



DK721

Computing

2nd Year

Maryam

Banjo

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Fueled by my passion for IT and programming, I began building robots in high school (as early as 2018!). Determined to pursue this dream, I researched colleges and found DkIT to be the perfect fit. Though it meant traveling 5,000 miles, it's been an incredible journey and I wouldn't change a thing.

Describe a typical day at college:

College days start with a 9 am class, followed by a break around 1 pm to grab lunch and catch up with friends. Afternoons are for more classes, wrapping up around 5 pm. Evenings are for coding, relaxing in the common area, and then heading home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Islamic Society

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT?

Students form close bonds with classmates and roommates, who can provide support, encouragement, and a sense of belonging. Students can participate in a variety of clubs, sports, and other activities that allow them to explore their interests and develop new skills. DkIT fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment where I can freely practice my religion alongside my studies. This supportive atmosphere extends to faculty, staff, and fellow students, making it a truly safe space to learn and grow.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

My future plans after completing my program is to either work as a Software Developer, Machine Learning Engineer or Artificial Intelligence (AI) Specialist. With a Computing

degree from DkIT, the future holds a ton of possibilities, No matter what path I choose, a computing degree from DkIT will equip me with the skills and knowledge to thrive in the ever-changing world of technology.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Join Societies, Clubs in the College as there are great opportunities to meet other students with similar interests, learn new skills, and build your network.

Computing can be challenging, but it's also rewarding. DkIT has a wealth of resources to support you, including lecturers, tutors, and classmates. Don't hesitate to ask questions and seek help when you need it.

The best way to learn computing is to practice regularly. Don't wait till your last minute to start working on assignments.



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Eshwari

Bhagwan Patil

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose the software stream in computing at DKIT because it aligned better with my interests in software development. It's a field that offers a lot of opportunities for growth and innovation, which I find really exciting.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at college usually involves attending classes, working on assignments, hanging out with friends, and maybe grabbing coffee's in between! It's a mix of learning, socialising, and enjoying the college experience.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I was in SU team. I was class rep.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT?

I'd say the best part about student life at DKIT is the sense of community and the opportunities to learn and grow in a supportive environment. There are so many clubs, events, and resources that make the experience enriching and fun.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Once I finish my course, I'm looking forward to exploring career opportunities in the software industry, focusing on software development. I hope to work on exciting projects that allow me to use my skills and make a positive impact.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

I would advise new students in the software stream at DkIT to stay curious and explore different aspects of software development.

To actively participate in group projects and engage with lecturers and peers for networking and learning opportunities

To manage their time effectively to balance studies, projects, and personal life. These tips can really help new students make the most out of their program at DkIT.



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Niharika

Madan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study computer science at DkIT because of the program's strong reputation for academic excellence and practical, hands-on learning experiences. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics, from programming languages to software engineering, providing a solid foundation for a career in the tech industry. Additionally, DkIT's state-of-the-art facilities and industry connections were appealing factors that influenced my decision.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at DkIT for a Computer Science student like myself usually involves attending lectures, labs, and tutorials focused on various aspects of computing, such as programming, algorithms, and database management. Between classes, I spend time in the computer

labs or library, working on assignments, coding projects, or studying for upcoming exams. Occasionally, I engage in group discussions or study sessions with classmates to reinforce learning and collaborate on projects. Overall, each day offers a blend of structured academic activities and independent study, all geared towards developing my skills and understanding in the field of Computer Science.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

At the moment, I am not involved in any specific societies or clubs, as I am primarily focused on my studies in Computer Science. However, I am open to exploring opportunities to get involved in the future.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The thing I enjoy most about student life at DkIT is the stimulating academic environment. The Computer Science program offers a wealth of challenging courses and opportunities to engage with cutting-edge technology. Additionally, the supportive faculty and collaborative atmosphere among peers foster a conducive learning environment.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

After graduating in Computer Science, I'm gearing up for an adventurous dive into the realms of artificial intelligence and virtual reality. My ambition is to pioneer innovative projects that redefine human interaction with technology. Whether it's creating immersive virtual worlds, developing intelligent AI systems, or launching a tech startup, I'm poised to lead the charge into a future where imagination knows no bounds. Get ready for an exhilarating journey into the unknown, where every challenge is an opportunity to push the boundaries of what's possible in the digital age.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Dive deep into coding: Computer Science is a hands-on field, so don't hesitate to immerse yourself in coding practice. Build projects, solve problems, and explore different programming languages and frameworks to strengthen your skills.

Network and collaborate: Connect with fellow Computer Science students, faculty members, and professionals in the industry. Networking

opportunities such as tech events, hackathons, and guest lectures can provide valuable insights and career opportunities.

Stay curious and keep learning: Technology is constantly evolving, so embrace a mindset of lifelong learning. Be curious, explore new technologies and concepts, and never stop seeking opportunities to expand your knowledge and expertise.



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Cal

Woods

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Since I was a child I have wanted to be a video games designer which is why I studied programming for years, specifically Java. Although, I have always enjoyed playing with computers, configuring devices and software, which made me realise that what I actually wanted to do was to work in the IT sector. I completed a level 5 course in Computing at Drogheda Institute of Further Education and my current course was the follow-on to that course. I felt that DkIT was the best choice for me as this course focuses more on the practical aspect of IT.

