

**DCU Placement
International Mobility Team**

FACT SHEET 2024-2025



DCU is one of the world's leading Young Universities, with a mission to transform lives and societies through education, research, and innovation. Located close to both Dublin City Centre and the International Airport, DCU offers students a superb experience, all with top class facilities and support. DCU welcomes international students to be part of this mission, offering the opportunity to study here for either one semester or one year. DCU currently has a student body of over 19,000 students and welcomes 128 nationalities annually. Dublin is a fantastic city in which to undertake a mobility offering a variety of experiences for everyone.



“Thanks to DCU, now I have many friends around the world and I acquired various values. So I have confidence that I can live anywhere in the world”

Haruka Sonohara
Gakushuin University, Japan

“Everyone at DCU will help you and will help you feel at home.”

Julith Leonie Mueller
Evangelische Hochschule
Berlin, Germany

Key Features of DCU

- Multi campus environment (Glasnevin, All Hallows, and St Patricks Campuses), all with superb facilities, with **over 140 clubs and societies**.
- Opportunity to study with Irish and other **international students**.
- **On Campus Accommodation** available subject to application. Support provided to secure off campus accommodation.
- **Access to a range of facilities** including Health Centre, Disability and Learning Support and Student, Autism-friendly support Services and counselling.
- Wide range of course options across **five faculties** with highly supportive lecturing teams.
- Access to **award winning Sports Centre** with Gymnasium, Swimming pool and sauna.

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Website	Institutional: www.dcu.ie International Mobility: www.dcu.ie/placement
Academic Calendar Dates are provisional	<u>Semester 1:</u> September 2024 - December 2024 Monday 9th September (first day of teaching) - Friday 30th November (last day of teaching) Examination period 9th - 21st December 2024 <u>Semester 2:</u> January 2025 - May 2025 Monday 13th Jan 2025 (first day of teaching) - Friday 12th of April (last day of teaching) Examination period 22nd April - 6th May 2025 www.dcu.ie/registry/academic-calendars

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Orientation Dates are provisional	<p><u>Semester 1 and full year students:</u> Monday 2nd September 2025</p> <p><u>Semester 2 students:</u> Monday 6th January 2025</p> <p>Confirmed orientation dates will be communicated in acceptance letters.</p>
Nominations	<p>Nominations must be submitted using an online form. The link will be shared with partners directly.</p> <p>Please note that you must submit the form for each student your university is nominating. Email nominations are not accepted.</p> <p><u>Semester 1 and full year students</u> Nominations open: 1st March 2024 Nominations close: 31st March 2024</p> <p><u>Semester 2 students</u> Nominations open: 1st September 2024 Nominations close: 30th September 2024</p> <p>Please do not submit semester 2 only nominations at the same time as the semester 1 and full year nominations.</p> <p>Students will be invited to apply after nominations have closed.</p>
Applications	<p>Students apply online. Nominated students will receive the link by email.</p> <p><u>Application deadlines:</u> Semester 1 and full year students: 30th May 2024 Semester 2: 30th October 2024</p>
English Language Requirements	<p>All non-native English speakers should submit evidence of their proficiency in the English language. www.dcu.ie/registry/english-language-requirements-non-native-speakers-english-registry</p> <p>The requirement is equivalent to a CEFR B2 level. Please note that DCU does accept certificates issued by partner universities that attest to their student's language abilities.</p>
GPA Requirement	<p>For Study Abroad a GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent) is required. There is no such requirement for Incoming Erasmus+/Exchange.</p>
Inclusion and accessibility	<p>DCU is committed to a university-wide approach in the promotion of equality of access and opportunities for all. Information here: www.dcu.ie/disability</p> <p>Students must disclose if they have a disability in their application. This is to ensure adequate supports are put in place for their time in DCU.</p> <p>At the nomination stage partner universities must notify DCU if their students have a disability and require accessible accommodation. This notification</p>

