### School of Engineering

# Student Ambassador Profile 2025





# Bachelor of Science in Building Surveying

2nd Year

### Gordon

#### Reyburn

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I always had an interest in construction growing up. I always favoured it over engineering and I tried an engineering apprenticeship when I left school and it wasn't for me so, I just took a leap of faith basically in applying for the Building Surveying course. I didn't know whether it was going to work or not, it was a pure gamble, but it worked out well. I knew I had an interest in all things building and construction, so I just hoped it would work out to be honest.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Get free parking early in morning. Before 8am. Get into lectures at 9am. Finish that

lecture around 11am. Back into another 2 hour lecture, break, depending on the day as it might be finished early. Go home, might go to the gym, it depends.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I use the DkIT gym in my free time.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I like my course, I'm in with a good bunch of mates.

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



Get a job in my subject field , possibly my own business in time.

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

Put your head down and do the work all the way through the course, especially at the start. You don't get a second chance to make a first impression.

Get to know the people in your course, chances are you'll be working with them later on in your career.

Enjoy yourself and get a good work-life balance.





# Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

2nd Year

### Ronan

**Armstrong** 

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose construction management as it was an area I developed an interest in from doing work experience with a company in the construction industry in 2022. I really enjoyed the work and it was this which ignited my interest in construction.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Class at 9 am, break at quater to 11, class at 11, break at quater to 1pm for one hour, class at 2pm and that class finishes at quater to 4pm.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Senior hurling and freshers Gaelic football.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy everything about student life at DkIT from socialising with people from a variety of counties across Ireland, to the supportive learning environment present in college. The lecturers are approachable and helpful. I also enjoy the fact that I can commute easily to DkIT daily.

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

My plans for the future are to get a job in a construction company after completing my course. I would enjoy the opportunity to travel with my job and to meet lots of new people.

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

Don't be afraid to be yourself.



Always be be respectful to others.

Always stand up for yourself and others.





### Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Systems

3rd Year

### James

Bekker

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

Electrical and Electronic engineering chose me. I've always tinkered with electronics and rarely go anywhere without a bag of tools and hardware to keep me occupied. I've always known that this is what I want to be studying. That being said, I know that the choice is not so easy for everyone. It is all right to have doubts.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Our course balances practical labs and theory lectures nearly 50/50 so we have a combination of those on a given day. Lunch hour with my friends and I go for walks, tea and a cheeky Crispy Chicken Wrap. It's a simple life but we love it.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

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

I intend to stay in Dundalk but it depends on where I find work. I want to work in industrial automation, but if the opportunity presents itself I would certainly pivot towards embedded systems and software.

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

If you are doubtful about your course or the college, talk to your classmates, the ambassadors and lecturers. We have seen it all and maybe even experienced it ourselves before. Ultimately we want the best for you. I worried a lot about whether I am "smart" enough to do this degree. Some classmates



report similar feelings. Over the last two years though we have seen that as long as you show up every day and do the work, it is nearly impossible to fail.





4th Year

### Danielle

Doggett

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

Always had an Interest in motorsport and wanted to work in that industry.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Depending on the day you could have more hands on modules working in the workshop and then other days, you could have more lectures or lab experience as well, it can vary.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Karting club.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Making new friends who have the same interests as you.

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

Find a job in motorsport and show girls that it's not just a man's job.

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

Make new friends and talk to everyone. Do all your assignments as soon as they are assigned. Join clubs and societies.





2nd Year

## Ondrej

Kubin

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I was studying at an industrial middle school in the Czech Republic and wanted to further improve my skills in this field while developing my English. Also, mechanical engineering is one of the most multifunctional branches of engineering

#### Describe a typical day at college:

I'll come to class in the morning. We're having crack in between the classes or we're doing CA's.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Spending time with people who share the same interests.

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

I'd like to do a level 8. Go back to Europe and start working, preferably in the automotive and arms industry.

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

Attend, enjoy your time here, continuously work and learn. Don't underestimate good relationships with teachers and other classmates, because they can come in handy, don't be afraid to ask questions.





