

Study in Ireland

Global qualifications

World-class experiences

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IN IRELAND

WORLD-CLASS STANDARDS
WARMEST OF WELCOMES



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The smart choice for
education, career and life





The fact that you are reading this means that you are about to make one of the most important decisions in your life, to study abroad.

There's never been a time when the value of spending time studying, living and working in another country has been greater. As global citizens, the more we listen, learn and understand each other the richer all of our societies will be.

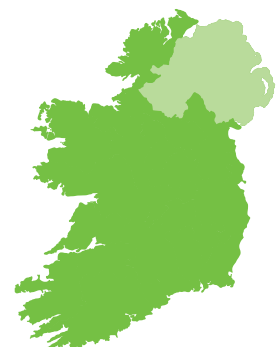
Every day in Ireland more than 160,000 international students undertake short term, undergraduate and post graduate studies. By choosing Ireland, students can join communities of researchers, academics and commercial innovators collaborating and co creating solutions for the myriad of challenges and opportunities the 21st Century poses.

Ireland, an English speaking country at the heart of Europe, has a wide global reach in today's world. Our graduates bring more than their world-class Irish education and globally recognised qualifications with them on their life journeys. They leave with much more. Through education, life and work experiences our graduates develop key skills that many employers prioritise such as:

- An ability to lead
- The practice of effective collaboration
- Creativity and agility

Thank you for considering Ireland, where the warmest of welcomes awaits you.

Giles O'Neill
Head of Education in Ireland



Irish qualifications – a passport to global success

No matter where you choose to pursue your career, your Irish qualifications will be recognised and highly regarded all over the world.



Warmest of welcomes in a safe, English-speaking country

As a small, English-speaking country on the western edge of Europe, Ireland has a well-earned reputation for the warmth of its welcome and for providing a safe and supportive environment to those who choose to study among us. By international standards, we are amongst the safest and most stable countries in the world, and feature in the Top Twenty in the Global Peace Index 2019.



World-class companies, world-leading opportunities

Ireland is home to the brightest and best global corporations and is a destination of choice for pretty much every global corporation that wants to establish a headquarters in Europe. Our exceptionally skilled workforce and graduate pool are uniquely positioned to access the opportunities the Irish business ecosystem creates.



Qualifications that count, skills that matter

Ireland is a country that embodies creativity, agility and a pioneering spirit to deliver education that creates graduates with the unique skills and right qualifications for the world today.

Ireland has a centuries-old tradition of educational excellence, a tradition we are proud of and committed to maintaining. Today, graduates from Irish universities are welcomed by employers in every industry and in every corner of the globe. A degree from an Irish Higher Education Institution is a fast-track to opportunity – wherever you choose to work and live in future years.





Cutting out the red tape to make life easy for International Students

We value the contribution that international students make to Irish university life and welcome over 160,000 students from all over the world every year. To make it easy for you to pursue your studies in Ireland, the international teams in every college, university and institute will help you settle in and answer your questions – even before you get here.



Third Level Graduate Scheme (Stay Back Option)

There are a myriad of great career-starting opportunities for you in Ireland and we want to make it as easy as possible for you to access them. Under the Irish Third Level Graduate Scheme, non-European third level graduates can remain in Ireland for up to 24 months upon completion of studies to look for full time employment. In addition employers can hire graduates who are eligible to work for up to 40 hours per week. After 24 months, you may be eligible for the Green Card or Work Permit Scheme.



