DCU
Dublin City University



DCU LANGUAGE SERVICES

English Programmes
Adult Students





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Experience a vibrant Irish university environment at DCU

Dublin City University

With over 30 years of experience, you can trust us to help you to develop the language skills for a pathway to University, a career in business or to converse with your new friends. Our courses combine expert English language teaching with a full programme of social activities, cultural visits, day trips and sports, all of which are designed to facilitate complete English language immersion. Experience another culture first hand while you improve your English skills in an academic environment.

Lonely Planet (The largest travel guidebook publisher in the world) has named Dublin as one of the Top 10 cities to visit!

Discover Dublin

Dublin is the largest and most cosmopolitan city in Ireland, with a reputation for being a safe city to navigate for tourists and residents alike. Explore the numerous attractions from museums to galleries, castles and historic sites.

Students enjoy walking in the literary footsteps of such writers as Yeats and Joyce, while discerning shoppers have their pick of designer boutiques. Whether you enjoy wandering the art galleries, dancing in the clubs or climbing to the top of the Dublin Mountains, one thing is certain: you can make Dublin your own.

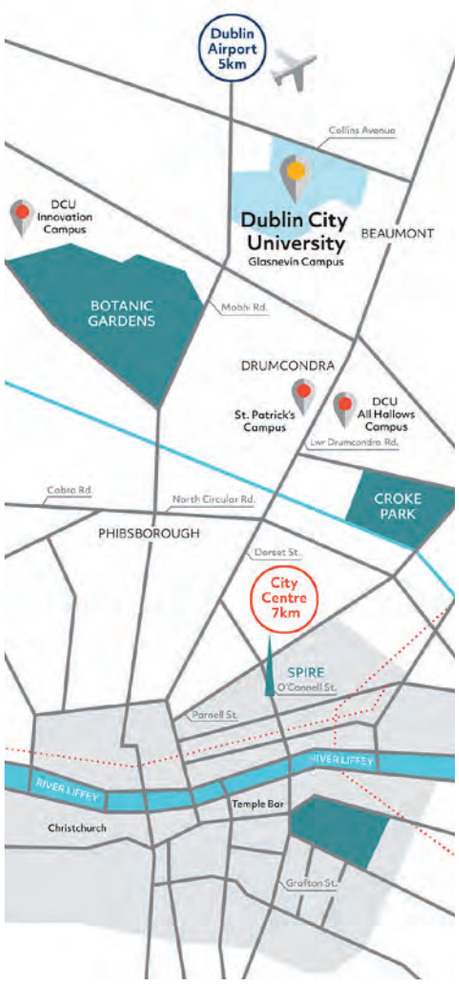


DCU Glasnevin Campus; The Spire, O'Connell Street, Dublin

Dublin City University, which was established in 1989 and has over 18,000 full-time students, is one of Ireland's leading universities

Why choose our University?

LOCATION MAP



DCU Campus, Dublin Airport, Dublin City Centre

DCU is fully accredited by the Irish government and, as we are part of a public university, you can be confident that you will receive the very best education and student welfare.

Located in a residential area, our university provides a safe and student -friendly base, laying the foundation for an excellent overseas experience. Operating as a multi-site educational institution, Dublin City University provides students with the opportunity to benefit from a vibrant university environment – we have excellent facilities, including restaurants, a sports centre, library, theatre, tennis courts and a soccer centre.

Our Language School welcomed students from over 105 countries worldwide to study English and has gained a reputation for excellence in English language teaching. Our aim is to provide the best language training possible and we constantly seek to enhance the learning experience of our students.

Conveniently located close to the heart of Dublin, DCU Language Services offers something that few other language centres can match: a modern language school on an internationally renowned university campus. The benefits are numerous and extend far beyond the top-class facilities available. The rich academic life of the university provides the perfect backdrop for language students to pursue their studies.



The wide variety of clubs and societies are open to all and offer the ideal opportunity for students to practise their language skills while forming new friendships at the same time.

In addition, the location of DCULS draws students from all over the world eager to take advantage of its impressive range of language courses and much-admired social and cultural programme, while the most highly skilled and professional teachers are also drawn to its third-level setting. All this combines to make DCULS more than just another language school – it is a language learning experience!



