



International Students Mini Guide

Dundalk Institute of Technology - Ireland



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Choosing the right degree and the right college is a big decision for you, one that will shape the rest of your life. By choosing DkIT, we promise to put your future first.

Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) has earned a reputation as the leading higher education provider in the north east of Ireland. Our reputation has been solidly built by providing quality educational opportunities in a broad range of disciplines from undergraduate degree to PhD level.

This leaflet provides an overview on our Institute and the fantastic programmes and supports that we offer international students. We welcome students from all over the world to DkIT every year and we look forward to welcoming you too!



We offer 70+ Bachelor Degree and Masters programmes.



Our vibrant Institute community offers you opportunities to participate in 50+ sports and cultural societies, a great way to make new friends!



We have multinational employers in the region such as PayPal, Xerox, Heinz and Coca Cola, amongst others, who give students the opportunity for fantastic work placements and job opportunities when they complete their studies.

Why Study At DkIT?



Many of our programmes offer work-placements, giving students real life work experience.



We have a state-of-the-art sports campus at DkIT Sport, which includes a swimming pool, gym, a high performance strength and conditioning training zone and 10 indoor sports pitches.



Students learn in small groups, supported by our highly qualified lecturers.



Our programmes provide graduates with specific discipline expertise, and the skills required by employers in today's global economy, such as problem solving, communications skills and critical thinking skills.



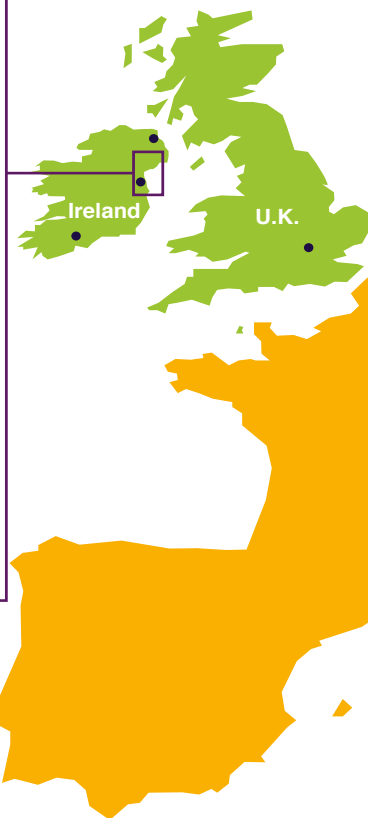
We offer an International Foundation Programme, specifically to prepare international students for their Bachelor study.

Good to know!

DKIT is an ACELS accredited English language training centre.

Our Campus & Location

- We are located in Dundalk, Co. Louth, which is in the north east of Ireland.
- The DkIT campus is a 36 hectares site and we are positioned halfway between the two largest cities on the island of Ireland, Belfast and Dublin, (each approximately 80 kilometres away).
- Dundalk is served by the Dublin-Belfast train corridor (Dundalk's central train Station is approximately a 20 minute walk from the campus).
- DkIT campus is around 10 minutes' walk from the centre of town.



- Less than 45 min drive to Dublin Airport
- 1 hour by road or rail from Dublin or Belfast
- Access via ferries, trains and buses.

Why choose Ireland?

- **Study** in one of the best education systems in the world for higher education achievements
- **Access** world-class research opportunities in world-leading programmes
- **Live** in one of Europe's only English speaking countries
- **Connect** with career opportunities with leading global companies located in Ireland
- **Achieve** your ambitions in Europe's most entrepreneurial country
- **Join** the community of 35,000 international students from 161 countries enjoying Ireland's vibrant culture
- **Experience** living in one of the friendliest and safest countries in the world

Some of the many countries our DkIT international students are from:

Brazil // China // Denmark // Estonia // Finland // France // Germany // India // Indonesia // Japan // Korea // Lithuania // Malaysia // Nepal // Nigeria // Norway // Oman // Spain // Sweden // Portugal // Saudi Arabia // Vietnam // U.S.A

