

School of Business & Humanities

Student Ambassador Profile 2025





Bachelor of Business in Business and Technology

3rd Year

Tom

Mandinde

Why did you choose your programme of study?

For me the decision came down to my dual passion for business and technology. When I discovered DkIT's Business and Technology program, which integrates these two fields into one comprehensive curriculum, I knew it was the right choice.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am part of the DkIT Rugby club.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The sports and societies, there's such a wide variety on offer -literally something for everyone and it's an amazing way to make friends and try out new things you might never have considered before.

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

Once I complete my course, I plan on getting a job in the technology sector to gain some valuable experience. Then, my goal is to pursue a Master's in Strategic Data Analytics for Business.

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

Work hard, Play hard - Never one or the other. Attend classes and do your work, but always make time for yourself, join societies and participate in events.

Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Be yourself and enjoy the journey.



Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality Management

2nd Year

Queenie

Policarpio

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose the hospitality management programme because it was connected or similar to the course I really want, tourism. This programme offers diverse career opportunities and combines my interests in travel, food and beverage, leadership, managing and helping others. It also provided practical and theoretical knowledge that helped me in my personal growth and goals. Honestly, even though it's not my first choice, I still find it enjoyable and not too difficult with the support of our lovely, very energetic convenor and my colleagues. I believe that everything that happens in my life has a reason, a positive meaning and will lead me to a beautiful and prosperous future.

Describe a typical day at college:

As a working student, I often begin my day at 6 or 7am, get ready, and leave at 8am,

because I usually ride my bike, which takes me 30 to 40 minutes. Our class starts every day at 9am, and I don't want to be late. As soon as I get to DkIT, I head straight to my locker to grab the necessary stuff I'll need for the day. After a few hours of lectures and cooking, there's normally a break; my friend and I talk, sit in the library or outside of campus and prepare for the following class and do some CA's. Sometimes we make a TikTok video and take pictures of our outfit (my college friends know how much I love taking photos, videos, and making memories). After all the classes that day, I leave right away for work. My days are typically a balance of work, academics, social life and personal responsibilities.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

At the moment, I'm not part of any club. I'm looking forward to stepping into something new and joining a club next school year that will definitely help me better understand myself, my capabilities and to increase my confidence.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

As a hospitality management student, I found my college life at DkIT enjoyable and I gained a lot of ideas and experiences. There are so many opportunities and helpful support available, which helped me make every task easier. It also gives me the opportunity to discover more about myself, particularly in relation to a variety of social interactions. I meet different people who impart valuable life and career lessons, such as professionals in every industry and teachers, and also developed friendships. As someone who enjoys eating and travelling, I thoroughly enjoyed every location we visited on our field trip, where I also witnessed other well-known dishes and beverages that are mostly available in Ireland.

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

Once I finish my course, my primary goal is to explore, continue learning, work to use the knowledge and skills I have gained, and apply it in the real world and build a successful and fulfilling career. I want to have more experience, certificates, recognition and greater responsibilities. I plan to seek opportunities where I will be happy and where I can grow both personally and professionally. I believe that being proactive, constantly learning, taking one step ahead and doing something even when no one else

is looking or noticing can lead me to achieve my goals in life.

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

- The hospitality management course is an excellent choice if you're like me and enjoy travelling, interacting with people, eating and solving problems. This can help you when it comes to developing your networking skills and making connections with various professionals.

- Do what makes you happy, enjoy every moment, have an open mind, and go above and beyond what is expected of you—even when no one is looking. Never underestimate the simple act of saying hello, smiling, and having a good attitude; these are the foundations of hospitality and have a great effect on other people.

- Asking questions and seeking advice when you're not sure is all right and a common practice in both our personal and professional lives. DkIT listens, and they offer a wide range and high-level services to alleviate your concerns.



Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts

2nd Year

Lucas

Browne

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose it since it was the program that best suited my needs to set me on the right path in my future. It was also the closest college for me so I would be able to save on travel costs.

Describe a typical day at college:

You get into college at around 8-9am and meet up with your pals at about 9am you get ready for a practical class of cooking that is gonna last about 3 hours. Then afterwards you might have an hour break or so then off to either another practical or theory class to expand your knowledge of different culinary skills. Then your done for the day, with only about 2-3 classes a day lasting no more than 4 hours at a time, and if they are long you do get breaks as your not expected to work nonstop.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am not a part of any clubs or societies due to my location from the college.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The sense of community that is built up from interacting with your peers both in and outside your course.

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

I plan to travel for a bit and work in restaurants around the world to experience new cultures and different styles of cooking to improve my own ability, then with that new found knowledge I hope to open my own restaurant if that is possible.

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

Don't hesitate to ask for help or suggest a different method, this career is constantly changing and if you have an idea on how to improve something, ask, and see what the others think and use the feedback to improve.

Don't be scared of being criticized, use that as an opportunity to improve since you are going to mess up sometimes but if you let that bog you down then you won't be able to improve and grow as a future chef.

Expand your palette try new foods to get a better idea of what you can achieve when you are cooking both for yourself and in a kitchen.



Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts

2nd Year

Kyra

Carlos

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I choose to study Culinary Arts because it is my dream to learn and educate people about the culture behind many dishes. I have also always been passionate about food and flavours. Being in a kitchen makes me feel inspired and creative. I'm always looking to know more and understand. This programme will equip me with the skills to travel and explore opportunities in various locations and many endless opportunities.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical busy practical day at college would require me to wake up and have something to eat. Out the door for college and then change into uniform when I arrive. Meet up in class, have fun and learn.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Student life in DkIT is very interactive and fun. Everyone around is always kind and ready to lend a hand.

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

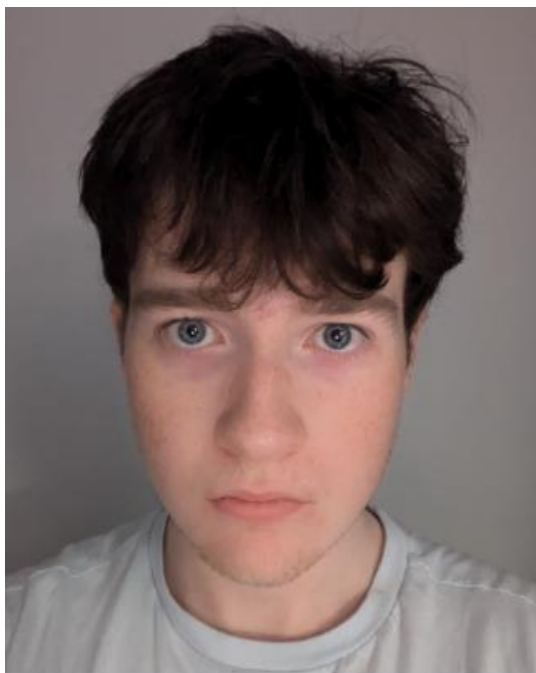
When I finish my course, I hope to still work in the kitchen, honing my skills, doing pastry, and travel further in the future.

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

3 pieces of advice-

1. Don't be afraid to ask for help.
2. Enjoy your time here, make friends, and have fun.

3. Try your best and give it all you have.



Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts

2nd Year

Jamie

Hoey

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I always enjoyed cooking and knew culinary arts was for me since a young age and after finishing my first year I'm very happy with my decision we have great lectures and a good split between practical and theory classes

Describe a typical day at college:

Wake up, drive out, go to the gym or a morning practical class like pastry where we cook new things and get to take them home or eat them for lunch, socialize on a break and finish off classes before going home to cook dinner. I also go to training for athletics on Monday with the college.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Dkit Athletics club.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Spending time with classmates and at the gym.