Describe a typical day at college:

When I get up and dressed, I am greeted by my taxi driver who brings me to the college, it is a 40 minute drive from where I live in Drogheda, Co Louth. When I get to the

college, I am greeted by my PA and I proceed to go to class, which mostly consists of lab work. I will sometimes chat with my classmates, especially if we are in teams, which is also quite common as a lot of IT is teamwork, although sometimes solo work is required in this course. I have lunch in the Costa coffee area in the PJ Carrolls building where I hang out with a few classmates. At the end of the day, I am picked up by my taxi driver who drops me home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Tabletop Gaming, ACM Chapter

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT?

I enjoy the freedom of my college life, that I can work freely and not feel a lot of

unnecessary pressure because there isn't a lot of pressure or aggravation in this course.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Within this course, there are 2 stream options: Networking and System Administration, and Software Development. I would like to go into the networking and System Administration stream as this stream provides students with the ability to gain employment opportunities in Systems administration roles, As well as Network Administration roles which is what I would prefer to do after this course, I would start off as an IT Technician, fixing and maintaining networking devices, all kinds of servers or helping to keep a large system running. My ultimate goal is to be a Systems Administrator as they get to do a bit of everything. They can also be trusted with a lot of responsibility which I feel I would enjoy.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Work with love. Practice constantly. Never be afraid to be curious



DK769

Creative Media

2nd Year

Thomas

McMahon

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Having completed 2 PLC courses in the past, I decided that I enjoy creating content digitally. I initially completed a Digital Media course in Monaghan Institute, followed by Photographic Studies in O'Fiaich college. Upon completion, I worked for a year and decided that I wanted to further with my education ,building on courses I had already completed. I had a look at what courses and colleges were in my area and what boxes they ticked. Finally, I decided that the bachelors in Creative Media in DkIT was a good fit, seeing that it's classes covered a lot of valuable skills and topics that I wanted to learn.

Describe a typical day at college:

Arrive at college a bit before 9 in the morning and wait at Costa until my mates get in too. Have the craic with them until we have a class. Go to either Maxol or Snack Box to get

some lunch with my mates, then head back to Costa to eat and chat. Go to whatever other classes I have that day or walk down to DkIT Sport and workout for a while before walking back to get my bus home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

N/A

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT ?

Socialising with peers

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

My plans for the future are to gain employment in the Creative Media field, hopefully within Ireland. Depending on my skillset and skills I develop, I would like to

establish my own business, hopefully something in the photographic and video field. As of right now I'm unsure what area I would like to specialise in to help me gain employment, but for now I'm focused on building a wide variety of skills to build a strong profile.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Mix with other students in your course and outside of it, having people to connect with makes college life much more enjoyable.

Make use of the services at DkIT such as the counselling, gym, and doctor.

Talk to your lecturers if you're finding things difficult or daunting, there's no shame in admitting if you're struggling or finding something hard to understand.



DK770

Theatre and Film Practice

2nd Year

Brody

Lyons

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme of study at DkIT because when I applied I felt it suited me best, as I have learning difficulties. I knew that DkIT had a great support system for anyone with learning difficulties.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at college for my course is going to practical class, doing movement, go get some food or coffee from any of the amazing restaurants in the college, maybe go to the library if I've time to and go to all my lectures.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Unfortunately am not apart of any societies or clubs but I plan to join some next semester

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT?

I enjoy using the library as it is a peaceful place to study but also to chill out and colour to destress. I also enjoy all the events that take place throughout the academic year.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I plan to complete my degree and then complete the add on year if I am able to and gain my full level 8 bachelors and perhaps complete a masters. I would like to teach theatre and film to students in youth theatres or schools. I also am interested in maybe becoming a film editor.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Try to socialise as best you can with your peers, find your peace, keep on top of your assignments and get involved in the college activities and facilities as they are a great help.



DK771

Musical Theatre

2nd Year

Veronika

Vávrová

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've always wanted to do Theatre or Musical Theatre and since I already knew people here and DkIT looked like it has a really great atmosphere, I decided to go for it. Plus my friend studies the same course and after she sent me some videos from showcases, it motivated me even more.

Describe a typical day at college:

When I get to college by bike, I run to the class. We have very long days : most of the time we start around 9 and end around 5. The whole day is practical for us, so we act, dance, or sing. If not, then we have classes such as history of musical theatre or music theory, but not that often. We have hour breaks in between classes and that is meant for us to recover from dance classes or warm up for singing, or go through all the text and script

studies. Sometimes we are in a practice room to play on the piano or practice songs or just do music for fun. Sometimes we just take a nap or chill in Costa and chat with people.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Songwriting club, music society, dance society

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT ?

Meeting people, the fact that there is a lot of international students and we all can connect and learn about other cultures. I also love my course, so probably those things :)

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I would love to find a job as a performer if possible, or maybe continue with studying for

a little while before I feel more prepared. Art industry is very hard to find a steady job in but I would love to try it and then figure out what to do if it does not work out.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Don't be afraid to ask anyone for help with anything. If you are an international student, there is no need be insecure about your english since mostly people will try to help you express yourself and get better. You can find room numbers for all you classes on google maps if you are lost which is really helpful.