"I chose DCU because I wanted to study in a university with a great reputation and excellent facilities. Studying here has been amazing! I found everything I needed to improve my English and make lots of friends."
Chan Um, Student from South Korea

Comfortable, well-equipped classrooms and collaborative learning spaces create an effective learning environment

Your DCU Experience

The University's Student Centre is the perfect place to break out and use your English language skills with your classmates.

Facilities

— 40+ large, bright and well equipped classrooms
— University Library built over 3 floors
— Study spaces for quiet reading
— Free Wi-Fi on campus

Excellent nationality mix

Share the campus with students from around the world.

Professional and friendly teachers

Our teachers are qualified and experienced, with university degrees and specialist TESOL qualifications. They deliver lessons that are engaging and relevant to your daily life, guaranteeing personal attention in class in order to make sure that you make maximum progress in your English studies.

Student support

DCULS has dedicated, professional and friendly staff, who are there to support you and ensure you have the best experience possible. They can help you with academic matters, but also with your accommodation, transport or social programme queries.

Workshops

Join one of our academic workshops to boost your language skills. Choose from Conversation Support, Pronunciation Skills, CV Writing, Study Skills, IELTS Exam Strategies and many more!







Temple Bar in Dublin; Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge, Co. Antrim

Outside of class time, you will be immersed in English and have the chance to make new friends, visit amazing places and discover Irish history and culture

Immerse yourself in Irish culture

Join our exciting social programme and improve your English outside of the classroom. Check out our calendar of activities online. Every week our social programme team will organise fun activities for you to do to ensure that you make the most of your time in Ireland!

— Museums, exhibitions and galleries
— Irish dancing
— Football, basketball or our national sport of hurling
— Parties and nights out
— Sightseeing trips
— Weekend excursions
— Join our social activities programme to practise your English outside of the classroom

If you are interested in keeping fit, why not join the university's award-winning sports centre? With a 25-metre swimming pool and gym, there are plenty of activities to choose from.

Our dedicated student experience team are here to help you achieve this. From organising student nights out to arranging onward travel, we will connect you with the things you enjoy and introduce you to a whole range of new people and experiences.



"It is a pleasure to contribute and make the experience of our students unforgettable."

Cian Galvin

Studying abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you to accelerate your learning and progress to the level you want to achieve

What makes DCU different?

Our methodology
English programmes at Dublin City University draw heavily from the communicative-based language tuition model, which focuses on the four main facets of the English language: reading, writing, listening and speaking. You will have many opportunities to communicate throughout the lesson with your teacher and classmates. Your teacher will use a variety of approaches to present and practise language and skills in real-world contexts.

Collaborative learning
Our classrooms and learning spaces have been specifically designed to facilitate comfort and communication, and give you variety in your learning day.

Learning and technology
Lessons are all face-to-face but teachers use the latest digital resources to ensure that your lessons are varied, up-to-date and dynamic.

Fast pace, maximum progress
Speaking English all day, taking part in our academic and social activities, and socialising with your classmates will all assist your progress. Every Friday you will take a short progress test to revise and assess what you have studied.

Customised courses
We offer a wide range of English courses which are complemented by your choice of workshops so that you can learn exactly what you need. Choose your English course and duration when you enrol and then choose your academic workshops when you are at DCU.