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

To work in some great restaurants, continue to improve / learn and travel.

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

I'd say get your work done on time as we luckily don't get too many assignments so as long as they are not forgotten about it's a nice work load. If you're commuting be there for 8:30 to secure parking. Try find work in the industry as soon as possible and luckily the college can be very helpful with finding work,

they helped me and a few other classmates
get a good job in the industry.



Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts

2nd Year

Aaditya

Nair

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I enjoyed cooking food since I was a kid. I was not good at baking or at pastry so I wanted to learn about that too and this was the best course for that. Plus, after studying so much for the Leaving certificate, I wanted to do a course which I could practically enjoy instead of sitting on a table for 5-6 hours studying.

Describe a typical day at college:

Class starts at 9am this is a pastry class from 9-12am(3 hours) in which you make a lot of delicious desserts that you take home. Then we get 1 hour of pastry theory with the amazing Rosemary where she teaches you some different ways of making a specific pastries and what you are going to cook next week with some fun chats. Then you get a break from 1-2 for lunch. Lastly you get one class with Chef Michael McNamara for a hot

food process class from 2-5pm in which we cook one starter, one or two main dish, and a side dish which usually, in 2nd semester, is a Mediterranean dish. Then take pictures and enjoy the meals you cooked up after cleaning up the kitchen. That's how we end the day and it sounds tough but it is really fun because you get to learn a lot.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Badminton society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The professors are quite chill and it's fun to learn new things on my course with my peers. Plus I enjoy playing sports and going to the gym that we get for free.

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

After this I might do a masters and travel across the world for a few years picking up different cooking techniques and tricks, and one day receive Michelin stars. I might even do more courses piling up some degrees for myself just for the craic.

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

Listen to whatever the professors teach. Pick up every tips and trick they give, as they are definitely not a waste. And complete all the portfolios on a daily basis instead of piling it up for the last week of submission. And enjoy the course with friends and professors as its an amazing course.



Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts

2nd Year

Quinn

Rogers

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've always had a passion for cooking since I was young. Living in Dundalk and having DkIT at my front doorstep made it the best choice for college after all the recommendations I'd heard from past students - especially those who'd finished the Culinary course. I don't regret it for a second.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None at the moment, but I'm looking forward to joining some within the coming years.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

How different it is to school. It's such a different world compared to what I was used to. The community is so welcoming and making new friends was the easiest it's ever

been. I love the fact I can speak to lecturers so freely and have actual conversations - speaking with teachers in school was more than awkward. Schedules are also so significantly more freeing than in the past; I don't feel burnt out anymore with shedloads of schoolwork.

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

Owning my own business. It's a high expectation of myself but I know if I try my best I can get there eventually. I've got a special interest in baking so managing and working with pastry would be my dream job. I know it'll take years to get to the level I want to be at but working while I'm in college and getting experience now is just the start.

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

Be yourself. You'll click with people who have the same interests and personality.

Stay organised. You're better off taking assignments one at a time than trying to finish them all at once.

Have an interest in Culinary Arts. Don't just pick it because you think it'll be 'easy' practical classes - there's so much more in the programme and you'll regret it if you don't find it interesting.



Bachelor of Arts in Sport, Exercise and Enterprise

2nd Year

Ryan

O Rourke

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Because I love sports and I can see myself becoming a coach. Dundalk is not far from where I am from so, I can still go back home and see friends and family and still have my part time job.

Describe a typical day at college:

Come in by car/bus and go to college, attend class when it is on and you will have gaps in your timetable for your breaks so make sure to eat and refuel for your next classes

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

DkIT hurling.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

There is a good vibe from everyone in the college and always stuff to do.

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

I hope to maybe look into PE teaching but I'm not sure yet.

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

Be confident in yourself. On induction day try and make as many friends as possible. Make sure to enjoy it.



Bachelor of Arts in Sport, Exercise and Enterprise

2nd Year

Luke

Whelan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I choose this programme to study in DkIT, I was interested in the subjects that were to be studied within the course. I have a personal interest and passion in sports. I've always been deeply interested in sports and business and I wanted to explore it further. The structure and challenging environment studying it in college gave me a chance to turn a personal passion into a professional path. I also found that it was good that you could get qualifications within the course. I choose this course because it seemed interesting and fun. I liked that there was a business aspect and a human anatomy aspect.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at DkIT. You get to the college for your first lecture at 9am, have a chat with your mates. Once the first lecture is done you head to the second one. After that you could

have a hour break. So, for the hour break my mates and I go up to the snack box for a bit of food and a game of pool. Then we go back for another few lectures but during them you might have gaps where you can use this time to walk around the campus and to look at the different departments. At the end of the day which could be 5pm, you could either go home or if have free time go down to DkIT sport for a gym session which is free entry if you are a DkIT student and have a swim as well, then you could head home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

DkIT rugby team.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the small classes so you can get to know your fellow classmates. I enjoy the snack box and being able to go up and have a bit of food and a game of pool.

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

My plans after I graduate from sports, exercise, and enterprise are to enter the working world and to become a sports Administration officer, or work with Leinster rugby. I would want to get everyone to get physically active from a young age, so that they get the best health benefits for when they get older. After I get my qualification I would like to travel and see if I can get employment abroad.

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

The three pieces of advice I would give to the new students coming to study are:

1. Keep up with your logbooks.
2. If you don't know what the lecture is on about ask them, more than likely, you aren't the only one confused and the lectures are more than happy to help.
3. Enjoy the year it'll fly by before you know it.



Bachelor of Arts in Community Youth Work

3rd Year

Tiernan

Byrne

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I choose this course as it suits my personality and I have a great interest in helping people as much as possible.

Describe a typical day at college:

Lectures from 9am - 3 pm, an hour break to socialise with fellow class mates. There can be different events going on throughout the college. No two days are the same.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The wide range of social spaces for students.

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

I will go to work abroad for a while if possible and get a feel for youth work outside of

Ireland.

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

Make sure it's something your interested in as it's not just a course you can cruise through, it takes alot of work but it is so worth it . There's no such thing as a stupid question the lecturers love to get questions from you. And remember it's ok to make mistakes, it's all a learning process.



Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Business with Management

2nd Year

Robert

Gamble

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I was looking for a course that would help me expand my current business. This course provided many modules that interested me. This was my first choice of course. Even though I've only completed first year, I have gained many new skills that are helping me expand!

Describe a typical day at college:

Come in early, to meet friends. Sometimes we will go for breakfast or lunch. Attend your lectures, complete any work or projects during free periods. My friend group often will find an activity to do, whether it's playing pool in "The Snack Box" or going into town.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Making new friends and getting to know lectures is a big part of DkIT's culture. But of course, I enjoy the days out and events held by the college!

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

Once I complete my course, I intend to continue with self employment, using the skills I've gained.

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

GET INVOLVED!!!! - Since starting first year, I've gotten involved with most of the events held at the college, this included being the

Groom for the DkIT Student Union RAG wedding.