DK820

Games Development

2nd Year

Sean

Burke

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have been making games as my main hobby since I was ten years old and want to have a future in games development as it is something I have always been incredibly passionate about.

Describe a typical day at college:

Walk to college, go to classes, eat food, go home, go into to gym or library in evenings.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Film

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT ?

Course is really good

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I would love to work in games development at a decently sized studio on a project that I care about but it can be a very unstable industry so I would eventually love to teach others at a college / university level if it doesn't work out.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Don't leave college work until last second.
Don't study something you're not passionate about. It is going to get ugly so be honest with yourself about how much work you will need to put in.



DK820

Games Development

2nd Year

Kristiana

Latkovska

Why did you choose your programme of study?

At first I was scared that the course would not work out for me, because I had no prior knowledge of computer science. The only thing I was sure about was that I loved math, programming, playing video games and drawing. Fortunately, the Computing in Games Development course brings together the logical with the creative and gives a lot of freedom to students when working on their projects. I also love that this collage has a lot of practical classes, so you will constantly be using the theory you learn in lectures. There is no need for prior knowledge when taking this course, for all is taught in class and if anyone is having issues, all they have to do is talk to their lecturer and they will help. I think there is no better course for me in this collage.

Describe a typical day at college:

On a Tuesday, I would go to my first class - Games Design Project, at 10am. This is a practical and lasts for two hours. The lecturer would introduce an exercise or start a discussion and we would spend the whole time doing the set out work. Afterwards, I would have a one hour break in which I would go eat lunch in one of the collage's canteens or get a coffee at one of the Costas in collage with my friends. When the break has ended I would have a lecture for the Introduction to Networking module. The lecture is held in a large lecture room and this lecture is attended by the Software Developer course too, so there are many people in the room - around 100 or more, when usually most classes have only 20 people. After one hour the lecture ends and then I would have my last class of the day - 3D Modeling & Animation. This

is 3 hour practical. At the beginning of it the lecturer would set out today's plan and then everyone would start work on their own. We can ask for the lecturer's help at any moment and they would gladly give it. The practical classes have a very nice atmosphere, because if the lecturer is not talking, us students are allowed to chit-chat. The day ends at 5PM.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT ?

DkIT hosts many various events almost every week, so there is never a boring moment at college.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Keep an open mind and try to explore new things, for the years you spend in college will lay the foundation of knowledge in your field and you never know what you will like doing if you never try. It is also important to be consistent with your college work and not leave everything to the last minute. There will be times when students will have multiple projects due at around the same time in multiple modules, so staying on top of your work is a very necessary skill.



DK820

Games Development

2nd Year

Ben

Mc Keever

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Video games were my favourite source of entertainment growing up. As I grew older I began to tinker with them in order to break them and modify them. I enjoyed seeing the underlying structure of how games worked and watching my modifications in action. As such I became interested in Games Development. DkIT's Computing in Games Development course is unique in having components explicitly focused on creating games. To my knowledge this is uncommon in Ireland and even Europe as a whole. As such I would be exposed to unique opportunities in a specialised area which I believed employers would take an interest in. Furthermore DkIT proved to be highly economical with affordable tuition and within a reasonable commuting distance.

Describe a typical day at college:

Walk into college in the morning, stop by costa to see who's around, say hello to everyone who is around, go to class, get lunch in the snackbox, possibly go to the library to get some work done, and then go to any society or event planned in the evening.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Anime Society, Circus Society, Music Society, Creative Minds Society, Archery Society, Badminton, ESN

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT:

I love going to the various events held on campus and meeting new people.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Following the course I intend to work abroad free-lancing. Games Development opens many possibilities as it shares many elements with Software Development. As such I have acquired many skillsets such as creating software, websites, including more broad skills relating to Games Development such as producing graphical assets, 2D and 3D animation, videos and more. As development is a job primarily completed on a computer it may be done working from home. This opens great flexibility in terms of being able to move your physical location and complete the same work. Furthermore games development opens the possibility of independently developing your own game (an indie game) and selling it on major digital marketplaces on many platforms such as PCs, Phones, Switch, Xbox and PlayStation.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Do your research about the course content and given the opportunity ask the ambassadors as many questions as possible about their course to get an insight into the future.

Critically analyse yourself and your personality to determine what sort of work gives you satisfaction. If you're not sure try wholeheartedly to complete a piece of work. Take apart the experience from your perspective to learn more about yourself and what aspects of the course you may enjoy.

Take advantage of the events and societies held at the college early. You will have lots of fun and meet many new people. Often times

they can give you help with your college experience or expose you to more experiences or facilities offered by the college.



DK820

Games Development

3rd Year

Anastasia

McCormac

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have always had a huge interest in video games, in particular, I've always enjoyed the creative aspects of 3D, from modelling and texturing, to design and implementing in games. I've done a fair bit of work in video games, usually through mod software, I've made content for games like Conan Exiles (Unreal Engine) and TES V: Skyrim (Gamebryo/Creation Kit).