2nd Year



### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme because I was interested in learning more about the engineering field. I have had a fascination with with assembling and tinkering with toys and other objects since an early age and wanted to learn how they work. I also chose this programme as I wanted to improve my education so that I can pursue a better career.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Show up to the classroom early and catch up with my classmates before class starts. Attend class and interact with the lecturer and ask questions when confused. Our class then spends our lunches together and go over any issues that we had in previous classes.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The opportunity to get an inside perspective of the engineering field and being able to socialise with people that have shared interests.

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

My plans for the future when I finish my course are to continue in my education with hopes to obtain a level 8 degree. After which I then plan to move on to find work in a precision engineering workshop, as I enjoy the meticulous nature of manufacturing to tight tolerances, after which, I may try to move on



in the manufacturing of devices to be used in the medical industry.

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

Make sure to attend lectures.

Complete assigned work in an orderly manner and do not let it pile up.

Enjoy your time in college.





3rd Year

Jack

McGuill

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I thought the smaller class sizes offered more engagement between students and lecturers. The practical components of some modules were an attraction as it allows hands on experience of topics that would otherwise be difficult to comprehend.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The ability to easily communicate with lecturers about coursework or course content.

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

After graduating, I hope to progress to gain a level 8 honours degree in Mechanical Engineering. After that I hope to get a job in a designing role, and hope to work my way up

to gain a role in design in motorsport.

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

- 1. Enjoy your time at college. Join clubs and socialise with other students.
- 2. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Some times you'll need help, and asking for help doesn't make you any less than others.
- 3. Manage your assignments. Don't leave them all to the last minute. Just spread your work out over the length of time you have.





2nd Year

### Barbora

Sobolikova

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I started as a Digital Marketing Major, but after the first year, I realised that it wasn't the course for me. Over the summer, I switched to Mechanical Engineering because I enjoy maths, physics, and other more logical subjects.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Get to college before 9am and listen to the first lecture. Have a 15-minute break at 11am and attend the second lecture. Go have lunch with friends/classmates. Attend the afternoon class and a society/club after.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Last year, I was a part of the ESN committee. I also helped during the induction with the Czech and Slovak students.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Meeting new people and learning about their culture.

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

I would like to continue studying and do the add-on to have a level 8 certification, and then try to pursue a job in motorsport.

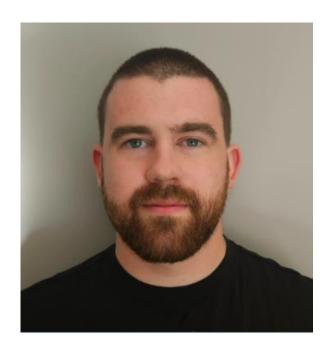
### What three pieces of advice would you give to students coming to do your programme?

Attend your lectures.

Don't be too focused on studying (but still do some), enjoy life.

Don't be scared to talk to others as it's their first time living as well.





2nd Year

## Pádraig

Tuite

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I always had an interest in engineering and anything mechanical like cars, planes, trains, bikes and agricultural/industrial equipment. Also, a few of my friends are mechanical engineers and there jobs are very interesting to me. Mechanical engineering is the most diverse engineering discipline.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Meet up with my classmates, have a chat and a bit of fun, then into classes and take notes. If there is any free time we generally use it for CA work, or just to have a bit of crack and a laugh.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The banter.

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

I would love to work with some form of vehicle manufacturing, preferably in Ireland as I feel the country is shifting towards more precision engineering and manufacturing. I would also love to complete a masters degree if given the opportunity.

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

Keep on top of your workload.

Enjoy your time here, it is very short.

Don't underestimate the importance of good relationships, with students or lecturers. It's not a competition we are all on the same team.





# Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering

2nd Year

### Charlotte

McAleer

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Civil Engineering at DkIT because I've always loved building things, ever since I was a kid I've been playing with Lego. Seeing how things go together and creating new structures always sparked my interest. I was drawn to the idea of designing and constructing structures that can improve people's lives. Living so close to DkIT made everything better as their engineering courses are known to be quite good and I didn't have to move away.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

**DkIT** Engineering Society.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I enjoy most about student life is the blend of coursework and the social scene. The Civil Engineering program is demanding, but the lecturers are great and make learning engaging. Balancing that, with the nights out and social activities on campus, makes for an amazing college experience. I've made so many friends from the course and outside it. It's a great mix of hard work and fun.

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

After finishing the course, I'm planning to move to London. I'm really excited about the opportunity to continue my studies and eventually start working in Civil Engineering there. London has so many amazing projects happening, and I want to be a part of it. I'm



hoping to gain experience and develop my skills further. Eventually, I'd love to work on sustainable infrastructure projects that can make a positive impact, and maybe bring some of that knowledge and innovation back to Ireland someday.

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

Ask questions!

Talk to everyone!

Get involved!





### Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering

2nd Year

### **Thomas**

McAllister

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Civil Engineering at DkIT because of the wide range of companies that are involved with the college which increase my chance of employment post graduation. The class sizes are also small which means I can have better interactions and learning experiences from the lecturers when compared to massive classes.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

My classes are split between practical classes and theory classes. During the practical/lab classes we are taught about the practical elements of the material we are learning, as well as what we will be doing in the future as part of our job. In my theory classes we will go over a wide range of content and get questions regarding them with the lecturer present for any additional help we need or

questions we may have. For me personally, I will finish my college day and then head to the gym before I have volleyball training that evening, it is very fun!

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I belong to the DkIT Volleyball Team.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy how diverse DkIT is. There are many people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures all coming together in a campus that is big enough to not feel too cramped whilst having everything always close by.



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

When I graduate I plan to get a job that has both local and international opportunities that I can learn from to gain a deeper understanding in my specialised field of engineering.

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

- 1) Don't be afraid to just say "hi" to your fellow classmates or anyone you pass by in the halls, you never know when a great friendship can be born.
- 2) Get out of your comfort zone and try all of the sports and other events that are available in DkIT because you might just find something that you will enjoy for the rest of your life.
- 3) Don't think your age is an issue when it comes to meeting new friends or trying out for sports or societies, just go for it. Make the most of your college life while you can!





### Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering

2nd Year

### Tristan

Murphy

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose it because it is closer to home than Dublin for me and it leaves me the opportunity to work as well as go to college. I also chose it because I knew a few of my family members had been to college there in the years before me. I also had seen videos and pictures of the campus and their facilities, this prompted me to go here because I liked what I seen.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

I get to college at around 7:45am. I go for a coffee and something to eat to ready myself for the day. My classes start at 9:00am and I have lectures throughout the day. I get a coffee break for 15 minutes at 11am and I get an hour for dinner at 1pm. I have a mix of practical and lecture classes throughout the day/week. I go home at 4:00pm.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Engineering Society.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The craic with my friends and most of my classes as it's fun.

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

When I complete my course I plan to start working in the industry and potentially complete a master's degree in Civil Engineering. This can enable me to go further with my job in the future



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

Enjoy your time here as it doesn't be long going by.

Study hard and try your best to learn.

Don't be afraid to join in with societies and sports clubs as well as talking to people. It was the easiest way I have made friends.





# Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering

3rd Year

Ben

Tweedy

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Civil Engineering in DkIT because of the opportunities that it could lead to, thanks to all the connections they have to companies in the industry.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

I always try to get to uni before half eight as this allows me to meet up with some friends in the morning. During the break between the two morning lectures is when I would typically get breakfast as I can't stomach any food when I wake up. During lunch, I typically will get some food then make my way over to the Carrolls building to hang out with friends, as many of them have all their classes there. After lunch, if I have an evening class, I will head to it. Otherwise, I may stay with my friends a bit longer then head home.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Airsoft Society, Engineering Society and Neurodivergent Society.

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

After completing my course I am hoping to make my way into the work force in order to build up experience. Maybe after some years I may return to get my masters degree.

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

Don't be afraid to talk to new people. The best way to make as many friends as possible is to talk to as many people as you can.