Take every opportunity! - Towards the start of first year, I got the opportunity to visit Lens, France. While there, we completed a business project with French, Portuguese and Romanian college students, while also going on trips and making new connections!

Don't be nervous! - I, much like the rest of my class, was nervous on our first day, especially if you don't know anyone. After the first few hours, we had already formed friend groups and got to know the rest of our class.



Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Business with Management

2nd Year

Rían

McCann

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Business with Management as I was really fond of Business as a subject when I was in secondary school and I had a great teacher who furthered my interest in a lot of the topics. Many of those topics that I had taken an interest in were offered as modules in my course choice and this has allowed me to get a much better understanding of the topics. As well as this, the opportunity to go abroad through Erasmus and experience other cultures while continuing my studies is something that I am really looking forward to. I believe that my Erasmus and work placements will be beneficial for me entering the world of work after I graduate.

Describe a typical day at college:

I wake up early to get into the campus and meet up with my friends from my course before heading to my first lecture of the day. I

try my best to attend all of my lectures so they often take up a good bit of my day but I make sure to get food and relax during my breaks as well. When I'm not working on an assignment or studying material for my different modules, I like heading up to the Snackbar to play pool and see my friends from other courses as well. I tend to leave the college at around 5pm but some days I'll get away earlier when my lectures finish up before then.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am a part of the Men's Soccer team. I have played sports all my life and I'm very glad that I decided to keep this up in DkIT as it was a great way for me to make new friends while doing something that I enjoy.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I enjoy most about student life is spending my free time hanging out with my friends. Some days we'll stay on campus and work on assignments, and other days we'll go for a drive and find something to do before our next lecture. No matter what it always feels like there is something to do to keep yourself busy.

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

Three pieces of Advice:

- Put yourself forward for things. There will be so many opportunities to have new experiences throughout your time in DkIT and I cannot stress enough how important it is to go for them. Some of the most fun I've had in my first year of college has come from the extra curricular stuff that I didn't have to do, but I chose to anyway.
- Try not to fall behind on your work. Leaving assignments untouched and paying them no attention until they are eventually due is easily done, and it is a habit that I would not recommend getting into as it will lead to a lot more stress than is necessary. Do a little bit of work everyday when you can and you'll find it becomes a lot easier to stay ahead of deadlines.
- Be present. So many people say that college is supposed to be the best years of your life and the best advice I can give is to try and prove them right. Go to your lectures and learn new things, Have fun and laugh with your friends at all the events and nights out, and just be grateful for the chance you've got to make something out of the next few years.



Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Business with Management

3rd Year

Anjana

Pillai

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I initially chose Business and Technology but it did not really align with my interests so then I decided to switch to a different course. I decided to study Business and Management as it aligned well with my future career goals. I was particularly drawn to this course since it provides a comprehensive grasp of the real professional world and it had a good blend of theory and practical applications. The smaller class sizes is definitely a key advantage as it provides with a much more intimate learning atmosphere. Personally the favourite part about this course would be the opportunity to study abroad or gaining experience by doing work placement which is such an incredible prospect. DkIT also provides amazing facilities, opportunities and equipments throughout your course whether it is IT technology or financial help. Overall, the blend between the

modules and the campus environment and facilities makes this course perfect for me.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at college for me would be attending lectures usually between 9 am to 3 pm and hanging out in the snack box with my friends whenever there is a break between lectures, or catching up with coursework.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am part of several societies although I am not really active, but I plan on becoming active in the coming year.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The best part about student life at DkIT is the welcoming environment and the sociable atmosphere. The community at DkIT makes

you feel at home with its friendly culture and supportive lecturers. The lecturers are really helpful and supportive and they are constantly ready to help with any problem you face, which makes college life easier. Another favourite aspect of mine would be the number of sports and societies here and the events hosted are such a great part of college life.

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

When I complete this course, I want to seek work experience for a year or two, then I plan on going ahead and pursuing Masters in Fashion Business.

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

My advice would be, just be yourself and give your best efforts. Don't hesitate to reach out to your peers or lecturers, they are always supportive and willing to guide you, making your college experience enjoyable.

I believe another key advice is, time is of the essence - timely attendance, completion of projects and assignments and meeting deadlines, balancing your workload between assignments and tests is something I would personally vouch for.

Last but not the least, don't get overwhelmed by the new surrounding or changes especially if you are an international student. College life is an amazing experience you don't want to miss out on.



Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Business with Management

2nd Year

Ronan

Tallon

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Business with Management because it offered a lot of different paths after college in relation to the business world, whether it's marketing, economics, human resources or the finance aspects of it. The option to do work placement or go on ERASMUS in Year 3 was a big selling point for me. Also living close to the college was a big factor for choosing DkIT, because I can just drive in and out and keep all my hobbies at home.

Describe a typical day at college:

I drive in for around a quarter past 8 and meet up with the lads, we either go for a coffee or go up for a game of pool in the snack box. Then we go to our lectures, and if we have a 2 hour gap we usually go to DkIT Sport. The odd day we go into town for a bit of breakfast with people in our course.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Going to lectures and meeting up with the people in my course, and the student life in general!

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

I'm hoping to maybe go into something in Finance because I enjoy working with numbers.

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

- Go to all the lectures you can.
- Make yourself known to each lecturer (in a good way...)
- Enjoy it and make as many friends as you can!



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance

2nd Year

Agatha

Bakahirwa

Why did you choose your programme of study?

DkIT was recommended to me by my sister who had a great experience doing the same course there. Students at DkIT have close interactions with their lectures which creates a better learning environment. The lecturers put in a lot of effort to see that the students get the best out of their time spent there.

Describe a typical day at college:

I arrive at college before 9 am for my classes, take breaks at the appropriate time and if I have free time in between classes, I use the library or computer lab to do any pending assignments or revision.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy interacting with new people and making friends. Sharing life experiences and

cultural backgrounds with some of my classmates is quite exciting and enriching.

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

Just be yourself and be open to new learnings, the lecturers are very friendly so don't hesitate to reach out to them when you are faced with challenges. Lastly, work as a team and respect one another.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance

2nd Year

Jie Ming

Chuah

Why did you choose your programme of study?

To be honest, I didn't have a clear reason for choosing this course at first—I just knew I wanted something related to business. But over time, I've grown to enjoy it more than I expected. Learning how businesses work behind the scenes, especially with finance and decision-making, has really opened my eyes. I'm still figuring out exactly what I want to do, but I'm glad I chose this path and I'm excited to keep learning.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at college for me starts with classes at 9 a.m., and depending on the day, they usually run until around 3 or sometimes as late as 5 p.m. There are breaks between classes, and during those gaps, many students head to the Snack Box to grab some food and relax—it's a popular spot, so if you want a

seat, it's best to go early! After classes, I usually take part in sports like badminton, volleyball, or basketball, which are a great way to unwind and stay active. While some students choose to study in the library during breaks, I prefer going home to rest or catch up on work, especially since I live just five minutes away from DkIT.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am an active member of the Volleyball Club, Basketball Club, Badminton Club and the Malaysian Society at DkIT. I proudly represent the institute by playing on both the volleyball and basketball teams (although I'm not a pro).

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I enjoy most about student life at DkIT is the friendly and welcoming atmosphere on campus. It's easy to meet new people and have casual conversations, which creates a strong sense of community. I also appreciate the range of after-school activities that help relieve stress and offer a fun way to connect with others outside of class.