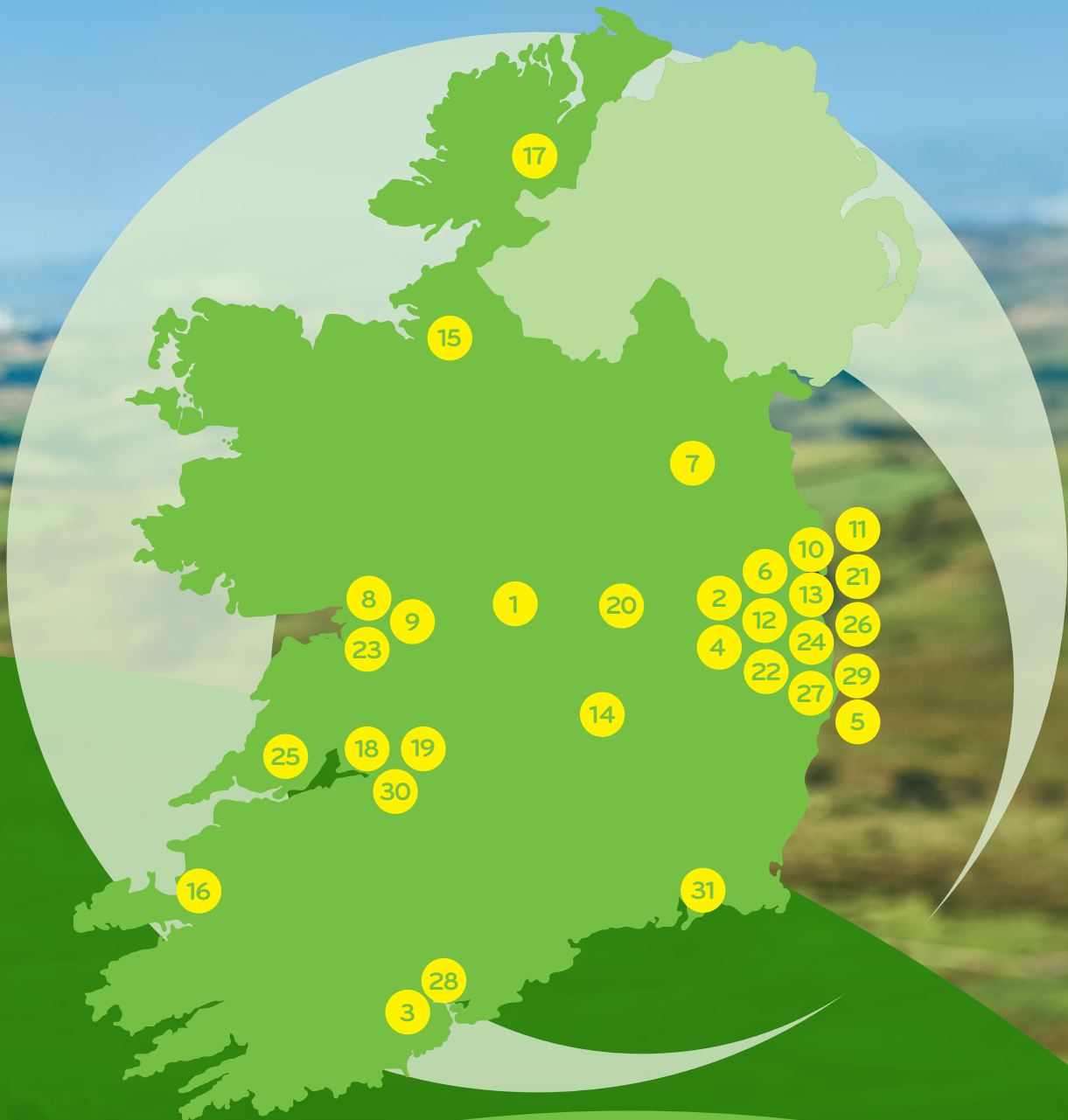


Your future, your choice

Choosing a course can be challenging, after all, you're investing in your future.

Ireland's 31 higher education institutions offer a remarkable 5000+ quality assured programmes. So while you have a lot of choice, you have always the reassurance that however diverse the range is, the courses lead to internationally recognised, quality assured qualifications.

Whether you want a strong, focused business school, a centre of scientific and technological excellence, or a world-renowned English language, humanities and arts faculty... you'll find it in Ireland.



Universities and Colleges in Ireland

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| 1. Athlone Institute of Technology | 12. Independent Colleges | 23. National University of Ireland, Galway |
| 2. CCT College Dublin | 13. Institute of Art, Design & Technology | 24. Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland |
| 3. Cork Institute of Technology | 14. Institute of Technology Carlow | 25. Shannon College of Hotel Management |
| 4. Dorset College | 15. Institute of Technology Sligo | 26. Technological University Dublin |
| 5. Dublin Business School | 16. Institute of Technology Tralee | 27. Trinity College Dublin |
| 6. Dublin City University | 17. Letterkenny Institute of Technology | 28. University College Cork |
| 7. Dundalk Institute of Technology | 18. Limerick Institute of Technology | 29. University College Dublin |
| 8. Galway Business School | 19. Mary Immaculate College | 30. University of Limerick |
| 9. Galway Mayo Institute of Technology | 20. Maynooth University | 31. Waterford Institute of Technology |
| 10. Griffith College | 21. National College of Ireland | |
| 11. ICD Business School | 22. National College of Art and Design | |