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy most aspects of college life at DkIT, from the interactions with lecturers, both inside and outside of classes, likewise with fellow students, in both my own course and class as well as others. I also enjoy the learning aspects of the course, while it has it's challenges, they are fun to overcome! There

are also other events run throughout the year by various societies and faculties which I enjoy volunteering at or taking part in.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

First - Attend classes, Even by just being in classes, you'll be surprised at how much you can pick up just by hearing it in the background, and it's great to be able to have someone you can ask if you don't understand something, or if you're having difficulty with a topic. Second - Start work early, it's difficult I know, but if you start projects and assignments when they're recieved and work on them bit by bit, you'll be much less stressed as their due dates draw near, and you also have ample time to sort out any issues or difficulties you're having. Third - Talk to people, that goes not only for your

classmates, but your lecturers and others too, both can be a great help if you're having difficulties with assignments, or if you have larger issues lecturers are always willing to listen and try to sort out issues when they arise if they can.



DK820

Games Development

2nd Year

Gabrielius

Mizutavicius

Why did you choose your programme of study?

From an early age, I've had particular interest in video games and making my own games. This helped me decide what career path I wanted to pursue for the future. After researching many courses, DkIT stood out to me the most particularly because of its low CAO points and small class sizes. These factors heavily influenced my choice of course and led me to choose DkIT.

Describe a typical day at college:

I live in the on-campus student accommodation so I usually get more sleep in the morning. I would have a small breakfast and go to Costa Coffee within the PJ Carroll's building and do some work before class starts. I would attend all the classes to learn a variety of things.

During breaks, I would visit either the cafeteria or the SnackBox in the Whitaker Building to get some hot food. Sometimes the queues are quite long, so you will wait awhile.

After all the classes, I would head home and try to finish my assignments. Then I would have the rest of the day for myself!

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I currently belong to ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) and GDSC (Google Developer Student Club) which both organises movie nights, informative talks and competitions for everyone to enjoy.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT?

I enjoy having experiences and interactions with a diverse community of students and lecturers within the campus. I also enjoy the wide range of on-campus events, societies and informative talks for students to attend to.

What are plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I would like to specialise further in a specific topic within my course. After that, I hope to secure a job in the video game industry with a company like Rockstar Games or in programming with a company like Meta. If that doesn't work out, I plan to set up my own indie game studio, create my own games and strive for recognition and popularity.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

1 - Communicate as much as possible. Stuck? Say something! The lecturers will try to guide you to the right direction and even classmates! There is always someone to help you in DkIT from programming (ITLC) to maths (MLC).

2 - Organise your workload! Try to get work/projects done before it starts piling up. I've also procrastinated on my work, leaving it to the last minute and pulling sleepless nights, so you're not alone!

3 - Socialise and join activities! There are plenty of sports and society clubs in DkIT and many activities organised for everyone to attend. Try out everything, it won't hurt you!



DK821

Software Development

2nd Year

Ikram

Abbas

Why did you choose your programme of study?

For me it was convenient as it was close to my house, and I like the course content. We were studying java from year 1 compared to some of the other colleges that have the first years learning python

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day would entail: classes start at 9am, usually tutorials are first then lectures, on average we finish at 4pm and have a 1 to 2 hours of brake each day , it depends on the day and lecturer sometimes they let us go home early. I am a morning person so I prefer to wake up early and study, I concentrate much better at that time.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

The ISOC society and the volley society

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The class and how involved everyone is togethe.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

When I complete my degree I would like to work in the field of software development as a developer.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Ask questions when you are confused. Don't get to the end and then start asking questions. What i usually do is email the

lecturer and see if they have time for a private meeting together, they are very understanding and provide a lot of help if you reach out to them



DK821

Software Development

2nd Year

Favour

James Ayeye

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study software development because I've always been interested in the way technology shapes our world, which sparked my interest in how software can solve real-world problems. For future career options, the possibilities are endless. Software development skills are in high demand across industries, from healthcare to finance to entertainment, plus, the tech industry is always evolving, which means there will always be new challenges and opportunities to grow. Becoming a software developer means having the chance to influence society and technology in a meaningful way that can help shape the future. Whether it's through improving accessibility or improving cybersecurity, the impact that can be made will be huge.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Film, Google Developers and Creative Minds society

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in Dkit ?

What I enjoy most about student life at Dkit is the opportunity to meet new people. Within my course and I have met so many interesting people outside my course too, from different backgrounds and courses. Joining societies allowed me to connect with students who share similar interests even though they might be doing a completely different course.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

1. Coding is a skill best learned by doing, you can practice coding regularly through assignments but also outside them.

2. Take breaks ! burnout is real and is very common especially in a course like software development, you're not meant to know everything when you start and not expected too. be mindful of your own health.

3. Don't be afraid to ask questions. seriously, if something's unclear, ask either your friend, another person in your class or most helpful your lecturer. They are there to help.



DK821

Software Development

2nd Year

Jose Henrique

Joanoni

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I always enjoyed technology and I was a programmer for a while before starting the course. I decided to start the course to have my diploma and continue to work with the things I mostly enjoy.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Google Developers Student Clubs (GDSC) and ACM

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT?

The college have a lot of support centers available during the course, this is very reassuring if you are struggling with some subject you know where to ask for assistance.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Maybe a master degree in a topic to be defined yet and try to find a good job abroad.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Don't be ashamed to ask for help. DkIT have lot of supports where you can reach out to get help. Software development course is practice, there's no magic trick ! Interact with your classmates and create a great relationship with them, it could reward you in the future.