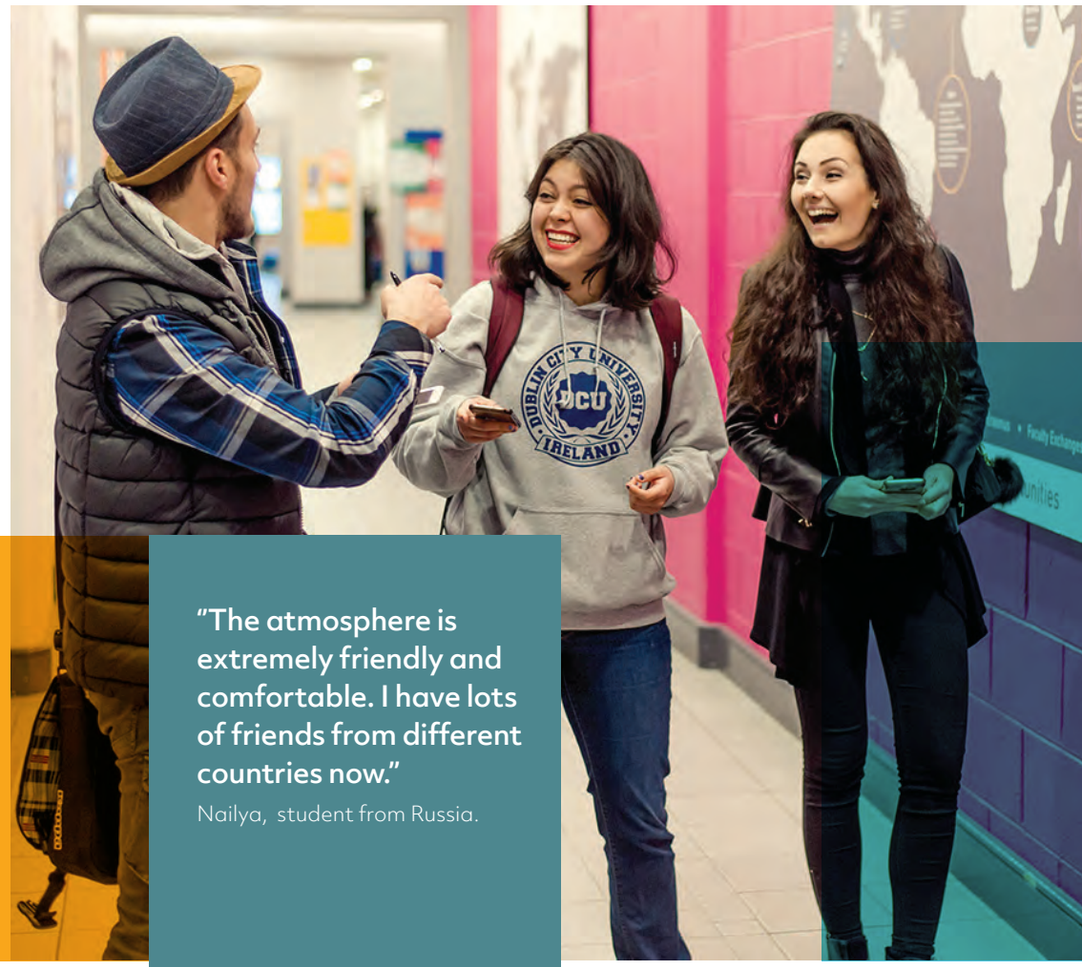


Small classes
We have small classes so that you can get the attention you need. Our maximum class size is 15 students, with an average of 13.

Study plans
Longer-term students draw up a plan of study with our senior teachers. We discuss your goals and help you plan your route to achieving them, including which external exam to choose. You will also have regular tutorials with your class teacher to discuss your progress and review your study plan.

DCULS Certificate
Your certificate is a record of your course and level of English upon completion, which you can show to prospective employers or higher education institutes.

University Clubs and Societies
Our weekly special interest classes, activities and clubs are the perfect opportunity to do the things that interest you most and which are the most relevant to you.



"The atmosphere is extremely friendly and comfortable. I have lots of friends from different countries now."

Nailya, student from Russia.

Courses

1. Business English
2. General English
3. Academic Year Programme
4. Exam Preparation Courses
5. Teacher Training
6. University Group Programmes
7. DCU Pathway Programmes



What is included?

— Online placement test
— Coursebook
— Weekly progress tests
— DCULS Student Card
— University Library access
— DCULS Certificate
— Free Wi-Fi on campus
— Access to university facilities, including cafes, restaurants, computer labs and the DCU student centre
— Free optional classes: meet other students and improve your skills with our free extra afternoon workshops, including Conversation Support, CV Writing, Drama and Film.

Business English

Classes

Our classes combine high academic standards with a fun, interactive learning environment. Develop advanced business language skills for meetings, discussions, negotiations, and presentations, using real-life scenarios.

