



# **DkIT International Foundation Programme**

**Dundalk Institute of Technology - Ireland**

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## About DkIT

Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) is the leading higher education institute in the north east of Ireland and has earned an international reputation for first-class teaching and learning. Set in a state-of-the-art campus in Dundalk, County Louth (just one hour's drive from the major cities of Dublin and Belfast), DkIT provides quality education and training opportunities to approximately 5,200 students across its four Academic Schools of Business & Humanities, Engineering, Health & Science and Informatics & Creative Arts. DkIT currently offers more than 70 programmes at Undergraduate and Masters level and also offers opportunities at PhD.

We are proud of our diverse campus and DkIT currently has more than 700 international students from 25+ countries. To find out more about international study opportunities at DkIT, please visit [dkit.ie/international](http://dkit.ie/international) or contact [international@dkit.ie](mailto:international@dkit.ie).

## About The Foundation Programme

The international students who come to study in DkIT have different English language learning requirements.

In order to accommodate our students and ensure the programmes we offer meet their learning needs, we have developed three International Foundation Programmes, including:

- Certificate in Foundation Studies with Intensive English
- Certificate in Preparation for Higher Education
- Certificate in Pre-Sessional English

When students arrive at DkIT, they do a quick placement test to assess their level of English and they are then placed in the appropriate Foundation programme (either the Certificate in Foundation Studies with Intensive English, or the Certificate in Preparation for Higher Education).

# Certificate in Pre-Sessional English

This programme is for students who have already qualified for entry to their programme of study but don't meet the English language requirement for Bachelor, or Master study.

This is a one-semester intensive English language improvement programme.

**Duration:** 1 semester

**Start Dates:** Mid-January\* or Late May each year.

**Qualification Received:** NFQ Level 6 Certificate (30 ECTS)

## English Entry Requirement:

- IELTS 5.0 for progression onto a Level 7 Ordinary Bachelor Degree
- IELTS 5.5 for progression onto a Level 8 Honours Bachelor Degree
- IELTS 6.0 for progression onto a Level 9 Masters programme

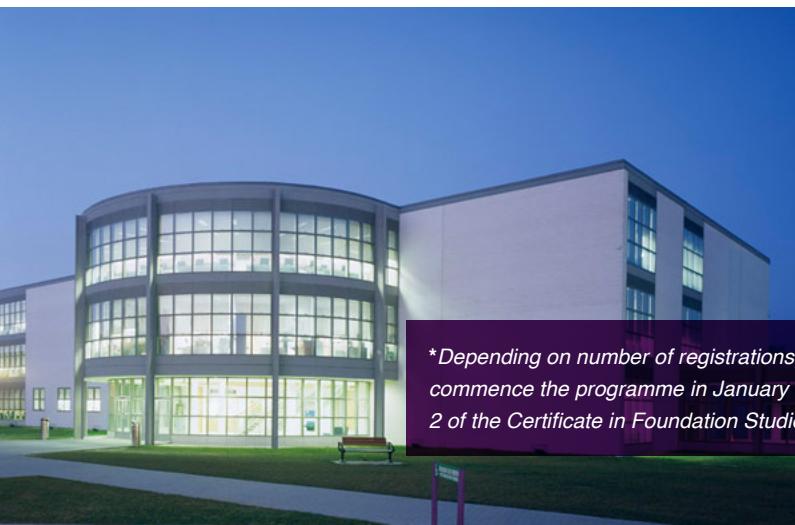
**Tuition Fees:** €2,000 (scholarships available)

**Progression Pathway:** successful completion of this programme will enable students to progress to an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at DkIT.

## Programme Outline

Semester 1

Information Technology Skills (5 ECTS)
Introduction to Research & Study Skills (5 ECTS)
English Foundation – Higher Level 2 (5 ECTS)
Intercultural Competence (5 ECTS)
Introduction to Business (5 ECTS)
Orientation (5 ECTS)



*\*Depending on number of registrations, students who commence the programme in January may join Semester 2 of the Certificate in Foundation Studies in Intensive English*

# Certificate In Foundation Studies With Intensive English

This programme is designed for students who:

- Have just completed their secondary (high school) education in their home country.
- Speak English as a second language.
- Need a programme that prepares them for year 1 in higher education.
- Need an intensive English language programme to improve their language skills to the standard needed for year 1 of their Bachelor programme.
- Need to build the skills needed for study in an English-speaking college, e.g., Study Skills, IT, and Western Culture.