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

After completing my course, I plan to pursue the ACCA qualification to further enhance my knowledge and skills in accounting. My goal is to secure a job in Ireland, ideally with one of the Big Four accounting firms. Working in a professional and challenging environment will help me grow both personally and professionally. I am eager to gain real-world experience, develop my career, and continue learning. Ultimately, I hope to build a successful and fulfilling life in Ireland, achieving the goals I've set for myself and creating the future I've always envisioned.

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

For new students starting the programme at DkIT, my first piece of advice is to attend your classes regularly. Even if some of your friends choose to skip, it's important not to follow the crowd. What's taught in lectures often directly relates to your exams, and being present will give you a better understanding of the material.

Secondly, don't be afraid to ask for help. If there's something you don't understand, feel free to reach out to your lecturers or even

seniors. Everyone is approachable and willing to help—you just have to take the first step.

Lastly, remember that practice really does make perfect. Make an effort to complete all your homework and try to revise consistently. Even small, regular efforts will help you retain information better and build a stronger grasp of your subjects. Staying engaged, asking questions, and keeping up with your work are simple habits that can make a big difference in your success at DkIT.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance

2nd Year

Ying

Conroy

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have a company that is not going well and I don't understand the reports I get from my accountants. I am losing money and no idea how to solve the problems best. My parents used to be accountants. And I couldn't do physical work anymore because of an accident.

Describe a typical day at college:

Drive to DkIT early to avail of parking spot, if class starts at 9am. Monday is the busiest day with 6 - 7 classes. Only have time for lunch 1-2pm. The rest of the week is getting easier and easier. Friday usually is morning only class. A very humane arrangement. If I have a 2 hour break, I go to yoga on campus or in the gym. Finish college at 3 or 4pm, go to collect child and do house chores. Do some studying at night and weekend.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Mature students, music, equestrian, fencing.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Lecturers and administrators are all very helpful. The schedule of courses are reasonable. There are activities going on all the time.

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

I will work as an accountant until I am retired. Ideally, I would get job in big 4 companies and live the dream. But realistically I would be working in a local accountant company for a few years, gain experience and qualify as ACCA, then move on to consultant career.

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

- 1 Sign up for clubs and take part in them.
- 2 make use of the shuttle bus and the gym.
- 3 Always go to classes.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance

3rd Year

Weronika

Malinowska

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I was working in a solicitors office as a receptionist, then I was asked to help with the bookkeeping and accounts. I really enjoyed it and since I didn't have a degree, I decided to try and go for it.

Describe a typical day at college:

It really varies, but for our course we usually start early enough, 9am or 10am. Classes end no later than 5pm, which is great. In between classes I would either study in the library or hang out with my friends.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I was in Anime and Manga club in first year, but none in second year. I just didn't have time and my time table didn't align with the activities unfortunately.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

My experience as a mature student is a bit different than regular college students, but I enjoy the lectures, my classmates are great so I enjoyed getting to know them, and there's plenty of events both on campus and off campus for everyone to find something for themselves.

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

I want to get my ACCA accreditation and then work in a medium sized firm here in Dundalk.

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

It's a fairly intensive course so make sure you attend all your lectures. It's really easy to fall

behind. Don't stress about getting perfect scores all the time. Make sure to use library as it's a great resource.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Accounting and Finance

3rd Year

Zainab

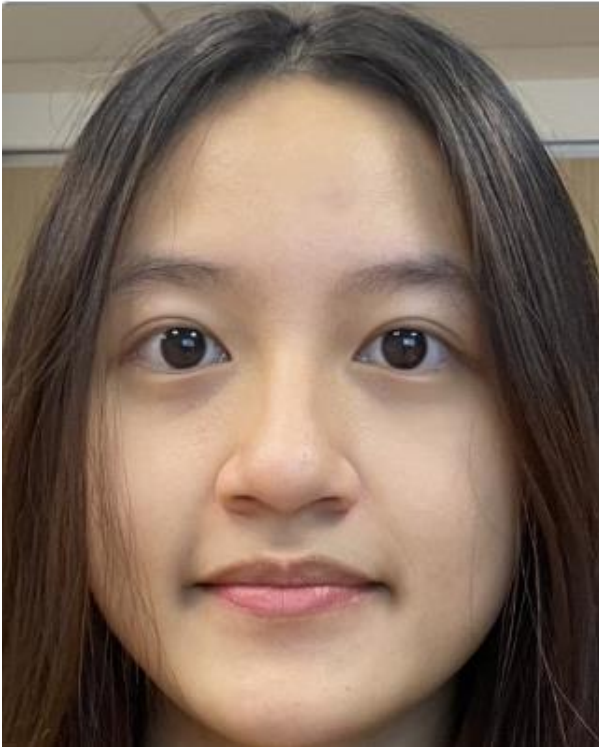
Sulaimon

Why did you choose your programme of study?

My initial career path drifted more towards the medical field. However, after consultation with my parents, I found myself absolutely in love with Accounting. I chose DkIT because of the amount of exemptions the course gives me after I graduate.

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

I plan to become a fully qualified accountant within the next 3 years.



Bachelor of Business (Hons)

2nd Year

Jia Hui Zoe

Lee

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study the Bachelor of Business (Hons) Level 8 at DkIT because the course structure really stood out to me. It offers a good balance between theory and practical learning, and I was impressed by how it prepares students for real-world business challenges. The modules are diverse, and I liked the idea that I could explore different areas of business before deciding what I want to specialise in. I also saw strong future opportunities after completing this degree, including pathways to postgraduate studies or entering the workforce with solid skills and knowledge.

Describe a typical day at college:

My timetable changes from day to day, and I usually have no classes on Fridays. On days when classes start late, I use the extra time to study or catch up on work. If I have early

classes, I go to campus and hang out with friends during breaks, or grab something to eat. If there's a group project or assignment due, I'll usually head to the library to meet with my group. After class, I sometimes talk to lecturers if I need help with anything. It's a mix of studying, socialising, and making the most of free time in between.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I'm a member of the DkIT Malaysian Society. It's a great way to connect with other Malaysian students and share our culture with the wider campus community.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy meeting new people from different backgrounds. The campus has a very welcoming and friendly atmosphere, and

there are always events or activities happening that make it easy to get involved and feel part of the community.

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

After completing my degree, I hope to gain experience through an internship in a finance, accounting, or economics-related role. I'm particularly interested in understanding how businesses manage their financial operations and make strategic decisions. Gaining real-world experience will help me apply what I've learned and decide which area I'd like to specialise in. Eventually, I plan to pursue a master's degree to deepen my knowledge and expand my career options. I believe DkIT is helping me lay the groundwork for that path.

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

1. Keep track of deadlines and assignment dates. Using a planner or calendar app really helps avoid last minute stress.
2. While academics are important, make time to relax, join clubs, and socialize. It helps reduce stress and makes your college life more enjoyable.
3. Look into internships, attend career talks, and figure out which areas of your course interest you most. Having a sense of direction by Year 2 or 3 can make your journey smoother.