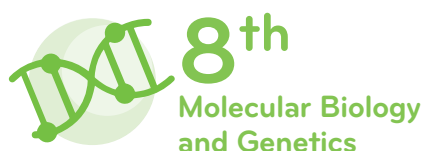
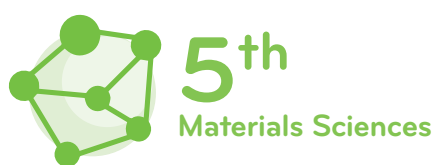
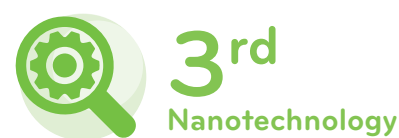
Achieve more – join us in **changing lives**

From natural sciences through to social sciences and the humanities, our research programmes drive innovation and change lives.

With 2,715 academic collaborations with international partners already in place, there are opportunities in every institute, college and university in Ireland.

Ireland – centre of ground-breaking and world-leading research

Ireland has always excelled as a centre of innovation and creativity. Today, our universities are home to some of the most cutting-edge research, often in collaboration with major national or international corporations



Source: SFI

Ireland – setting standards of excellence for today's world

1st

in the world for knowledge diffusion

5th

for knowledge impact

6th

for knowledge absorption

7th

most competitive economy globally

10th

most innovative country

Ireland – unrivalled access to career-starting opportunities

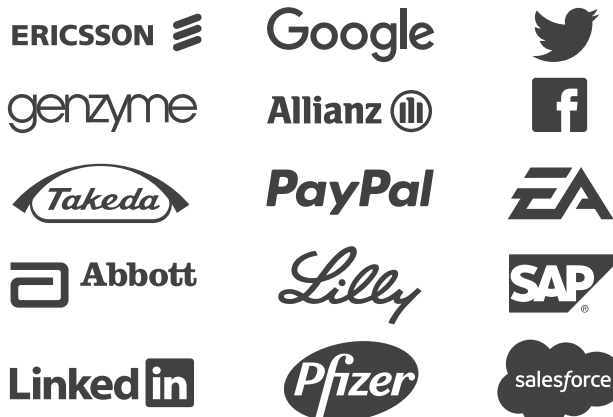
Many of the world's leading multinational companies – such as Google, Facebook, Twitter, Apple, Intel, Genzyme, Ericsson, Allianz, Takeda, PayPal, Abbott, Lilly, LinkedIn, Salesforce and EA Games – have international, European, or EMEA headquarters in Ireland. In fact, Ireland is now the European hub for more than 1,000 leading multinational companies.

These international companies all have one thing in common: they require a skilled, educated and highly capable workforce to drive their success. Thousands of Ireland's graduates are already innovators in their fields and leaders in their companies. With many courses including work placement and intern opportunities, while gaining a valuable qualification you could kick-start a successful career at the same time.

Source: IDA Ireland

Leading companies located in Ireland

- 9 of the top ten global ICT companies
- 8 of the top ten gaming companies
- 8 of the top ten global pharmaceutical companies
- 6 of the top seven diagnostics companies
- 15 of the top 20 medical device companies
- 50% of the world's leading financial services firms
- 5 of the top 10 companies on Forbes' list of The World's Most Innovative Companies



The application process

1. Choose your college and programme

Get as much information as possible about the college and the course you're interested in. Once you have narrowed down your choices, contact the college to which you wish to apply and ask them to send you detailed information on the course and on application procedures. (These may vary across different institutions, so if you're interested in more than one college, ask each one for its procedures).

2. Applying for a course

Carefully consider all the information you have been sent. Before you apply ensure that your academic and English language standards meet those required. Again, selection criteria can vary. It is important that you provide everything that has been requested.

3. Confirming a place

If you are offered a place, congratulations! Now, you will be asked to send the admission fee. It is important that you do this as soon as possible in order to secure your place.

4. Booking accommodation

Once you have been offered and have accepted your place, think about the practical aspects of living in Ireland. Generally, three types of accommodation are on offer: rented apartments, student accommodation, and home stays. All of our universities and colleges have accommodation officers to help you decide which type is best for you. It's really important to organise your accommodation well in advance of your arrival.

5. Got your passport?

Be sure to get your passport as soon as possible. If you already have one, check it is valid for a sufficient amount of time. If it's due to expire in less than twelve months, apply for a new one.