Your Student Experience

World-class campus

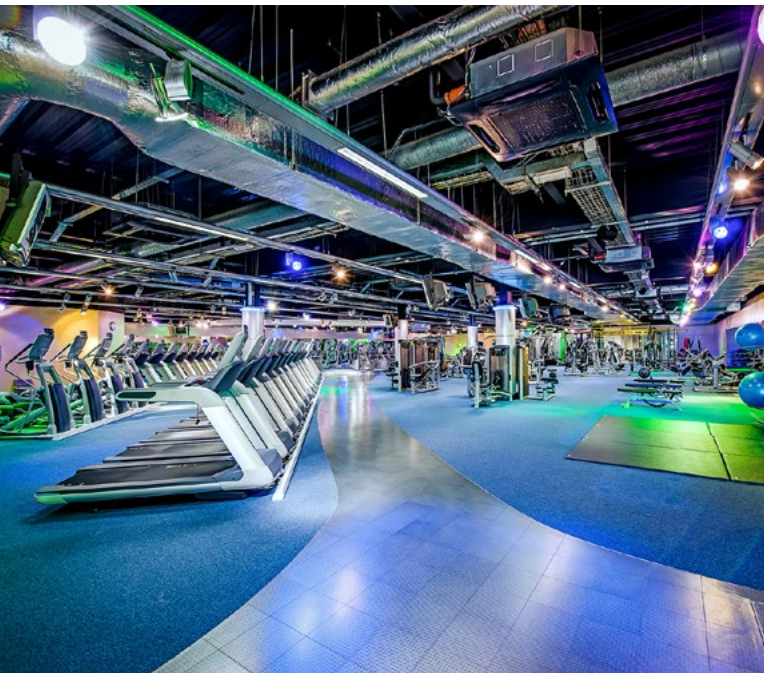
DkIT has a state-of-the-art campus with facilities across its 4 academic schools of Business & Humanities, Engineering, Health & Science and Informatics & Creative Arts. In 2018, the Institute received €18.5 million investment to transform its existing science and engineering facilities into a STEM centre of excellence for the region.

Accommodation for international students

Accommodation in the Dundalk area is approximately 50% cheaper than the Dublin region. There are a variety of accommodation options available to international students, including hall-of-residence accommodation, private house rental and family homestays. DkIT has a dedicated accommodation officer for international students to support incoming students with accommodation search and related issues during their time at DkIT. Contact international@dkit.ie for more information.

International Student Support

We have a dedicated International Office which supports international students from application stage, right through to graduation. Visit dkit.ie/international for more information or contact international@dkit.ie.



Student Services

We provide a variety of important supports to students during your college experience to help you get the most out of your education. Supports include Careers & Employability Guidance, Counselling Service, Medical Unit, Chaplaincy Service and Disability Supports. Visit dkit.ie/student-services for more information.

Learning Supports

DkIT has a range of learning supports available to all students aimed at helping you get the best possible result from your time with us. Our Student Learning Centre, Library and IT Learning Centres provides useful supports in IT, mathematics, academic writing and much more. Visit dkit.ie/learning-supports for more information.

Sports & Societies

Our Sports & Societies office runs over 50 student-led clubs and societies. Whether you want to pursue an existing interest or try something completely new, there is something for everyone. From football to politics, photography to horse-riding, dance to fashion, and even circus arts. Visit dkit.ie/sports-and-societies for more information.