DK821

Software Development

2nd Year

Adil

Manzoor

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme which is Software Development because I would like to become part of the software Industry as my career in the future. I believe this industry will provide plenty of career opportunities in the future. I look forward to this career. I enjoy problem solving and working in teams on projects which solve real world problems.

Describe a typical day at college:

I get into college before 9am to start my first class at 9. Everyday the classes are different and throughout the week, you will be studying 5 different modules.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT?

Socialisation

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

My plans for the future when I complete this course is this pursue a career in the Software Industry. I will apply for jobs and hopefully with my best efforts, receive and great offer from a company.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

My advice to new students coming in to study this programme is:

1. Programming is all about problem solving so get comfortable and enjoy that aspect.
2. Maths is a big component of the course, but don't worry if you struggle in this subject. I know it could be difficult sometimes, luckily there is a Maths Learning Centre in DkIT, if needed!

3. Practice makes perfect! This course is all about applying your knowledge. This can very fun and you will solve many real-world problems.



DK821

Software Development

2nd Year

Tanatswa

Musemburi

Why did you choose your programme of study?

It gives the opportunity to learn innovative skills that prompt creativity and gives insights into how internal structure of our technological world is developed

Describe a typical day at college:

A couple of classes broken by long and short breaks. For me sometimes I go to the library after and before lectures. Depending on the day again you attend clubs. Nearly everyday it's just going about getting things done with friends

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Christian Union

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Interacting with other students

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Work on personal projects and work to progress to higher levels of the field in which I will be working

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Be humble and seek all the help you can get
Make friends. Do a little work instead of procrastinating until you need to rush it all near the end .

DK823

Mathematics and Data Science

2nd Year

Sumi

Chakalayil Sunil



Why did you choose your programme of study?

I'm a person who's interested in solving problems especially those with Mathematics. I love programming and solving them to create a productive output. Data Science is a combination of Mathematics particularly Statistics, Algebra and Programming.

Describe a typical day at college:

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

DkIT Sport and Badminton

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT?

1. Making friends with lots of people from different countries therefore increasing my social behavior.

2. Most supportive and lovable lecturers at DkIT.

3. My course of study.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

* Don't hold back from anything and move forward. Create healthy relationships with lectures and students at DkIT.

* Always believe in yourself and go as far as you can and crack your course.

* If you have doubts ask for support and use your opinions for everything that matters.

DK823

Mathematics and Data Science

2nd Year



Aleksandra

Gołńska

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this program because I was interested in Mathematics and Programming while in high school.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I belong and take active part in the circus society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT?

The thing I enjoy the most about my student life in DkIT is being able to make connections with people and discover new cultures while also living in a new country.

DK823

Mathematics and Data Science

2nd Year



Philip

Kelly

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Mathematics and Data Science as I really enjoyed maths in secondary school, especially statistics and algebra. I found that maths came easy to me compared to other secondary school subjects and even in college I still like it. I didn't know much about Data science before the course as we didn't even have a computer class in fifth or sixth year but probably my favourite project this year was completing a data studio dashboard on the NHL. I found the coding and software modules very challenging at the start but they are very beneficial skills to have and there are lots of supports available.

Describe a typical day at college:

I would get the bus to college, grab a tea or coffee, attend lectures, depending of the length of a break I would either grab lunch or go to DkIT sport to either use the gym or go

swimming then I would attend the final lectures before waiting for the bus.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I would like to work abroad in a Data science job for a sporting team or franchise after doing a level 9 degree.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

1. Don't fall behind early, ask the lecturers if you need help.
2. Make friends with the people in your course so everyone can help each other when needed.
3. Be organized.



DK823

Mathematics and Data Science

2nd Year

Kaylee Jacqueline

Wijaya

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I really like Mathematics, so I searched for a course that is related to Maths but has good job prospects in the future. That is why I chose Mathematics and Data Science here at DkIT. At first, I was not sure about the Data Science part because I thought it would be all about programming, and I had never learned any programming language before, so I was unsure. However, when I read about the program description, I liked how the courses were structured. The course description also stated that prior knowledge about programming is not needed, but it would be beneficial to have some. Then I decided to choose this course, and I get to study Maths that I enjoy, while also studying Data Science, which is one of the most promising careers.

Describe a typical day at college:

I go to the college at 9am and I attend classes usually until 3pm or 5pm. I really enjoy my student life in DkIT because I have a small classroom, so I get to know all of my classmates and we are all friends. I know the lecturers quite well and they are all willing to help me if I have any problems.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am a Leader for Google Developer Student Clubs DkIT

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

DkIT has a very diverse student group. I get to know people from other countries, and it opened my mind. I also like that the lecturers are all very nice and approachable, something