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Learning Agreements	Ms Jenny Lupton from the International Mobility Team will sign all Learning Agreements for incoming students (incoming.mobility@dcu.ie). DCU can sign online/digital learning agreements.																					
Module Choices	<p>The maximum number of credits permitted per semester is 30 ECTS.</p> <p>Students choose modules from a faculty-based stream. Each stream offers electives from all DCU Schools and Faculties. Students must select a minimum of 80% of their ECTS in their chosen Faculty/stream, or the Faculty designated in the exchange agreement.</p> <p>Students have the option to choose up to a maximum of 20% of ECTS in another Faculty/stream. In practice, this means only one module.</p> <p>A number of restrictions apply, and students are advised to research their choices carefully before making their selection (and completing the Learning Agreement for Erasmus+ students).</p> <p>Students should also ensure that credits for their chosen modules will be accepted by their home institution.</p> <p>The module catalogue for the new academic year will only be made available to nominated students after they have applied. They can use the catalogue from the previous year as a guide. Module offerings are stable.</p> <p><u>We cannot guarantee students will get all of their module choices.</u></p>																					
Faculties	<p>DCU has five faculties:</p> <p>Humanities and Social Sciences www.dcu.ie/humanities-and-social-sciences DCU Business School business.dcu.ie Engineering and Computing www.dcu.ie/engineeringandcomputing Science and Health www.dcu.ie/science-and-health Institute of Education www.dcu.ie/instituteofeducation</p>																					
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Examinations and Repeats	<p>It is mandatory for Erasmus / Exchange and Study Abroad students who need to repeat their examinations to return to DCU during the resit period between July and August. Repeats for Semester One and Semester Two are both scheduled at this time.</p> <p>Students will receive an email from our Exams Team detailing the process in mid-June, and the email will provide further instructions on how to pay the associated resit fee, there is no exception to paying this fee for Erasmus/Exchange and Study Abroad students.</p> <p>If the student chooses not to repeat their exam, their current module grade will remain unchanged, and it will be permanently recorded on their transcript. This grade will continue to reflect on their academic record, and we will not be able to remove or alter it. Therefore, it is important for the student to consider the implications of not repeating their exam on their overall academic performance and future opportunities.</p>		
Transcripts	<p>DCU issues digitally certified transcripts to their students.</p> <p>Students receive their certified documents via the Digitary CORE website. From there, students can share their records with their home institution online, controlling who can see their records, and for how long. Partner institutions open the communication received from the student to review their transcripts.</p> <p>The electronic transcript is a web-based digital document, which is electronically signed by DCU. This digital signature makes the electronic transcript a valid and tamper-proof document allowing you to verify authenticated documents quickly and confidentially online.</p> <p>Transcripts for semester 1 students are issued after semester 1 exam results are published in February.</p> <p>Transcripts for semester 2 and year students are issued after semester 2 exam results are published in June.</p>		

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Insurance	<p>All students must have adequate health insurance.</p> <p>EU students can make use of the European Health Insurance Card.</p> <p>Non-EU students must ensure private health cover for the duration of their stay in Ireland.</p> <p>More information can be found at the following link under “Health Insurance”: www.dcu.ie/students/international-students-you-arrive-ireland</p>																
Visas	<p>Students can check if they need a visa by visiting Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) website.</p> <p>Applications are made through the ISD website. We generally advise allowing 8 weeks minimum for a decision to be made. Processing times can be consulted on the ISD website.</p> <p>DCU Student Support & Development (www.dcu.ie/students) can provide guidance with visa applications (student.support@dcu.ie).</p>																
Housing	<p>Please note that Dublin is currently facing a housing shortage for students and the general population.</p> <p>Unfortunately, DCU is unable to provide accommodation for all incoming students.</p> <p>Students can enter the lottery for on campus accommodation at www.dcuaccommodation.ie - NB: There is no application fee for incoming students.</p> <p>As DCU accommodation is not guaranteed, students are advised to explore off-campus options. More information is available here: www.dcu.ie/students/accommodation-guidelines-international-students</p>																
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