

Ireland Visa Application

Apply for your visa

Ensure that you submit all necessary documents to the local Irish Embassy/Consulate/Visa Office



Arriving in Ireland

Ensure you carry your offer letter and passport which include your visa



Registering with immigration

Register within 90 days to apply for an Irish Residence Permit (IRP)



Remember to apply for your visa early to allow enough processing time (at least 8 weeks, longer in busy periods and at least 10 weeks for January intake)

- Most non-EEA students need a visa to study in Ireland
- Apply for a Study Visa (Long Stay) via the Irish Immigration website. We recommend choosing the Multi-Entry Visa
- Some students are visa-exempt (see list; registration required on arrival)
- Students in China, Hong Kong, India, Nigeria or Pakistan must provide fingerprints for their visa
- Apply for a study visa up to 3 months before travel and ensure it's valid on arrival
- Book your appointment to apply for an Irish Residence Permit (IRP) as soon as you have a visa as appointments get booked up quickly during busy periods.
- Financial Evidence: Show at least €10,000/year for living expenses
- Bank statements (6 months) or sponsorship documents if funded by others
- Course Fees Proof: Full payment if under €6,000 or at least €6,000 for higher fees
- Acceptance Letter: From institution, showing fees and confirmation of admission
- Statement of Purpose: Reasons for study, family details and visa compliance agreement
- Education Gaps: Explain any gaps in education history including employment details if relevant
- Academic and English Proficiency: Evidence of qualifications and language skills
- Medical Insurance: Proof of private insurance meeting Ireland's requirements
- For Under-18 Applicants: Birth Certificate and Parental Consent (notarised, with custody details if needed); Accommodation Details for stay in Ireland

Sponsored Students: Visa Application Essentials

- Application Form (AVATS): Sign and date the summary
- Passport Photos: Two recent photos with name and visa reference on the back
- Passport: Current passport (valid for 12+ months) and copies of previous passports



For more information visit the Irish Immigration website www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-study-in-ireland



View our fees – find the latest tuition fees for all programmes at DISC www.dublinisc.com/how-to-apply/fees



Accommodation options – explore the student accommodation available on campus at University College Dublin www.dublinisc.com/international-study-centre/accommodation



Download our prospectus – check out the latest DISC brochure www.dublinisc.com/prospectus



Find out more about University College Dublin - www.dublinisc.com/international-study-centre/university-of-dublin

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Pathway programmes to prepare international students for university and life in Ireland



Dublin International Study Centre is a provider of a programme leading to a QQI Award Level 5 - Further Education and Training. The International Foundation Year is now validated as a Level 5 Specific Purpose Certificate. With this QQI-certified qualification, you'll have a globally respected credential that supports smooth access to further education pathways and credit transfers in most institutions worldwide.

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Key Information

A warm welcome

From the moment you enrol, our expert staff support you every step of the way. You'll join a small, friendly international community, making it easy to feel at home in Ireland.

Future-ready skills

Gain academic knowledge, English proficiency and confidence for university and your career. Your programme also includes employability activities to help you stand out in the job market.

Pathway to UCD

Upon completing the International Foundation Year with the required grades, you can progress to University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland's largest university, ranked among the world's top 150.

Entry Requirements

English Requirements	5.0 & min of 4.5 in each band on the Academic Version For progression to BA Humanities & BA Joint Honours: IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent) overall with min 5.5 in Writing & 5.0 in each other band on the Academic Version
A/AS Levels	CCD OR CDD + B (AS Level)
International US Schools	Minimum GPA 3.0/4.0 (grade B, 83-86%) with minimum GPA 2.7 (grade B-, 80-82%) in specific subject requirements.
IB Diploma	24 Total Score with minimum Standard Level 4 in specific subject requirements. (subject pass 3)
IB Certificate	Accepted with 26 points with minimum Standard Level 4 in specific subjects' requirements. (subject pass 3) Non-EU Fee Assessed applicants only
Cambridge IGCSE	5 passes at 9-4 (A-C) with at least a C in relevant subjects.
Cambridge O Level	5 passes at A-C with at least a C in relevant subjects (refer to relevant subject guidelines)

IELTS requirement	Jun-Aug	Sept-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jun-Aug	Sept
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International Foundation Year English Language Preparation Vacation

For more information, visit dublinisc.com/how-to-apply/entry-requirements

International Foundation Year: key facts

Entry dates:

September or January

Course length:

Three terms

Two academic routes:

Business, Social Science, Arts and Humanities

Engineering and Sciences

Tuition fees (2025/26):

Business, Social Science, Arts and Humanities €21,750

Engineering and Sciences €25,900



For more information, visit dublinisc.com/programmes/international-foundation-year

Scholarships for 2025/26 academic year (ELMEA)

	International Foundation Year at Dublin ISC	Undergraduate degree at UCD	Undergraduate degree at UCD
	3-term course	3-year courses	4-year courses
Business, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities	Up to €7,000	€2,000 each academic year	€4,000 each academic year
Engineering and Sciences	Up to €7,000	€2,000 each academic year	€4,000 each academic year

UCD's scholarships are based on meeting eligibility criteria and academic requirements detailed in the terms and conditions and exclude students progressing to Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences, and Radiology degrees and sponsored students.

Students can benefit from our scholarship if they are a self-funded student. Please note that scholarships are valid for 2025/26 academic year programmes at the International Study Centre.



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