Flexible Learning Pathways For International Students

	IELTS Entry Requirements	What's Covered	Duration	Start Dates	End Qualification Level	Progression onto
International Foundation Programme (IFP)*	IELTS 4.5	English & Subject Specific Modules	1 Academic Year	Sept - June or Jan - Aug	Level 6 Certificate	1st Year of Undergraduate Degree
Pre Sessional English Programme	IELTS 5.0	English	1 Semester	Jan & Late May	Level 6 Special Purpose Award	Relevant year of undergraduate, or postgraduate degree
Undergraduate Direct Entry**	IELTS Level Needed	Start Dates	Duration	Potential Progression onto		
Higher Certificate	IELTS 4.5	September	2 Years	Undergraduate Ordinary Degree		
Ordinary Degree	IELTS 5.5	September	3 Years	Undergraduate Honours Degree/ Employment		
Honours Degree	IELTS 6.0	September	3 - 4 Years	Masters/PhD / Employment		
Undergraduate Advanced Entry***	IELTS 6.0	September	Depending on year of entry	Masters/PhD / Employment		
Postgraduate (Taught & by Research)	IELTS 6.5	September/ January	Depends on programme/ area of research	Employment		

* International Foundation Programme (IFP)

The International Foundation programmes prepare international students for direct entry to the first year of an undergraduate degree at DkIT. The DkIT IFP has been developed to help students who have completed their secondary school education and need language and/or academic preparation, to prepare them for Bachelor study.

** Direct Entry

Students who have adequate high school grades and an IELTS score of 5.5/6.0 can obtain direct entry into the first year of their ordinary/honours degree.

*** Advanced Entry

Students who have completed some studies at university and have an IELTS score of 6.0 can obtain advanced entry into the relevant year of their ordinary/honours degree.

Remain in Ireland after Graduation

International students can remain in Ireland after completing their degree to work or seek employment. The period of time allowed is:

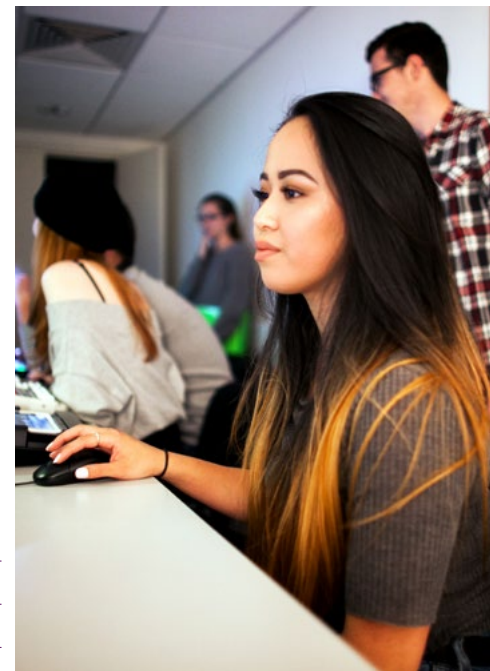
- Honours Degree, (Level 8) - 12 months
- Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, PhD (Doctorate) (Level 9/10) - 24 months

Qualification Levels In Ireland

Education Qualifications in Ireland have 10 levels.
(these 10 levels are called the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ))

The levels are:

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| • Level 1 Certificate (NFQ Level 1) | • Higher Certificate | (NFQ Level 6) |
| • Level 2 Certificate (NFQ Level 2) | • Ordinary Bachelor Degree | (NFQ Level 7) |
| • Level 3 Certificate (NFQ Level 3) | • Honours Bachelor Degree | (NFQ Level 8) |
| • Level 4 Certificate (NFQ Level 4) | • Masters Degree | (NFQ Level 9) |
| • Level 5 Certificate (NFQ Level 5) | • Doctoral Degree | (NFQ Level 10) |



Undergraduate Programmes

School of Health & Science

Nursing, Midwifery & Early Years

Course	Level	Duration
BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies	8	4 Years

Life & Health Sciences

Course	Level	Duration
BSc (Hons) in Science (Award Options: Environmental Bioscience OR Biopharmaceutical Science)	8	4 Years
BSc (Hons) in Health & Physical Activity	8	4 Years
BSc in Pharmaceutical Science	7	3 Years
BSc in Applied Bioscience	7	3 Years
BSc (Hons) in Biopharmaceutical Science (add-on)	8	1 Year