Bachelor of Business (Hons)

2nd Year

Caren

Pinheiro

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Bachelor of Business because it's only three years long and offers me an honors degree, allowing me to get into the workforce quicker. I've always been interested in marketing and wanted to explore other elements of business as well. The program covers all the subjects I really need, and this course best aligns with my career goals.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Not as many as I'd like to be in, but Christian Union! They have many engaging and fun events/ activities every week and have such a lovely circle of people, and I cherish the connections I've made.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

It's a very supportive environment here at DkIT. Having been a student representative last year, I saw firsthand how helpful the staff and faculty, particularly the Student Union, are in providing assistance and guidance whenever we need it. Throughout the year, there are diverse activities that keep things lively, such as RAG Week, Black History Month, Valentine's Week, and Freshers' Week. With so many fun events happening around campus, college life here is quite enjoyable.

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

After completing my course, I definitely plan to pursue a master's degree. I'm currently torn between jumping straight into my

master's program or finding a full-time job while studying. In the long run, I'd love to start my own business someday, and I think a mix of real-world experience and advanced knowledge will really help me get there. But honestly, it feels a bit too early to be thinking about all that, haha.

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

While this course is pretty chill, it's very important to stay on top of your accounting game, but it also applies to every other subject: you need to have a solid grasp on the fundamental basics.

Making friends and fitting in can feel intimidating, but remember, we're all in the same boat.

Don't hesitate to ask for help if you're struggling, whether it's with academics or issues related to mental health :)



Bachelor of Science (Hons) in International Tourism Management

3rd Year

Carla

Stewart

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme of study because I enjoy travelling and it opens me up to future career paths that I will find enjoyment in.

Describe a typical day at college:

My typical day at college is usually 9am-4pm, with breaks inbetween where me and my friends have lunch and catch up. We will go to the library if we have any assignments or exams coming up.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None at the moment.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy that my course size is small, meaning we have a strong bond as a group.

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

I plan on doing a marketing graduate programme with RyanAir and hopefully gain a career out of it.

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

Don't stress, take every opportunity and be yourself!



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Hospitality Management with Business

2nd Year

Ana Maria

Gheorghiu

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose it because I have years of experience in this field, and I enjoy my work. I would also like to have an official certification to complement my experience. This programme is versatile and offers many classes and skills that are new to me, and I enjoy being challenged and learning better ways to do my job. I have always wanted to work with people and help make them happy; having this certification will help me secure the job best suited to meet this need. I enjoy making people feel at ease and helping to create an event or celebration that runs smoothly.

Describe a typical day at college:

Throughout my first year of college, my days would start at 9 a.m., and most wouldn't finish until 5 p.m. While they are long days, they are also swamped, so the time passes

quickly. Our classes were a mix of theory and practical components, with the business side focusing on theory and the hospitality side combining both theory and practical elements. We provided service training for a restaurant, covering both the kitchen cooking and the serving end. Both sides taught me things that I would not have thought of, and the theory classes were necessary to help us understand the background of a hospitality business. We also had several site visits throughout the year, which broke up the rhythm and helped keep us excited for the rest of our classes.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

The Ball Society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the freedom that comes with being considered an adult and the responsibilities that go with it. I enjoy how DkIT values on site visits and experience for its students, it helps give us a more rounded education and prepares us better for the real world.

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

I want to travel to various countries to gain more experience and broaden my awareness of different cultures. I aim to secure a job in Ireland within approximately six months and progress up the leadership ladder to a position that aligns with my experience and knowledge. I would also like to continue part-time work in my current career and potentially take on more responsibility if the business is still operational when I have completed my course. I also plan to live independently and hope to have enough money saved to start the process of buying my own home.

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

Keep your focus on your end goal.

Keep your friends close.

Make time for you and your needs.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Arts

2nd Year

Anna

Casey

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme of study at DkIT because it would lead me to the future career I wanted, teaching. As a local of Dundalk, I felt that this Arts degree was perfect for me as I would not have to commute and would receive the qualifications needed to progress after I graduate.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day in college for me starts with meeting my friends before class. I attend my lectures and make notes of any relevant dates or events lectures point out. In between lectures, I usually head to the library to work on assignments or find somewhere to sit with my friends. On some days, we head to the canteen, and on others, we like to sit in the Coffee Dock. This helps break the day up and if there are any upcoming assignments we get

the chance to talk about them. Going to the library and getting some work done on assignments helps keep me motivated and on top of my work, and also means I don't have so much to do at home.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I feel that the student life in DkIT is very well rounded. I enjoy attending lectures and also sitting in the student spaces with friends during breaks. There is a good atmosphere in DkIT and the campus is modern and accessible. There is a great balance of college life in DkIT with quiet spaces for studying or completing assignments, and also fun spaces to sit with friends like the SnackBox which has pool tables for students to play. There are also a lot of clubs and societies that accommodate all types of students and

provide spaces for students to make friends and build skills.

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

After I complete my Arts degree I plan on completing my masters in Post Primary Education and after that I hope to become an English and Politics secondary school teacher. I hope to take my degree with me as I travel around and work in other places.

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

1. Attend your lectures - the lectures provide the information you need to complete assignments and missing them means that you are not getting this helpful information to boost your grades.
2. Immerse yourself in college life - if you have a break in your timetable, go to one of the student spaces with friends. Join a club or society and try to extend your circle.
3. Start as you mean to go on - don't start your degree leaving assignments to the last minute or skipping lectures. These are bad habits that will be hard to break in year two and year three.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Arts

2nd Year

Caitlin

Cassidy

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose the arts course at DkIT because my favourite subjects in school were English and Politics. I have always been interested in these subjects both in school and in everyday life which is why I choose to continue to study these subjects in college.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I love the sense of community at DkIT. You are seen as an individual and not just as another number, like how you would be in other colleges. You have the opportunity to get to know your lecturers and peers which makes the whole process of student life easier and more enjoyable as you feel supported and fully welcomed into college life.

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

When I complete my course in DkIT, I plan on completing my masters in education and go on to be an English and Politics teacher. I believe that teaching is the ideal career for me as it something I have always been interested in. I will get to teach the subjects I loved in school and continue to love in college so I think it is a career that I will really enjoy.

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

My three pieces of advice that I would give to new students are:

Manage your workload- Stay organised and on top of your assignments as this will make life so much easier in the long run.

Reach out to people- Don't be afraid to talk to people in your course as everyone is in the same boat. It won't be long until you've made lots of great friends.

Don't be afraid to ask for help- If you are struggling or unsure of something, go to your lecturers. They are so approachable and always willing to help.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Arts

2nd Year

Connor

Colgan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Arts as I have a great interest in reading and writing, primarily in the disciplines of history and literature. I saw this programme as a method to simultaneously gain an invaluable degree but also a method of spending my time well and enjoying every second of it.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day involves pulling yourself out of bed and out the door onto the bus, arriving to the college and getting a coffee from the lovely facilities within the college before attending lectures over the course of the day while being broken up with breaks that could be an hour or more long. We are often given an opportunity for study in the library or socialising in the Restaurant building or if the weather permits, a walk around campus.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

DkIT while small, harbours a good ethos in how it connects people. It is this smallness which intrinsically lends itself in forging bonds and so I personally enjoy how, when you apply yourself, it is possible to foster newfound relationships with both students and lecturers to further your social and educational needs.

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

I intend to complete a masters, I have not yet decided what in but I am predominantly leaning towards a masters of education as this

will allow me to become a qualified teacher.

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

You must give it your best from the start, whether it be making new friends or your studies. Making a lacklustre attempt or starting too late can make it much harder.

