



DCU International
Academy

Pre-Sessional Programme

English for Academic
Purposes

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Get to grips with the skills you will need for your university course! Be prepared to succeed in undergraduate or postgraduate study.

Summer Programme 2025

This programme will prepare and equip students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed in undergraduate or postgraduate study. During the programme, students will be able to improve their English language skills whilst developing their social and inter-cultural skills.

Schedule and Tuition Fees

Duration: 5 or 10 weeks
Workload: 20 hours per week
Time: 9.00 AM - 13.00 PM

10 weeks:

8 June - 14 August 2026
€3,300 + €110 registration fee

5 weeks:

14 July - 14 August 2026
€1,700 + €110 registration fee

Course Content

- Introduction to the Pre-Sessional programme
- Introduction to campus life
- Preparation for university life
- Adapting to the new academic environment
- Effective note-taking for lectures and tutorials
- Reading techniques
- Extended assignments
- Presentation skills
- Academic writing
- Answering examination questions
- Participating in tutorials and seminars
- Communication and discussion techniques
- Using IT for research and study purposes
- Introduction to specific academic subjects

Course Fees Include

- Orientation and introduction to DCU
- 20 hours of tuition per week
- Course materials
- Welcome Pack
- Guided self-study time
- Course certificate

For entry requirements and application details email niamh.omahony@dcu.ie