Agriculture, Food & Animal Health

Course	Level	Duration
BSc (Hons) in Agriculture (Common Entry) (Award Options: Agriculture OR Agri-Food Production)	8	4 Years
BSc in Veterinary Nursing	7	3 Years
BSc (Hons) in Sustainable Agriculture (add-on)	8	1 Year
BSc (Hons) Food & Agri-business (add-on)	8	1 Year

School of Informatics & Creative Arts

Computing

Course	Level	Duration
BSc (Hons) in Multimedia Web Development	8	4 Years
BSc (Hons) in Computing	8	4 Years
BSc (Hons) in Computing in Games Development	8	4 Years
BSc in Computing	7	3 Years
Higher Certificate in Science in Computing and Business	6	2 Years
BSc (Hons) in Computing in Cloud and Data Centre Operations (add-on)	8	1 Year
BSc (Hons) in Computing in Cloud Computing (add-on)	8	1 Year
Higher Diploma in Computing	8	1 Year
Higher Diploma in Science in Augmented & Virtual Reality	8	1 Year
Higher Diploma in Science in 3D Computer Animation	8	1 Year

Creative Media

Course	Level	Duration
BA (Hons) in Film & Television Production	8	4 Years
BA (Hons) in Communications in Creative Media	8	4 Years
BA in Theatre & Film Practice	7	3 Years
BA in Media Arts & Technologies	7	3 Years

Music

Course	Level	Duration
BA (Hons) in the Production of Music and Audio	8	4 Years
BA (Hons) in Applied Music	8	4 Years

School of Business & Humanities

Business

Course	Level	Duration
BA (Hons) in Accounting & Finance	8	3 Years
Bachelor of Business (BB) (Hons)	8	3 Years
BB in Business & Management	7	3 Years
BA in Digital Marketing, Communications & PR	7	3 Years
BB in Business & Technology	7	3 Years
BBs (Hons) Add On	8	1 Year
BBs (Hons) in Digital & International Business (add-on)	8	1 Year
BA (Hons) in Public Relations (add-on)	8	1 Year
BA (Hons) in Global Marketing (add-on)	8	1 Year
Higher Diploma in Business & Marketing	8	1 Year

Humanities

Course	Level	Duration
BA (Hons) in Social Care	8	4 Years
BA (Hons) in Digital Humanities	8	3 Years
BA in Community Youth Work	7	3 Years
BA in Sport, Exercise and Enterprise	7	3 Years
BA (Hons) in Sport, Exercise with Enterprise (add-on)	8	1 Year
BA (Hons) in Youth Work (add-on)	8	1 Year
International Foundation Programme	6	1 Year
Pre Sessional English Programme	6	3 Months

Hospitality

Course	Level	Duration
BA in Culinary Arts	7	3 Years
BA in Event Management	7	3 Years
BA in Hospitality Management	7	3 Years
Higher Certificate in Arts in Hospitality Studies	6	2 Years
Higher Certificate in Arts in Front Office Management and Business Administration	6	2 Years
Higher Certificate in Arts in Culinary Arts	6	2 Years
BA (Hons) in Culinary Enterprise (add-on)	8	1 Year
BA (Hons) in Hospitality Management (add-on)	8	1 Year
BA (Hons) in Event Management (add-on)	8	1 Year

School of Engineering

Engineering

Course	Level	Duration
BEng (Hons) in Engineering (Common Entry) (Award Options: Mechanical Engineering OR Electrical Electronic Systems OR Civil Engineering)	8	4 Years
BSc (Hons) in Building Surveying	8	4 Years
BSc (Hons) in Construction Management	8	4 Years
BSc (Hons) in Architectural Technology	8	4 Years
BEng in Civil Engineering	7	3 Years
BEng in Mechanical Engineering	7	3 Years
BEng in Electrical and Electronic Systems	7	3 Years
BSc in Construction Management	7	3 Years
BSc in Architectural Technology	7	3 Years
BSc (Hons) in Civil Engineering (add-on)	8	1 Year
BSc (Hons) in Engineering Entrepreneurship (add-on)	8	1 Year
BEng (Hons) in Sustainable Design Engineering (add-on)	8	1 Year
BSc (Hons) in Construction Project Management (add-on)	8	1 Year