Pay attention in lectures and you will be surprised by how much easier a subject can be.

Go to every lab. Every five percent you get from a lab is five percent you don't need to get from an exam.





# Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering

2nd Year

### Ciaran

O Reilly

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I knew that the foundations of my course were the foundations of many great Inspiring people who went on to be a large part in changing the ground around us. I found that passion has driven me to get into studying again as I took a break after secondary school. I found that the people I had talked to on open days were a lot more student focused compared to other Universities and this was just the 1-To-1 help I would need.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

I get on campus early 8:30am in the morning, grab a bite to eat at the snack box, then on to my 9am class, then straight into my 11am

class after a cup of coffee. Time for lunch over at the canteen. Over to my next lecture at 2pm then my day studies are over but I stay on later and get some study before playing in the table tennis club. Then finally Home

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Table Tennis. Class Rep

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Social environment.Great Facilities. Brilliant Art inspiration



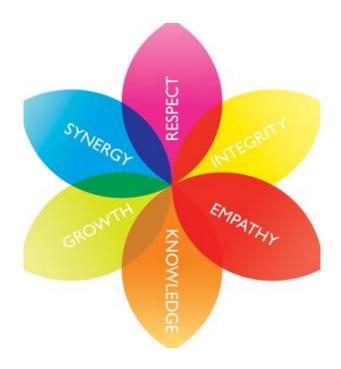
### What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?

Once I have completed my course I want to push myself straight into the fore-front of Water Engineering and be around people who want to make changes to the world and help other impoverished communities around the world that do not have water in their country. I want to be able to work on new ways of making the run down systems of an older time be more productive

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

- 1. Never fall behind on your CA, make deadlines for yourself if no deadline is set, you will fall behind (speaking from experience)
- 2. Keep your attendance Up ( your lectures will remember if you struggle with topics if you are there)
- 3. Join sports/societies/clubs, get a few people that will be on your side.





# Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Building Surveying

2nd Year

### Oisin

**Englishby** 

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I worked on a few building sites when I first left school and wanted to learn more about the construction industry. I then decided to choose Building Surveying as my course of study as there is such a massive range of career paths you can do with this degree.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

In this aspect, it is similar to school you have classes throughout the day and then you have some spare time in the evenings. You can be finished early some days which can be nice.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None currently.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Meeting new people and how casual college can be compared to school. You are not being forced to do anything and you get the rewards out of it based on the work that you put in. Its also nice to have access to the college gym and pool.

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

I plan to travel Australia and the USA and then maybe return to college after a year and complete a masters degree in building surveying.



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

- 1.) Put in the effort into your classes. College is a lot different from school there is no one forcing you to do any work so you have to be a lot more self reliant. You really get out of college with the work that you put in.
- 2.) Attend all of your lab classes. Most modules give marks for your final year result, you really want to make the most of this as it can help relieve a lot of stress during exam time.
- 3) Don't wait until the day before an assignment is due to start it. This adds a lot of unnecessary stress and can lead to you rushing the assignment and not receiving the mark you could have received.





### Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Architectural Technology

4th Year

### Ciaran

#### **McCabe**

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme of study at DkIT due to the passion I have for the content of my course. I feel this course offers students a vast variety of opportunities in different areas within Architectural Technology, so there is something for everyone. There are also many businesses quite locally that have great connections with DkIT, and with a work placement in 3rd year it can open the door for future employment opportunities for graduating students.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at college usually goes like this:

1. Arrive at college and get a coffee before class.

2. Participate in classes, taking down notes throughout.

- 3. Head up to the Snack Box area to eat my lunch and play a few games of pool.
- 4. Finish the day off with my last class and head on home.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I use DkIT Sport gym facilities 5 times weekly.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The campus itself is really calm and friendly. I enjoy the small cafe areas around campus and the various walkways, which offer a nice escape from the pressures of life.

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

Currently, I am just going with the flow! I've learned in DkIT that you don't have to have



everything all figured out by the time you have graduated. It is important to build connections and open up doors for yourself, and with that, I would love to see the world and experience other cultures. I also want to do great things for architecture in Ireland and make a name for myself.