6. Check the immigration and visa regulations

Apply for your student visa if one is needed. You'll find more information about student visas on page 11.

7. You're here!

Welcome! When you arrive in Ireland, it's very important that all your documents are in order and that you have fulfilled all the requirements of your visa approval. If you are staying in Ireland for more than 90 days, you will be required to register with the Gardaí (the Irish police service). Make sure you do this within three months of arrival.





The cost of studying in Ireland

Tuition costs vary depending on the course, the institution and whether you are classified as a European or non-European student. It's important to check the fees with your chosen institution before you begin an application process.

	Undergraduate	Postgraduate
Business	€9,850–€19,500	€9,950–€34,500
Engineering	€9,850–€25,500	€9,950–€25,000
Science & Technology	€9,850–€25,500	€9,950–€27,000
Arts and Humanities	€9,850–€19,500	€9,950–€19,000
Medicine & Health Sciences	€46,500–€55,000	€18,000–€32,000

How much will it cost for me to live in Ireland?

Living expenses vary depending upon where the higher education institution you choose is located; on the type of accommodation you prefer; and on the personal expenditure you choose. On average, expect to spend between €7,000 and €15,000 per year. Rents and prices for goods and services generally are often cheaper for those living outside of Dublin, so lower overall costs can be expected.

Student visas and working in Ireland

Do I need a student visa?

If you are a European citizen there are no visa requirements when entering Ireland. If you are not a European citizen, your nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate will help you to find out if you require an entry visa. If your home country does not have an Irish diplomatic mission, visit inis.gov.ie to find out if you need a visa and how to apply.

How do I apply for a student visa?

You must apply online for a student visa. Completing the online application form is the first step. The application will only be processed when the online form is completed and the required documentation, passport photo and appropriate fee are received by the relevant office, as indicated by AVATS. Read the visa application details very carefully. If you do not provide the documentation required your visa will be refused.

1. You must apply online for a student visa at www.visas.inis.gov.ie/AVATS/OnlineHome2.aspx
2. Read the instructions carefully as they will differ depending on which country you are applying from. You are required to submit a signed summary of your application form, original passport, passport-sized color photographs, pay the relevant fee and submit all supporting documents.
3. Check you have received 'approved' status at www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Visa%20Decisions, only then should you book your flights to Ireland.
4. After arrival, make an appointment with the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service office using burghquayregistrationoffice.inis.gov.ie, and pay the €300 fee to be issued a residence permit.

Can I work while I'm studying in Ireland?

Yes, subject to certain conditions. International students holding a valid Immigration Permission Stamp 2 can work up to 40 hours per week only during the months of June, July, August and September, and from 15th December to 15th January inclusive.

At all other times students holding Immigration Permission Stamp 2 are limited to working up to 20 hours per week. The permission to work will end when your Stamp 2 expires. If you are a degree programme student, you are eligible for casual work once you are:

- Registered with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB).
- Enrolled on a recognised programme leading to a qualification recognised by the Minister for Education & Skills.
- Attending a full time programme of education at or above NFQ Level 7.
- Undertaking a minimum of 15 hours day time study per week.
- Receiving tuition between the hours of 8am and 6pm per week for a minimum of 25 weeks per annum.
- On a programme of at least one year's duration.

Can I work when I complete my studies in Ireland?

Yes. Under the Irish Third Level Graduate Scheme, non-European third level graduates can remain in Ireland for up to 24 months upon completion of studies to look for full time employment.

Note that the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) manages registration for everyone who lives outside the capital. There are regional offices in Cork, Galway Limerick, Sligo, Waterford, Athlone, Dundalk, Letterkenny. www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/registration-offices

Are scholarships available?

Yes. Over a thousand scholarships are available for international students. These come from a wide variety of Irish sources, including the Government, the higher education institutions, and other organisations. These are awarded solely at the discretion of the individual organisations, each of which has their own criteria for eligibility. For further information, go to: www.educationinireland.com

What are the English language requirements?

To be accepted for a degree programme, students must show a proficiency in English.

All English language certificates must have been issued within two years of the expected start date of your course of study in Ireland.