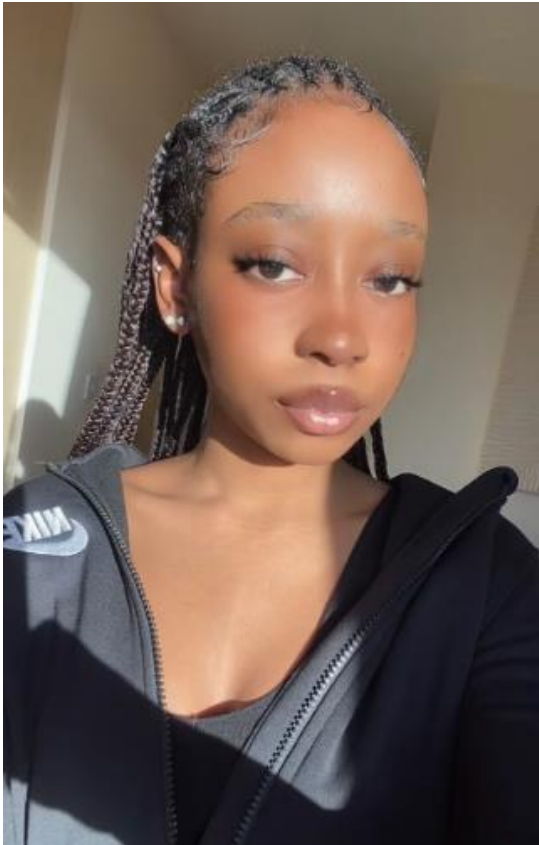
that is very different from my home country. They are all very helpful and willing to help if I am struggling, especially in the first year when I was new and still adapting to college life.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I want to work for a few years in a tech company and maybe study for a Masters degree in Finance or Risk Management. I worked as an intern at a trading company and I liked it, so I might try to look for jobs that are in the same sector. I am still not sure whether I want to work in Ireland or go back to my home country in Indonesia, but the Data Science prospect in both countries are great, so hopefully I will not face a problem finding a job.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

1. Try to be open to other students and get to know as many people as you can, including lecturers. These people might help you in the future.
2. Don't be afraid to reach out to the lecturers. They will be more than happy to help.
3. Always try new things.



DK824

Computing Systems and Operations

2nd Year

Ibukunoluwa

Adeniji

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme of study which is computing system and operations with a major of DevOps and Software development at DkIT as I am intrigued with computers, I want to solve real life problems and I enjoy some of the coding.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at college is most of the time chill and sometimes hectic, you just have to prepare yourself for the days depending on your timetable. Most lectures start at 9am, some are 2 hours long, while some are just an hour long, then you go on break, get some air, come back in for the rest of your classes.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the interaction with other students the most, because everyone is friendly, especially sitting at Costa, you get to chat and have fun with people around you.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

My plan for the future when I complete my course is to further on with a Master's degree and get a good paying job in the tech industry.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Make sure to attend events, that's where you get to socialise. You don't have to know anyone in the college before coming in as you will make and meet loads of people. Get ready to have fun at DkIT.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The social aspect of college allows us to meet a variety of people and find our comfort zone with the people around us. With the number of students around DkIT it is guaranteed that there will be people who share a lot of similar interests and hobbies. There are plenty of social areas around the college to hang out with friends.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

With the course complete I would like to go into Programming and System Administration which are highly sought after skills in tech companies and can be applied in almost every company that has some involvement with tech. Working in Administration is an important position I see myself working in alongside using programming skills which will place me in roles I'm interested in.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

1.) Make a group chat or server for your classmates straight away, and have the timetable for your classes in semester 1 and 2 saved so everyone can keep track of what's up and coming, Don't be afraid to ask others questions if you don't understand something or if you missed something.

2.) Be more social, Don't be afraid to put yourself out of your comfort zone, talk to people, if you feel nervous talking to new people, chances are the others are nervous too so try and break the ice with them, There are plenty of people around the college so you will definitely meet someone you will have similarities with.

3.) Use all the student resources you can, from Student library, campus healthcare, Maths learning center and IT learning center. Booking study rooms, these are great spots to sit down with fellow classmates and work through assignments without being disturbed by being in a busy area. College can be tough and you can feel demotivated if you fall behind. You can talk to your lecturers and course coordinator and seek help and extensions on your work so if you have something that you are running late on you can always talk to your lecturer about getting an extension to stay on top of your work



DK824

Computing Systems and Operations

2nd Year

Shauna

McGuinness

Why did you choose your programme of study?

After conducting thorough research, I selected this course because of my enduring fascination with computing and its inner workings. Participating in this program significantly broadened my understanding of the subject. When contemplating which course to pursue, I explored numerous options. Ultimately, I opted for this one because of its diverse range of modules. Through my research, I discovered that this course places a greater emphasis on continuous assessment rather than exams. Knowing my own strengths and weaknesses, particularly my tendency to struggle with exams, I realised that this course would be the best fit for me.

Describe a typical day at college:

I wake up every morning at 7 am and get myself ready and pack my lunch for college. i

get the bus to DkIT at 8:05 and arrive at college at 8:45. I meet with my friends before college and we grab a coffee and head to my classes. Between classes we either book a study room and work on assignments or relax in Costa. After classes I head to the library and do some study for the next few days. I get the bus home at 5 in the evening

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am currently not in any sports, societies of clubs in DKIT

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I've made lots of friends at college, not just in my classes, but from everywhere on campus. Everyone is really nice and accepting of each other. I feel like these friendships will last a

lifetime.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Once I finish my course, I want to work as a DevOps engineer. I'll use what I've learned about computers and systems to help make software development and operations run smoothly in companies. My job will involve making sure that software gets developed and put into action quickly and smoothly. I'll also keep learning about new technologies and methods that help with this kind of work, like containerization and continuous integration. My goal is to be a valuable part of a team, making their work easier and helping them succeed.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

1. Ask your teachers for help when you need it. At DkIT, since classes are small, teachers can help you easily. If you email them a question, they'll usually respond within a day.
2. Make friends with everyone in your class. Once you're all together, create a group chat. This way, you can talk and help each other with any questions you have.
3. It's okay to feel nervous on your first day. Just remember, everyone else is probably feeling the same way. You're all in this together.