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

Firstly, take each day as it comes. A semester in college is actually not that long, but can seem quite daunting if you are looking ahead too much. Carefully plan and time manage what tasks you will complete and when, but at the same time focusing on the present instead of worrying how am I gonna get through all this work and assignments, this is key to relieving stress.

Second, show up to classes!!! It sounds obvious and lecturers are always hounding students to simply show up, but it took me three years to realise that it really is that easy. Showing up and being engaged day to day can be tough as life gets in the way, however I found that when it came to exams at the end of the year, I was generally just looking over the information and refamiliarising myself with it, rather than learning it again. You pay to go to college, so participate in classes and get as much out of it as you can.

Lastly, enjoy the other side of college. If you can, go to the freshers events and the RAG week events, because whilst studies are important, it is also key to let your hair down a bit to avoid burning out and make memories (you can't be super focused all the time!). College is said to be the best years of your life, so make it as good as you can whilst also having a balance and doing the best you can and achieving as high a result as you can.





# Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Construction Management

3rd Year

### Cosmos Yaw

#### Addor

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

My imagination of working in the built environment dates back to my primary school where I visited construction sites and carpentry shops keenly observing the daily activity and giving a helping hand.

Science was selected for me by my parents which I became a Biology teacher at the high school.

The passion for construction career was still reverberating in my heart and I followed my instinct to pursue my passion irrespective of my age. And I am happy of becoming who I wanted to be.

I am grateful to my very self and the Lecturers for supporting me up to now.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Classes begin as scheduled with 10 minutes break for each lesson which is refreshing.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Athletics,

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Opportunity to join societies and socialise.

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

My major aspirations are to be with a leading construction company to learn the best and safe ways of managing construction projects and ultimately own or be a shareholder of global construction company based here in



Ireland and operating internationally.

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

I suggest students tackle their assignments as early as possible, attend classes regularly and make use of Moodle and the library.





### Why did you choose your programme of study?

Having changed from a different course, I can now say that I made the right decision. I always enjoyed construction and maths in school so when DkIT introduced the new Quantity Surveying course last year the decision to change was easy. One of the reasons people overlook when choosing a college course, is where they choose to do their studies. I live only 20 minutes from Dundalk and travelling to and from DkIT is quite easy. After attending the open day last year and talking to the people there, I knew that DkIT was the best choice possible.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The social aspect of college life is great.

Meeting new people and attending college social events throughout the year make

### Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Quantity Surveying

2nd Year

### Noah

Coyle

college all the more enjoyable.

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

- 1. Meeting new people. DkIT is a great place to meet new people from different walks of life and a chance to make new friends.
- 2. Attend your lectures. A lot of people fall into the trap of trying to complete their studies without attending certain lectures. Attending your lectures will give you a better education and a better chance at succeeding.
- 3. Pick the right course. The course you choose may not be for you but that's alright. Don't be afraid to change the course you are doing for another one that may seem more appealing to your qualities.





#### **Engineering (Common entry)**

2nd Year

### Paul

#### Herbert

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

My main reason as to why I picked Mechanical Engineering for 2nd Year comes from my interest in cars and mechanics, as well as Mechanical being the broadest choice as you're also doing parts Electrical and Civil. The main reason for choosing DkIT was for convenience, facilities and familiarity, where it is easier to travel to DkIT than other colleges. There are plenty of facilities on and off-campus and the classrooms are more like secondary school classrooms compared to those big lecture rooms.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

I usually leave the house between 7:15 to 7:20am and arrive at the college early at 7:45am. The main reason for this is if I have any projects or CA's to finish or to study any material I got from the previous day. Class

then starts as usual at 9am where there's a mixture of lectures, labs and workshops. I then have lunch at around 1pm with some friends from class and others who I went to secondary school with. After classes, I'd go to rugby training held at the back of the campus at the football pitches, or on the astro-turf pitches at DkIT Sport. Then I drive home.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Men's Rugby and Karting.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The freedom student life gives compared to secondary school. Socialising with students and lecturers and all the events that are planned from time to time.