You must enjoy or learn to enjoy reading, it is a text heavy course and you must scrutinise a lot of what you read in order to get the most out of it.

Ask questions, some of the most interesting conversations start with interesting questions, it is vital to be curious in all aspects of life.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Arts

2nd Year

Vanessa

Kirk

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've always wanted to be an English and History teacher, so this course was perfect for me. My two cousins also did this course and loved it. They talked very highly of the lecturers which definitely influenced my decision.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day of college consists of attending all of your lectures and seminars with plenty of time to socialize in-between.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

The dance society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The small class sizes really help you make friends and connect with everyone within your course. Having that bond with everyone makes student life all of more enjoyable. Everywhere you turn you know there's someone to say hello to.

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

I hope to complete my Masters of Education to become a teacher. After that I would love to work towards a PhD in either education or a more specialized subject.

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

1. Have an open mind, put the same effort into all of your modules. Your mind can change really easily.
2. Talk to everyone! Don't be shy.
3. Try your best at all times. You're only fooling yourself if you don't. The assignments can be challenging, but you will see your hard work pay off when they get easier as time goes on.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Arts

2nd Year



Lee

Mooney

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I wanted to get into teaching and found this course was a way that I could have a route into it! Of course there are many other areas you could go into but if teaching is an aim for yourself then this course is definitely for you!

Describe a typical day at college:

I would arrive in 10 minutes before first class then depending on how my day is set out, I would head to the canteen to grab a bite to eat. I usually then go to my next classes or head to the library to do college work or football, do some work from home! I finish off the remainder of classes and back to my accommodation at the end of the day!

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I don't belong to any of the clubs in DkIT, but am heavily involved with sports clubs and representative teams back home. Being a Director of Football in my local club and also Head Coach of one of the league's representative SFAI teams.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The campus, once you know your rooms, is easy to get around. It's big but at the same time small in this department, so finding a room isn't the hardest thing in the world.

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

To progress into a Masters in Education to allow me to become a qualified secondary

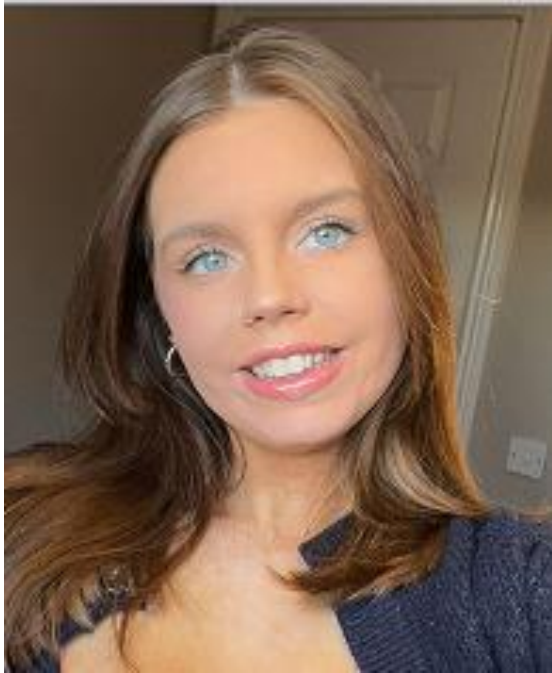
school teacher in English & History!

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

Plan out your assignments regarding due dates etc... give yourself time to do them.

Email your lecturers if you need help, they are there to support you.

You'll find some area's more interesting than others, but try and enjoy all aspects of the course, even if it's just a small bit in certain subjects.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Arts

2nd Year

Fína

Mulholland

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme as I absolutely love the arts and getting a more in-depth meaning of society. I also really wanted an opportunity to dive deeper into the study of English and Politics. I also picked this course as I liked the engagement.

Describe a typical day at college:

My typical day in college would include, hanging out in the canteen or Costa with my friends and going to my lectures.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

In DkIT I love getting to spend time with my friends and all the social aspects.

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

When I am finished my course, I hope to take a gap year before starting my masters in primary school or special need's teaching. I am doing this as I would love the chance to help educate the youth, and possibly get into a career in politics too.

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

1. Make sure you like reading.
2. You only get out what you put into the course.
3. Talk to everyone and put yourself out there.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Arts

2nd Year

Hugh

Smith

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have always been a history buff and enjoy politics, so it was an easy choice for me. However, I was not expecting to enjoy the English and Archeology modules so much, which made my choice of subjects to focus on for my degree harder than I thought it would be!!

Describe a typical day at college:

I'm an early riser, so I normally wake between 6am and 6.20am, get myself ready for the day ahead and normally arrive on campus by 8.20am. I'll head to the Well or the Snackbox and have a drink and a roll. Chat with the lads and head to my first class of the day, if I have an hour or two between classes I'll grab some food in the canteen and head to the library to catch up on some reading. Attend the rest of my classes and then head home for the day.

Some days you can find yourself strolling round having the craic with fellow students and chilling between classes.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I joined the Archery club in September. Unfortunately due to time constraints, I never got to go to as many lessons as I wanted, but hope to change that in the coming year.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

How easy it is to settle in and how relaxed the atmosphere in college is.

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

I hope to gain a Professional Master of Education (PME) and become a secondary school teacher. I would love to have half the

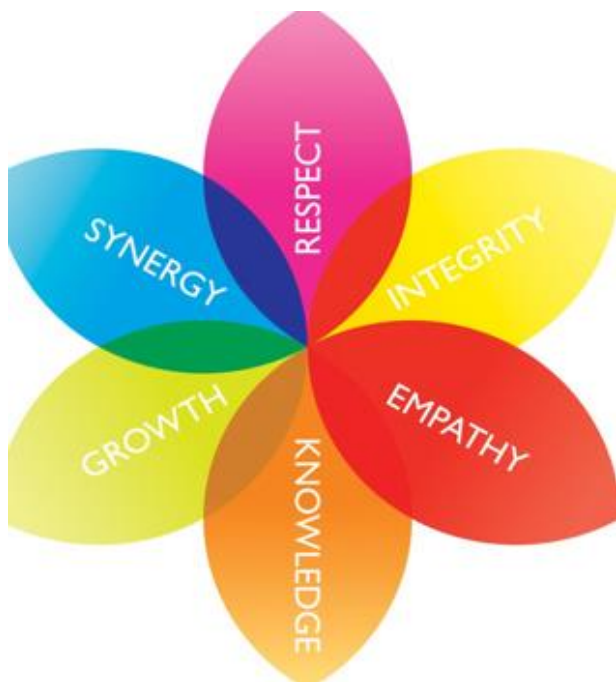
positive influence on students learning and life, that my teachers had on mine, while I was at school.

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

Don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone.

Utilise every resource the college has to offer.

Do not hesitate to ask your lecturers for help or guidance. If you are not sure what approach to take regarding assignments, they are beyond helpful and more than generous with their time!



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Social Care

3rd Year

Elizabeth

Bellew

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I completed a level 5 social care in DIFE. I loved every aspect of the course content and wanted to continue my studies. I researched many colleges and went on tours to see what they offered. I knew as soon as I walked into DkIT it was where I wanted to study, I felt at ease and welcomed. I put DkIT at the top of my CAO list and was very blessed to have been offered my place. I love how the classes are not too big, and how passionate the tutors are when teaching their subject. I love how you have two work experience placement, one in year 2, and another in year 3, which enables me to put theory to practice.