**Duration:** 1 year (2 semesters)

**Start Dates:** September – June, or January – August each academic year.

**Qualification Received:** NFQ Level 6 Certificate (60 Credits)

**English Entry Requirement:** IELTS 4.5 or Grade C in iGCSE/GCSE English (or equivalent grade in an internationally recognised English exam)

**Tuition Fees:** €7,545 (including mandatory health insurance and sports facilities fee)

**Progression Pathway:** Successful completion of this programme will enable students to progress to Year 1 of their selected Bachelor programme, subject to achieving the following grades in Foundation:

- 40% (entry to Year 1, Level 7 Bachelor programme)
- 60% (entry to Year 1 of Level 8 Bachelor programme)
- 65% (entry to Level 8 Higher Diploma programme)

## Programme Outline

Semester 1

English Foundation Level 1 (10 ECTS – 12 hours English)  
Introduction to Research & Study Skills (5 ECTS)  
Exploring Western Culture (5 ECTS)  
Orientation (5 ECTS)  
Information Technology Skills (5 ECTS)

Semester 2

English Foundation Level 2 (10 ECTS – 12 hours English)  
Introduction to Communication Skills (5 ECTS)  
Essential Mathematics (5 ECTS)  
Intercultural Competence (5 ECTS)  
Introduction to Business (5 ECTS)



# Certificate In Preparation For Higher Education

This programme is designed for students who:

- Have attended secondary (high school) education in their home country.
- Need to complete an international foundation year (IFY) to qualify for higher education.
- Need a programme that prepares them for year 1.
- Speak English to a more advanced level than the Certificate in Foundation Studies with Intensive English, perhaps because they went to an English-speaking school, or come from a place where English is widely spoken as a second language.
- Would like to get a flavour of a year 1 programme, e.g., by taking an elective in Business, Tourism, Science, Engineering or Computing.

**Duration:** 1 academic year (2 semesters)

**Start Dates:** September – June, or January – August each academic year.

**Qualification Received:** NFQ Level 6 Certificate (60 Credits)

**English Entry Requirement:** IELTS 4.5 or Grade C in iGCSE/GCSE English (or equivalent in an internationally recognised English exam)

**Tuition Fees:** €7,545 (including mandatory health insurance and sports facilities fee)



**Progression Pathway:** Successful completion of this programme will enable students to progress to Year 1 of their selected Bachelor programme, subject to achieving the following grades in Foundation:

- 40% (entry to Year 1, Level 7 Bachelor programme)
- 60% (entry to Year 1 of Level 8 Bachelor programme)
- 65% (entry to Level 8 Higher Diploma programme)

## Programme Outline

### Mandatory

### Electives\*\*

Information Technology Skills English (1) (5 ECTS)	
Exploring Western Culture (5 ECTS)	Civil Engineering Skills
Introduction to Research & Study Skills (5 ECTS)	Introduction to Web Development
Orientation (5 ECTS)	Physics Through Problem Based Learning (1)
English Foundation – Higher Level 1 (5 ECTS – 6 hours English)	Introduction to the Global Tourism Industry

### Mandatory

### Electives\*\*\*

Essential Mathematics (5 ECTS)	
Intercultural Competence (5 ECTS)	Electrical Technology
Introduction to Communication Skills (5 ECTS)	Computer Architecture
Entrepreneurial Skills (5 ECTS)	Physics Through Problem Based Learning (2)
English Foundation – Higher Level 2 (5 ECTS)	The Geography of Travel & Tourism

\*\* (All electives are 5 ECTS. September intake students select one elective in Semester 1 and one elective in Semester 2)

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# Applying to DkIT

To apply for any of our International Foundation Programmes, please contact your Education Agent or visit [dkit.ie/international](http://dkit.ie/international) to complete our application form.

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

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