

Dundalk Institute of Technology - Ireland



International Foundation Programme

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About Us

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 or contact 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
- Certificate in Foundation Studies with Intensive English
- 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 Foundation Studies).



Certificate in Foundation Studies

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 equivalent in an internationally recognised English exam)

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

Progression Pathway*: 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)

	Mandatory	Electives**
Semester 1	Information Technology Skills (5 ECTS)	Engineering Elective
	Intercultural Competence (5 ECTS)	IT/Computing Elective
	Introduction to Research & Study Skills (5 ECTS)	Science Elective
	Orientation (5 ECTS)	Business Elective
	English Foundation – Higher Level 1 (5 ECTS – 6 hours English)	
Semester 2	Essential Mathematics (5 ECTS)	Engineering Elective
	Introduction to Communication Skills (5 ECTS)	IT/Computing Elective
	Exploring Western Culture (5 ECTS)	Science Elective
	Entrepreneurial Skills (5 ECTS)	Business Elective
	English Foundation – Higher Level 2 (5 ECTS)	

*Some level 8 programmes may have additional entry requirements

**Electives offered are subject to change and another elective, not listed here, might also be offered. All electives are 5 ECTS. September intake students select one elective in Semester 1 and one elective in Semester 2. January intake students select 2 electives in Semester 2.(their first semester)

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: NQF Level 6 Certificate (60 Credits)

English Entry Requirement: IELTS 4.5 (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)

Mandatory

Semester 1

English Foundation Level 1 (10 ECTS
– 12 hours English)

Introduction to Research & Study Skills (5 ECTS)

Intercultural Competence (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)

Exploring Western Culture (5 ECTS)

Introduction to Business (5 ECTS)



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 which also builds skills needed for studying in an English-speaking college.

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: completion of this programme will enable students to progress to an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at DkIT., unless already pre qualified for Bachelor degree.



Mandatory

Semester 1

Information Technology Skills (5 ECTS)
Introduction to Research & Study Skills (5 ECTS)
English Foundation – Higher Level 2 (5 ECTS)
Exploring Western Culture (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*

Applying to DkIT

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

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

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