FORMULIR%20MASUKAN%20DAN%20TANGGAPAN%20MASYARAKAT%20TERHADAP%20DPLSN%20DPLSHLN.doc>

and email it to pplnlondon2019@gmail.com.

For more information regarding Indonesian presidential election 2019, please contact the email above or the phone number 07 984 188 812.

Your participation will be very beneficial for our country.



Lapor Diri

A registration must be done by Indonesian citizens who will live in Ireland for a certain amount of time. You can access the webpage at

<https://consular.indonesianembassy.org.uk/laporonline/>

Click "Registrasi" and fill in the form. Once you're done, your data will be saved in the database and it will be easier for the embassy to serve you or for you to ask for help to the embassy.