DK863

Creative Media

4th Year

Pavlína

Hrachovcová

Why did you choose your programme of study?

It was broad enough, which was ideal for me at the time as I had no idea what I wanted to do. I got to try many different things and discover what I most enjoy.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Over the years I tried Dance, Archery, and I belong to the Czech society too.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Freedom (creative and personal)

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

So far no idea honestly... but I enjoy game development a lot, so maybe I would go in

this direction.



DK863

Creative Media

2nd Year

Aaron

Lawlor

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I had an interest in the industry since I was young, and I've always been creating stuff for school and family/friends. I really enjoy creating stuff, both digitally and physically. DkIT offered the most attractive course to cater to my interests.

Describe a typical day at college:

Chatting with my peers in Costa, until we have to go to class. Then go to class, taking notes. Then have lunch with everyone. Then either go to the gym or my other classes, inbetween that I usually work away on the simpler assignments.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

N/A

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Socialising with the people in my course

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Get a job in the industry, and work with like minded people, develop my skills. I'm really interested in photography and animation, so I'll probably start there, then move on to other areas within the creative industry.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Check your email as often as you can, last thing you want is to come in on your bus and realise your class for the day has been cancelled. Take part in as many opportunities as you can, to get to know other people and

go out of your comfort zone. Start working on assignments as soon as you can, and chip away at it over time. Getting behind on your assignments only make college more stressful.

DK863

Creative Media

2nd Year



Tadhg

Patterson

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I had gone to quite a few college open days but none had caught my eye as much DkIT. My brother had also studied here for 4 years in mechanical engineering. So I had heard that the campus is modern, and that the lecturers are helpful. I was also unsure as to what field I wished to pursue after college, so the broadness of the course was a bonus. Also, seeing the employment rates of graduates helped me choose.

Describe a typical day at college:

My bus leaves at 08:00, on the bus I typically listen to an album each way. Once on campus, I meet up with classmates in Costa. If I don't have a 09:00 class, I work on assignments until class starts. During any breaks between classes, I will socialise with my classmates.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I have participated in events for ACM and the TableTop Society. Both of which have been joys to partake in.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT:

Meeting with those in my course and in college workshops

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I have a very vague plan for the future. Naturally, I hope to find a job in a creative field. Other than that, I am open to the opportunities that life throws to me. If I need to move out of the country, I will do so to pursue my creative career.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

1. Take it easy. Work hard, but don't lose your mind with stress. Enjoy your essays and projects.
2. Utilise the gym. Persuade someone from your class to join you if you can
3. The condoms on campus are free. Take them if you need them!



DK864

Film & Television Production

2nd Year

Shauna

Bowden

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I completed a PLC in O'Fiaich in photography and from then on I dreamt of creating films so when it came to choosing a course DkIT caught my eye with it's industry standard lecturers and facilities

Describe a typical day at college:

Consisting of caffeine and chats in Costa while dicussing upcoming projects and assignments keeping on top of lectures and having fun doing practical projects

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Working in group projects helps to create routine and friendships

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I plan to become a freelance photographer and videographer and work on writing my own films

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Opportunities are everywhere structure is key keep on top of everything.



DK864

Film & Television Production

3rd Year

Lauren

Corlett

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Honestly, on a whim. I wanted a job that was creative and hands on that would require problem solving skills and just so happened to stumble upon Film and TV Production at DkIT. I have family who work in the industry and who mentioned how many of the apprentices and trainees they work with come from DkIT. After I heard that, I knew it was the right path into the industry.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The social life. College is a place to make lifelong friends inside and outside of your course. It's also a fantastic place make connections into the industry.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Hopefully I can keep working on passion projects with college mates over the years in our freetime. In terms of career, maybe I'll find myself in the art department or as an assistant director. Whatever I get, I want to be there, on set, working with whatever's thrown my way.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

- Use your time in college to explore the different roles in film and TV. Something you never thought you'd like could be something you eventually do as your career.
- History and theory are your friend. You can't put into practice what you don't learn.

- Go wild and be creative even if it doesn't work out exactly how you planned. You're seldom going to get the opportunities and experiences you'll find in college out in the industry. If it sounds like it's too easy, you're doing it wrong.



DK864

Film & Television Production

2nd Year

Katie

Hughes

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I originally entered into Communications in Creative Media in 2018, intending to eventually pursue journalism as a career, however having many friends in TV and Film production that year, I preferred the creative routes they were exploring as part of their course.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The diversity of personalities in the course, I have made so many friends that I never would have expected to have gotten along with!

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I am still not sure which area I want to work in, as I am enjoying so many different

elements of the industry within the course.



