



DCU LANGUAGE SERVICES

# DCU International Foundation Year Programme Undergraduate Programmes 2021





# Why choose Dublin City University?

**DCU is a young, dynamic and ambitious university with a distinctive mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation.**

Operating as a multi-site educational institution, Dublin City University has over 18,000 students spread across 5 faculties and provides students with the opportunity to benefit from a vibrant university environment laying the foundation for an excellent overseas experience.

Dublin City University (DCU) is one of the best young universities in the world as ranked by the **QS Top 150 Under 50** and the **Times Higher Education Top 100 Under 50**.

## Key features:

- Multi campus environment and academic atmosphere
- Professional and friendly academic support
- Access to a wide range of top class facilities including a state-of-the-art student centre, restaurants, cafes, theatre and well equipped classrooms
- Access to the University library
- Free WiFi on campus
- On Campus accommodation available and nearby student apartments
- Great residential area close to both the city centre and Dublin Airport



# DCU International Foundation Year (Undergraduate Programmes)

The International Foundation Year programme is designed for International Students who need to acquire English language and/or the academic levels required for entry onto Undergraduate degree programmes at DCU.

The programme is taken on a full-time basis over one academic year (2 semesters) and covers a mixture of core and specialist modules. The core modules are designed to help achieve the English language skills necessary for DCU programmes and help facilitate your adjustment to university learning in an Irish context.

## At a Glance

The programme is delivered by Dublin City University, with many classes run by DCU Language Services. You will be taught by expert teachers who understand the challenges international students might face, and who will be there to support you on your path to university.

Successful applicants for the DCU International Foundation Year will have guaranteed accommodation on campus.

Programme Code	DC555
Duration	1 Academic Year
Workload	30 weeks total (28 weeks + 2 exam weeks)
Start Date	September 2021



## Stream Subjects

The specialist modules allow students a choice of “streams” and subjects according to their chosen destination degree programme.

Applicants to the DCU International Foundation Year Programme can choose between three distinct pathways:

- Business
- Humanities
- Engineering

**These subjects are compulsory and are delivered as co-requisites**

Subject/ Hours	Business	Humanities	Engineering
English Language	224	224	224
Economics	112	112	-
Sociology	112	112	-
Business Maths	112	-	-
Global Studies	-	112	-
Physics	-	-	112
Maths (Engineering)	-	-	112
Further Maths	-	-	112
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>560</b>

By the end of this course, you will have gained the knowledge, skills and confidence to commence your DCU undergraduate studies.

## How to Apply

Once you are ready to make your application for the DCU International Foundation Year Programme, please take the following steps:

1. Identify the DCU Bachelor degree programme that you wish to study
2. The deadline for undergraduate applications is 1st July 2021
3. Submit your application to [intl.pathways@dcu.ie](mailto:intl.pathways@dcu.ie) and receive advice on the appropriate foundation programme for you
4. Your application will be assessed and if approved you will receive an offer to study on both the Foundation programme and Bachelor degree programme at DCU
5. Successful completion of your foundation programme guarantees progression to your DCU Bachelor programme

## Entry Requirements

### Academic Entry Requirements

The following are the academic requirements for entry to the DCU International Foundation Year programme:

- Prospective students will need to provide a high school certificate from the student's country of residence
- Good overall results from a high-school qualification equivalent of 5 GCSE's in A to C grade range including Mathematics and English

### English Language Entry Requirements

Direct entry into the DCU International Foundation Year Programme requires the following English level:

Exam	Score
IELTS	Overall score of 5.0 or above
TOEFL	Score of 35 to 45 or above

\* Students who have not yet achieved this direct entry standard can take a Pre-Foundation Programme as follows:

English Level	Academic English
IELTS 4.5	12 Week Academic English Course
IELTS 4.0	25 Week Academic English Course

Students can progress by either:

- a) Taking an IELTS test at the DCU IELTS Exam Centre or;
- b) Taking a DCU assessment at the end of their Pathway English Programme.

## NCUK

The DCU International Foundation Year, quality assured by NCUK, is an undergraduate entry-level qualification designed for students to progress into first year of a bachelor's degree at DCU. The qualification is taught by highly experienced DCU teaching staff and awarded by NCUK.

NCUK is a leading international higher education qualification and service provider with over 30 years' experience and has helped more than 35,000 students progress into university.

NCUK Registration and Examination Fees for the International Foundation Year are additional to DCU Tuition Fees.

## DCU Undergraduate Programmes

Studying at DCU will give you an edge when starting your career, as DCU has one of the best graduate employability record of all Irish universities. Identify the DCU Bachelor degree programme that you wish to study.

See **DCU Prospectus 2021**.

### Faculties and Schools

- **DCU Business School** is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- The **Faculty of Engineering and Computing** focuses on preparing students to pursue careers in the STEM and ICT sectors
- The **Faculty of Science and Health** is recognised for their academic excellence and are centred on industry's current needs
- The new **DCU Institute of Education** is the largest in Ireland or the UK
- The **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences** offers contemporary student-centred degree programmes in the areas of journalism, communications, film and TV studies, international relations and the arts



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