Describe a typical day at college:

There will be long days and there will be short days, but make use of the time you have to spare by getting some work done. The classes are very interactive and you learn so much

from the tutors, make sure to take notes they come in handy when doing your CAs. I have lunch mainly in the canteen with students in my class, we all get along extremely well. I will sometimes go to the library to get work done when I have extra free time.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

DkIT Support and Respect champions.

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

Be kind to others but most importantly be kind to yourself because you matter too.

Reach out if you need support, the tutors are amazing and there is also counselling supports available to all students.

Have fun but do your homework first.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Social Care

2nd Year

Jane Chinyere

Enu

Why did you choose your programme of study?

As a mother of 5 children and a grandmother and mature student, I have experience working as a carer and in a crèche and pre-school for several years. I completed Pre-Nursing level 5 and Supervision in Early Childhood and Education level 6 at O'Fiaich College of Further Education. Consequently, I decided to pursue a level 8 qualification in social carer, as it corresponds with my personality and prior academic and professional experiences. Upon conducting research on the course, I concluded that it aligns with my empathetic and understanding nature towards vulnerable and marginalised population. One aspect of the course that I appreciate is that it addresses issues of discrimination and inequality.

Describe a typical day at college:

After dropping my kids off at school, I get to college before 9 a.m., and I do my best to be on time for class. After class, I go straight to my friends, and we talk. Occasionally, we book a room in the library to study together. Also, we usually get together for food or drinks at the canteen or the well. I also study alone at the library when I have spare time.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I belong to The Neurodivergent Society, Christian Union, and DkIT Matured Student Society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I have made new friends, especially in the mature students' group; we have been very

helpful to one another. Our class has students from different backgrounds. The lecturers make the studies more interesting, as they are very supportive and understanding that every student is different and has different circumstances and learns at different paces. I love the DkIT sports centre, where you can avail yourselves of the gym, swimming, etc. Furthermore, I like the fact that anyone can avail themselves of counselling whenever they need it. There are many groups and societies to join. So, you are never alone in DkIT.

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

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to God for giving me life and the chance to further my social care degree through DkIT. I am optimistic that the outcome will be positive and pave the way for greater opportunities in the years to come. I am eager to pursue a role as a social care worker specialising in intellectual disabilities. I gained valuable experience during my second-year placement in a residential home supporting individuals with ID. Additionally, I have two more years to gain experience in diverse areas such as addiction services, family support services, homelessness, and special care units, which will enable me to identify my strengths and apply the knowledge acquired to benefit my local community.

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

1. Don't procrastinate. Once you are given assignments to do, complete them; don't wait until it is close to the due date. Please begin promptly, as this can significantly affect your workload by the end of the semester.

2. The whole class is on the same journey, and it could be overwhelming at the start. Be helpful to one another and bear in mind that some people may find the course more daunting than others.

3. Collaborate with your group and work as a team during group projects. Engage with lecturers and follow the program content. If you ever have difficulties understanding any of the modules, talk to the lecturers; they are brilliant and very understanding. Although college is busy with many readings and assignment deadlines, it is essential to prioritise self-care and take breaks to prevent burnout.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Social Care

4th Year

SINEAD

MCNAMEE

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I completed a Pre-University Nursing course and I realised from one of the modules and placement, that my interest was in social care and not in nursing. The social care programme in DkIT appealed to me as it is regulated by CORU, has a wide range of modules, and has two blocks of placement, where I could gain a real insight into what life as a social care worker looks like. Furthermore, graduates of the course have a high rate of employment in their chosen field.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The support and encouragement from other students in my year. I look forward to going to lectures and catching up with friends who have gone through the same challenges over the last four years and still have a sense of

humour every day. The students in the course are enthusiastic about developing new skills and knowledge to support service users. The content of the course is diverse, and the Tutors have been invaluable in providing me with support throughout the previous three years. Placement has provided me with an opportunity to implement theory into social care practice and work within multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary teams.

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

Be open and engaging with as many students as possible. Do not be afraid to ask as many questions to understand a topic, as the Tutors are very approachable and understanding, and are very willing to assist any student who wants to learn. The library is your friend, just being in the environment, limits distractions

and puts the mind in the right framework to start an assignment.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Social Care

3rd Year

Ellie

Sullivan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

When I was filling out my CAO, I struggled to find a course that truly captured what I wanted to do. I knew I wanted to pursue a career that was diverse and allowed me to help people, create change, and use my creativity. When I discovered this course in my research, I immediately knew that it was what I had been looking for as it ticked all the boxes. Being from Dundalk, DkIT was at my doorstep, so it was a no-brainer! The programme is also accredited by CORU, which is incredibly important for social care workers.

Describe a typical day at college:

Going to my classes, having the craic with my friends, and buying way too many sweet treats in The Well!!

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

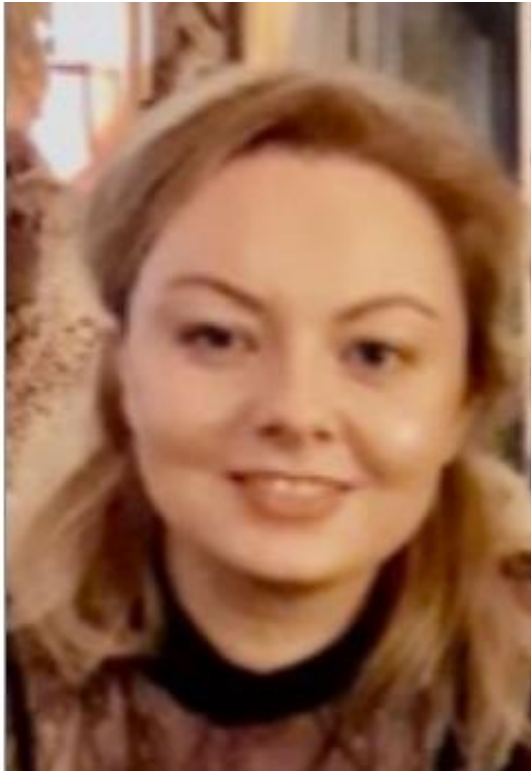
I have enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends. The small class sizes in DkIT ensure that you properly get to know all of your peers and lectures. This creates a homely environment which I enjoy coming into everyday.

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

I always wanted to go down the route of psychotherapy or art therapy after completing this course. However, after being introduced to the wide variety of career opportunities available and completing my placement in RehabCare, I am unsure what the future may hold for me. There is such a diverse range of paths to go down after studying social care!

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

- 1) This course is more assignment heavy, so try to keep up with your reading and do your assignments early so you aren't left with 5 assignments to do at once at the end of the semester!
- 2) Placement isn't as scary as it sounds! Make the most of it and get as involved as possible!
- 3) Enjoy yourself!



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Applied Youth Work

3rd Year

Hannah

Mccabe

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Youth Work because I am passionate about supporting young people through the challenges they face in today's society. Growing up, I saw firsthand how positive role models and safe spaces can make a difference in a young person's life, and I want to be someone who helps create that environment for others. I believe in the power of listening, understanding, and standing up for those whose voices often go unheard. This degree gives me the opportunity to turn my values into practical action working in communities, promoting equality, and helping young people build confidence, resilience, and hope for their future.