Key Details

— Levels: Intermediate +
— Average of 10 students per class (maximum of 15)

Develop business communication skills for the modern international workplace.

General English

Academic Excellence

When you come to our university school, you can expect the highest quality English teaching and up-to-date course materials and academic resources. Our professional, highly qualified teachers are here to help you every step of the way.

Classes

Our classes combine high academic standards with a fun, interactive learning environment. You will develop your reading, writing and listening skills, improve your pronunciation and fluency and develop the confidence to communicate effectively in English.

Your Language Development

Regular weekly assessment, combined with helpful feedback and assistance from your teacher will help you make progress and achieve your learning goals.

Key Details

— Intake dates throughout the year
— Levels: Elementary to Advanced
— Enrol for 2 or more weeks
— Average of 10 students per class (maximum of 15)

Our General English course is the perfect way for you to improve your language skills while making friends from all over the world. Come and see why Dublin City University Language Services is the right choice for you!

"Here I met nice people who helped me improve my English. I loved the school, my classmates and my teacher."

Giulia, student from Italy.



Academic Year Programme - 25 Weeks

Your Language Development

— On this highly successful programme, you can combine 6 months of General English with specialised exam preparation
— DCULS specialise in providing IELTS/Cambridge exam preparation courses
— Enhance your academic resume/CV with a professional certificate from Dublin City University Language Services, ranked among the world's top young universities (QS and THE rankings).

Classes

— Boost your confidence with fun, interactive classes using real-life materials like websites, videos, newspapers and films
— Rapidly improve the 4 key skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing with challenging and interactive General English classes
— Regular assignments, progress tests and feedback from your teacher will help you to develop your accuracy and fluency
— Earn money while you study! Students can work while attending this course (depending on nationality - subject to visa regulations)

Key Details

— Intake dates throughout the year
— Find your perfect class, with levels from elementary to advanced

Exam Preparation

— Transfer to specialised intensive exam classes at no extra cost
— Learn from enthusiastic DCULS teachers, who are experts in IELTS and Cambridge exams
— Develop the exam skills you need to reach your goals

Visa/Work Information

— If you require a visa to study in Ireland, you must register to sit a recognised exam like IELTS, Cambridge, TOEIC or TOEFL while you are here
— You can take vacations during the course, as long as you complete the course within the duration of your Student Visa
— If you require a visa and would like to work while you are in Ireland, you must register for a course of at least 25 weeks. The Academic Year Programme is suitable for this purpose

Workshops

— University Orientation
— CV Writing and Interview Skills
— Conversation classes
— Immigration rules and procedures
— Study Skills for Success
— How to find a job in Dublin
— Irish Culture

Intensive Exam Preparation

If you are looking for an internationally recognised English language certificate, then look no further than Dublin City University Language Services!



IELTS Preparation

Intensive Course - Prepare for IELTS success with DCULS! We are experts in IELTS training and can help you to achieve your goals. We are proud of our students' success, with many achieving a score of 6.5 or 7, which is needed to enter Irish or UK universities. Your IELTS success starts here!

Cambridge FCE and CAE Courses

Gain a globally recognised qualification to help you achieve your goals for work, study and life! Cambridge is recognised by employers and universities across the world. Choose a DCULS Cambridge Preparation Course for exam success. Come and learn with the Cambridge experts!

TOEIC Exam Preparation

The Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) is recognised worldwide. TOEIC is an English exam aimed at improving your everyday English, enabling you to work in an international environment. This Business English certificate is accepted by multinational companies across the world. Strengthen your resume/ CV and study for TOEIC at DCULS!

TOEFL Exam Courses

TOEFL, an essential criterion for acceptance onto university programmes in English-speaking countries, is one of the specialised courses that we offer at DCULS. This highly competitive exam aims to enhance the level of your academic English, serving as an indispensable preparation for your Bachelors, Masters or PhD. Enrol on a TOEFL course with DCULS and enhance your chances of academic success!

Teacher Training

Take a summer study-holiday with a difference and discover the perfect DCULS Teacher Training Course for you!