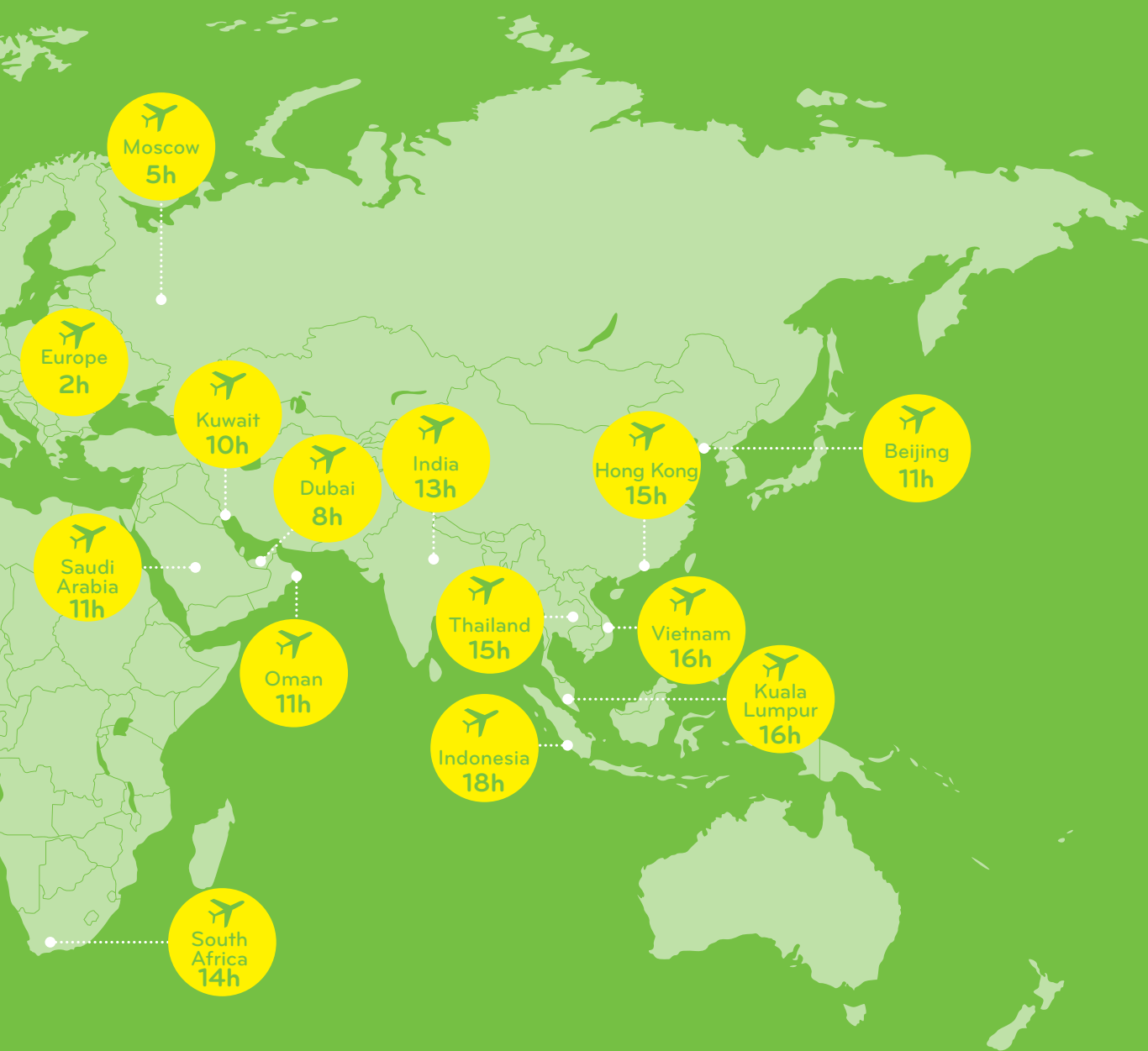
Examination	Level Required
GCSE English Language	Grade C
GCE O-Level English Language University of Cambridge	Grade C
IELTS	Composite score of 6.0-6.5 with not less than 6.0 in any one component
Cambridge Proficiency	Grade C (i.e. CEFR Level C1 or C2).
Cambridge Advanced	Grade C (i.e. CEFR Level C1 or C2).
Cambridge First Certificate	Grade A (i.e. CEFR Level C1)
ETAPP	Grade C1 or better (i.e. CEFR Level C1 or C2)
Pearsons	A minimum score of 61 (with no section score below 59)
TOEFL	580 (paper based) or 90 (internet based)



It's a small world...

The location and flight times across the world from Ireland are:





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