Describe a typical day at college:

Start your day with a lecture or seminar in one of DkIT's smaller class sizes, ensuring personalized attention and fostering a close-

knit learning environment. Students who are on their break can go to the student hub that has just opened up and there are several other places to eat in and sit in the college during your break time, students tend to go to library on their breaks also. There are work shops that students can avail of throughout the year and guest lectures and events put on by the students union.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Mature student society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Being able to take part in the students union as a class rep and being part of the students union finance committee for the second year in a row which has been great experience, and

also the placements getting a taste of what my chosen career path would be in the future.

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

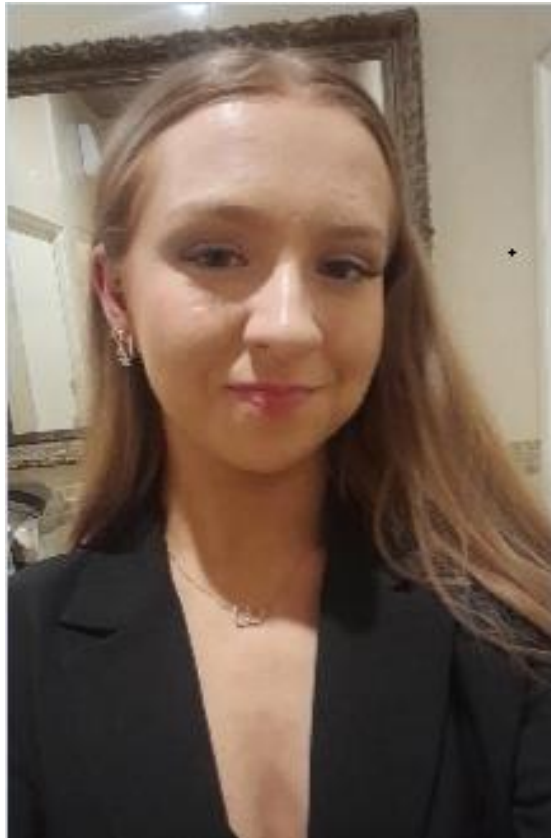
My future plans are to graduate in 2027, get a post graduate in education, work with young people with additional needs, like I did in my placement. It gave me such a good insight in what I wanted to do in the future.

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

Get stuck into student life.

Become a student ambassador.

Become a member of the student union.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Sports, Exercise with Business

2nd Year

Rebecca

Murphy

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have a great interest in sports, fitness and the business end of things, and this course offers a range of opportunities even within the first year which influenced me to choose this course. It prepares you for various sporting/coaching environments which will broaden the area you wish to work, in the following years. For me, I wish to work in the sporting industry and this course offers a variety of qualifications and knowledge to choose the most appropriate area.

Describe a typical day at college:

I usually have classes from 9am -3/4pm. But during this period there are a few breaks in the day, some are one hour long and some are longer. During the shorter breaks I would go to the snackbox with my friends and get some food and socialise with others. For the longer

breaks, I would tend to get some assignments done or study.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I'm involved with the athletics club.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The get to have lots of interactions with the other students from different clubs/ societies. There is such a friendly atmosphere within the college both from all the students and the lecturers. It makes it very easy to make friends. Lecturers are always willing to help where possible.

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

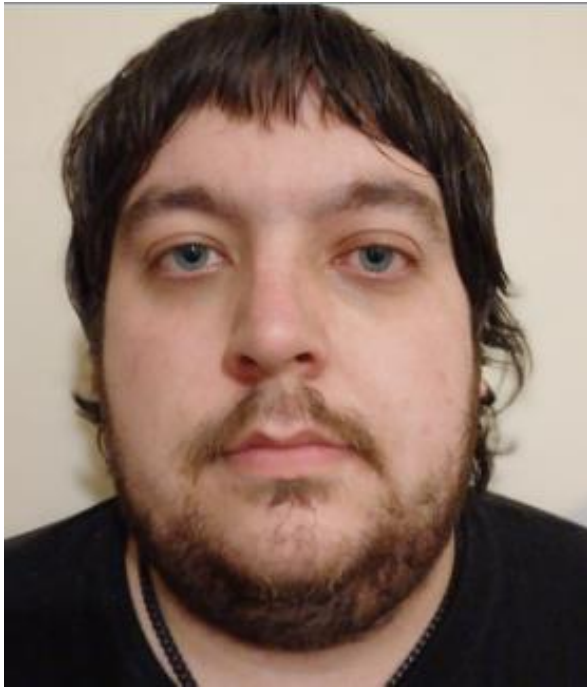
At the minute, outside of the college, I am a qualified track and field coach, but this course has made me realise that I'm quite interested in coaching children to develop physical literacy. But other than the coaching role, I would love to work on the business end of a sporting facility.

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

Always try and go to all of the lecturers, even if you don't like them or find them hard. Lecturers will always be there to help.

Don't be scared to get involved in the lectures, sports and societies.

Enjoy yourself! Everyone in the course is more than likely there for the same reason. Interact with your classmates as much as possible as you'll be with them for 4 years.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Sports, Exercise with Business

2nd Year

Garion

O'Hare

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've been a big lover of sport, and have always wished to have a career in the sports industry to some extent, whether it is physiotherapy, chiropractor or coaching.

Describe a typical day at college:

Come in early, get breakfast at the snackbox, talk and hang out with my peers and attend my classes. Then go home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

DkIT Rugby Team

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Interactions with fellow students in social areas like the snackbox and developing

friendships with people.

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

I hope to become a coach or further bolster my career options in physiotherapy and try to get a job in sports with a sports team.

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

- Keep up to date with assignments.
- Push your comfort zone.
- Manage your time optimally, and try to have a balance.



Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Sports, Exercise with Business

2nd Year

Sarah

Whelan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've always had a strong interest in the sports and exercising sector. It's something I've been passionate about for years, so I knew I wanted to build a career in that area. What really attracted me to this course was the mix of both sports and business – I liked the idea of learning not just about fitness and exercise, but also how the business side works behind the scenes. This course gives me a good balance of practical and professional skills that I can use in different career paths later on.

Describe a typical day at college:

Each days timetable differs so depending if I'm in 9am-2pm or 11am-4pm etc, I would go to all my lectures. In-between classes if I have any free slots on my timetable, I would either go to the library and do some course work or

go to snackbox and have lunch with my friends.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I was in the Ladies GAA Football team for a while, but I am always working during the week so I couldn't really go, I need to go back!

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I enjoy most about student life at DkIT is how there's always something going on around campus. Whether it's events, workshops, or clubs, that the Student Union organise, there's always a chance to get involved and meet new people. The atmosphere is really friendly and active, which makes it easy to balance college work with socialising and having fun.

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

I plan on getting a job in the sports industry as a gym instructor or even make my own personal training plan and do one on one, as well as furthering my education in becoming a Physical Education Teacher in a school, and a Coach whether it's with a team or just one on one coaching.

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

One thing I found really helpful was getting involved in events/clubs and meeting new people from the start. It makes college feel way less overwhelming, and you settle in a lot quicker.

Stay organised from the start, keep on top of your assignments and do not leave things last minute, you will thank me later.

Do not be afraid to ask for help ,whether it's lecturers, classmates, or support services, there's always someone willing to help. I've found that asking questions and reaching out early on, really helped me get more confident with the course.