DK864

Film & Television Production

2nd Year

Aleksandra

Monastyrska

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I am currently studying film and television production. In the future, I want to work in the film industry. While choosing a university, it was very important for me to choose a program that would provide me with many development opportunities. I chose the study program at DkIT because it is not focused only on theory. I really wanted to gain practical skills that I could use later. In my course, we have many practical classes and learn our future profession on set, instead of in books.

Describe a typical day at college:

My classes usually start from 9am-10am. Each class lasts an hour or two. When the schedule includes a block of such classes, lecturers usually take a small break after the first hour. Around lunchtime I have an hour or two off

for a longer break. Then I have classes again, which end at 5pm at the latest.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I like most is the time I spend with the people I met here. I also enjoy practical classes, that my course provides.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

-Get to know the people around you because some of them will become your friends for life.

-Take on as many opportunities as you can.

-Don't be afraid.



DK864

Film & Television Production

3rd Year

Theo

Mulholland

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I grew up doing theatre, and I always had an interest in the world behind the curtain, and behind the camera. I did a PLC when I was 18-19 to test the waters, so to speak, to see if this industry was something I could imagine myself in. DkIT's film and television production course stood out to me, as I am a local to Dundalk, and it seemed to cover all the practical bases of the industry. The college is smaller than others, I also thought it to be more likely to be friendly and get to connect with like minded people, who shared the same passions as me.

Describe a typical day at college:

I usually get in just before 9am. So I go to my classes, spend my breaks and lunchtimes with my friends. If there is giveaways or activities on, we may pop down to check them out.

Recently my year is working on our 10 minute short films, so more than likely going we are going to be at a meeting.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am the Social Media Manager of the Radio Society at DKIT.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the social closeness of the student body. There's many different activities, clubs, and societies that you can take part in, which help add to the feeling of togetherness and community within the college.

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Throughout the time span of the course, I have come to realise that my call in the industry is either Producing (organising, scheduling, booking things) or Production Design (handling the set design, costume department, and capturing the director's vision in the dressing). I like to work behind the scenes, keeping everyone on track and focussed on the task at hand. I also am quite artistic and creative, and so, I really enjoy decorating things and making them look pretty.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

- 1) Don't be afraid to put yourself out there. You're going to meet some of the best people you've ever met, already have stuff in common because of your course, and the only thing holding you back from a life-long friendship, is you.
- 2) Don't leave things to last minute, if you get on top of things, you'll have more time for yourself.
- 3) Don't be afraid to ask for help. Film and Television is a team sport.



DK864

Film & Television Production

3rd Year

Molly Elizabeth

Ruddy

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I choose my programme due to the course's blend between theory and practical work. It gives the students the chance to make films and other products with quality equipment.

Describe a typical day at college:

Going to lectures

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I was a part of the soccer team in first year but had to step back due to the practical nature of my course.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The activities organised by other students and student social life

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

My plans are to work on Irish language productions both documentary films and feature length films. I hope to one day be apart of an Irish language film that wins an Oscar.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

- Try everything
- Voice your own opinion
- Be Creative



DK865

Audio and Music Production

2nd Year

Lara

Al Waber

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose DkIT as I was really interested in modules for the course in Audio and Music Production, as opposed to other courses in the country. Also the facilities that DkIT offer for this course are industry standard and so much more and I knew I would be learning in a very professional environment.

Describe a typical day at college:

I would begin classes at 9am, have practicals and tutorials throughout the day. Grab a coffee or lunch with a friend. Use the DkIT gym in the evening or head to an event run by DkIT in the town!

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

I would like to work in a music studio, as a sound engineer, mixing engineer and music

producer. All things that we have covered so far in the course, and fell in love with being in the studio.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Reach out and talk to someone if you are having trouble with the course, there is so much support available and your class rep is there to help and more importantly wants to! You may not like all of the modules, but if you really love others I would advise you to stick with it, you're not going to like everything single part of the course. A study / life balance is really important, you're there to learn but also to have fun!



DK865

Audio and Music Production

2nd Year

Mark

Byrne

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose audio and music production as I have a passion for playing music. I have been playing drums for over 12 years now and choosing this course will help me get a job in the music industry

Describe a typical day at college:

I usually start my day with meeting up with my mates before class, attend class until our break and normally get food and relax until our next classes. I then go home and practice drums before sitting down. I will normally relax for a bit until I have to go to work. I then come home and do some work on assignments or then relax before going to bed

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am part of DkIT creative minds which is a group to help students with meeting other students for collaborative projects

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the people I've met from other courses as well as other years from the student events such as freshers week and rag week. I encourage students to go to these events to get out of their comfort zone and meet new people

What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

To try get any sort of a sustainable job in music. I have been doing my music grades to teach drums as well for a back up plan.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

You need to give the course a chance at the start.

Talk to your lectures if you have an issue as they will help.

Most important look out for your classmates and for those who maybe might be afraid to speak up.



DK865

Audio and Music Production

3rd Year

Mia

Madden

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Once I started recording demos on Garageband in Transition Year, I knew making music was something I wanted to do with my life. I did some research into music production courses and found the Audio and Music Production course at DkIT to be the best fit for me.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day in the Audio and Music Production course would include some theory lectures (that are actually interesting and engaging I promise), a lot of hands on learning, and an hour or two working on projects in the studio.

What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Talk to your lecturers about literally anything, show up to your classes, and try to have as much fun in the studio as you can!