Postgraduate Opportunities

We have a range of taught postgraduate opportunities available to students and we are actively growing our portfolio of postgraduate programmes.

School of Health & Science

Agriculture, Food & Animal Health

Course	Level	Duration
MSc in Agricultural Biotechnology	9	1 Year

Nursing, Midwifery & Early Years

Course	Level	Duration
Masters for Nurses	9	1 Year
Masters for Midwives	9	1 Year

School of Business & Humanities

Business

Course	Level	Duration
MBS in Entrepreneurship & Marketing	9	1 Year
MSc in Management	9	1 Year

School of Informatics & Creative Arts

Computing

Course	Level	Duration
MSc Computing	9	15 Months
MSc Data Analytics	9	1 Year

Music

Course	Level	Duration
MA in Traditional Music Studies	9	1 Year
MA in Music Technology	9	18 Months

School of Engineering

Engineering

Course	Level	Duration
MSc in Renewable Energy Systems	9	1 Year
MEng in Electrical Engineering	9	1 Year
MEng in Mechanical Engineering	9	1 Year

DkIT-DCU Graduate School

DkIT has a strategic alliance with Dublin City University (DCU) which supports both institutes' ambitious research agenda and ensures greater access and progression opportunities for students seeking to pursue postgraduate studies.

Postgraduate Research Opportunities

DkIT is a leading Institute of Technology in Ireland in its prioritised research areas of:

- Health and Ageing
- Renewable Energy and Environment
- Software Technology
- Entrepreneurship
- Music and Creative Arts

We offer a variety of exciting postgraduate research opportunities at doctoral and masters level. Often research opportunities are offered in conjunction with one of our 6 on-campus research centres.

To find out more about the opportunities in this area, please visit dkit.ie/postgraduateresearch



Applying to DkIT

To apply for any of our International Foundation, Undergraduate or Postgraduate programmes, please contact your Education Agent or visit dkit.ie/international to complete our application form.

All completed applications forms must be emailed to international@dkit.ie along with your academic transcripts, passport copy and IELTS transcripts (where applicable).

Scholarships

DkIT has a variety of scholarships available to international students. Scholarships differ depending on your country of origin. To find out more about our scholarships, please visit dkit.ie/international/scholarships

Tuition Fees

The following tuition fees apply to international students at DkIT.

- Pre Sessional English Programme €2,000
- International Foundation Programme €7,250
- Undergraduate €9,950
- Postgraduate €12,000

International Student Stories



Mr. Luyu Gan - China

“ I started my studies on the Summer International Foundation Programme and went on to do the very popular Bachelor of Honours in Accounting and Finance Degree. Class-sizes at DkIT are smaller than many of the traditional universities and lecturers were so helpful and flexible. I am now an ACCA Affiliate working for the multinational Total Produce, in Dublin in the financial division. Dublin in the financial division. ”



Ms. Zhi Hui Fong - Malaysia

“ I studied the Bachelor Degree (Level 7) in Pharmaceutical Science and then did an add-on, Honours Degree in Biopharmaceutical Science (Level 8) at DkIT, and graduated with 1st-class Honours. I am now doing Doctoral studies in the field of Physiology at the DkIT's prestigious designated Smooth Muscle Research Centre on-campus. The quality of the programmes in DkIT is high and Dundalk Town is a good student town, compact and convenient, with everything you need on the doorstep, and Irish people are so friendly! you need on the doorstep, and Irish people are so friendly! ”

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