Primary Teachers
Refresh your knowledge and rediscover your passion for teaching.

Secondary Teachers
Motivate your teenage learners, refresh your skills and network with teachers from other countries.

University Lecturers
Improve your language skills, explore practical techniques, develop your confidence in academic English and enhance your lecturing and presentation skills.

DCULS is passionate about education! We have specialised Teacher Training courses for Primary, Secondary and University Lecturers.



University Group Programmes

Throughout the year, group programmes at Dublin City University offer completely customised programmes for groups of all ages and profiles, whether adults, teachers or specialist school and university groups. From the initial consultation stage, the unique needs and specifications of the group are considered in the creation of a bespoke educational experience.

Choose from a range of extra-curricular activities for your group:
- Guest lectures
- Company visits
- Academic workshops
- Subject-specific content
- Cultural excursions
- Sports activities
- Personal leadership development
- Presentation skills

Examples of bespoke programme offerings include:
- Erasmus+ Language Training Programmes for staff from international universities
- Teacher development and methodology programmes for international partners
- Business and Legal skills (with English language) for international university students

DCULS has partnered with universities worldwide to provide the highest quality customised training for international students.



DCU Pathway Programmes

Pre-Sessional Programme

Our Pre-Sessional English Language Programme is designed for students who have a high level of English language competency, yet need additional support before entering a Bachelors or Masters degree at DCU.

We offer short intensive summer courses which focus on academic English and study skills.

— 10 week pre-sessional
— 5 week pre-sessional

DCU International Foundation Programme

Students who wish to register for the International Foundation Programme should first apply for the DCU Undergraduate or Postgraduate programme of their choice. Upon receipt of an offer, they then become eligible for a place on the foundation programme.

— International Foundation Year Programme: Click here
— Pre Masters: Click here

IELTS score	Pathway	Programmes
IELTS 6.0 - 6.5	Pre-Sessional	Pre-Sessional English language programmes (5-10 weeks)
IELTS 5.0	Foundation	DCU International Foundation Programme (2 semesters, September or January start)
IELTS 4.5	Language learning	Opt for our Academic Year Programme (25 weeks)



Accommodation

1. Host Family
2. Campus Residence
3. Gateway Student Village (Off Campus)
4. Hotel for Team Leaders









Host Family



Campus Residence

Accommodation

1. HOST FAMILY
Students will live as a member of an Irish family for the duration of their stay. This accommodation option allows students to practise their English language skills outside of the classroom and immerse themselves in Irish culture.

All of our host families are inspected, meet DCULS criteria and have been Garda (Police) vetted.

Features:
- Breakfast and dinner (Monday to Friday)
- At weekends the Host Family provides all meals
- We can arrange a Host Family who will satisfy individual dietary needs or other special requirements
- A study desk will be provided in the student's bedroom or at some other location within the home
- Towels and bed linen provided

2. CAMPUS RESIDENCE
Dublin City University offers modern, self-catering student apartments located at the heart of the campus. Campus Residence Accommodation is offered during the summer and rooms are subject to availability.

Features:
- Live in a shared apartment with other students
- Wi-Fi is available throughout the campus at no extra charge
- Single en-suite bedroom with study desk
- Towels and bed linen provided
- Shared kitchen facilities
- You can cook in the apartment
- Key-card access to student bedrooms
- 24-hour security
- Launderette
- Restaurants & cafes

3. GATEWAY STUDENT VILLAGE (OFF CAMPUS)
Gateway Student Village is an off-campus student residence located 1.2km (12 minutes walking distance) from Dublin City University. The residence is modern, safe and well maintained.

Features:
- Each bedroom is furnished to a high standard and is equipped with Wi-Fi
- Single bedroom with study desk
- Travel time to Dublin City Centre is 20-25 minutes
- Only accessible with an electronic key
- CCTV system and 24-hour staff support

4. HOTEL FOR TEAM LEADERS
We work in conjunction with local hotels and can offer hotel-stay accommodation for team leaders.

3-4 Star Hotel features:
- Single bedroom
- Free Wi-Fi
- Close to DCU Glasnevin campus



Campus Residence





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