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

- 1. Get them assignments done as quickly as possible so that you don't have to worry about deadlines. Not only will you have more spare time for other things, you will be less under pressure about deadlines and be ready for the next assignment.
- 2. Don't be afraid to ask the lecturers for help. The lecturers are super helpful and will provide any material for topics that you're not sure about in lectures as well as helping out if there's a segment in an assignment that you don't know how to do.
- 3. Study hard but also have fun.





### Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering (part of common programme)

2nd Year

### Ethan

Daly colhoun

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme because I have a strong interest in engineering as a career, I chose DkIT specifically for the small class sizes and engagement with the lecturers.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Arrive early for class, no more than 4 hours of class before you get a break, have a big lunch or go home depending on your day. Finsih class for the day go home and look over what you learned.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None as of now.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The friendly environment and approachable peers.

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

I would love to travel abroad and work in a career that deals with spacecrafts and satellites.

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

Engage in class and labs.

Ask questions because your not the only one thinking them.

Make friends straight away as group work is very common.





# Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (part of common programme)

3rd Year

### Chidubem

#### Anudu

### Why did you choose your programme of study?

Because I have always wondered how technology works, especially things like circuits, power systems, and electronics. Electrical engineering allows me to be part of creating and improving the systems that power our world.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

Getting to class which involves learning how to build a circuit board and typing a code for the circuit board to work.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Christian Union.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The school societies and also the clubs. Having good friends and also good lecturers helping me anytime I have issues with my CA's.

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

I plan to have my own Electrical Engineering company.

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

Try going for classes even though you don't want to, it will really help.

Always do your CA's, it helps when you are reading for exams.

Try balancing your part time job and school work.





# Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (part of common programme)

4th Year

## Katelynn

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### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have always been a fan of maths and computers, but once I saw Electrical and Electronic Engineering I knew it suited what I enjoyed the most. The idea of doing a job in the future I truly enjoy is the main reason.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The community.

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

I plan to do a masters degree, but I'm unsure of which subject yet. once I have completed that I want to work full time and travel.

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

- 1. Go to lectures you learn a lot just being there.
- 2. Try everything they offer you, even if it seems like a waste of time.
- 3. Just enjoy it.





### Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Civil Engineering (part of common programme)

3rd Year



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### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Civil Engineering at DkIT because I've always been interested in how infrastructure shapes our daily lives and communities. DkIT stood out to me for its practical, hands-on approach to learning, strong industry connections, and supportive learning environment. I wanted a course that combined technical skills with real-world application, and DkIT offers the right balance of both. The location and reputation of the institute also played a key role in my decision.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day in college usually starts with a morning lecture, often in subjects like Structural Analysis, Mathematics, or Environmental Engineering. After that, I might have a lab session where we work on practical skills like surveying, materials testing, or using

CAD software. There's usually a break where I grab something to eat and catch up with classmates. In the afternoon, we often have tutorials or group project work, where we collaborate on assignments or design tasks. Some days include site visits or guest talks, which help connect what we learn in class to real-world engineering. After classes, I'll usually spend some time in the library reviewing notes or working on assignments before heading home. The day also includes my commute to and from college and maybe some time spent in the gym.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

At the moment I am not currently involved in any of the sports clubs or societies.



### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy mostly the interaction that I have between all of my lecturers.

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

After I finish my Civil Engineering degree, I plan to travel and use my qualification to work on exciting and innovative projects around the world. I'm passionate about being part of designs that make a real difference—whether it's sustainable infrastructure, smart cities, or unique architectural structures. My goal is to gain international experience, learn from diverse engineering practices, and contribute to projects that challenge me creatively and technically. I want my career to be dynamic, impactful, and filled with opportunities to explore new places and ideas.

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

Stay on top of your coursework and try not to fall behind.

Get involved in different activities and area.

Make use of the resources around you in the college.





### Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Systems

3rd Year

### Clara

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### Why did you choose your programme of study?

I decided to study Electrical and Electronic Systems because I have always had an interest in machine coding and embedded systems and hardware design. This programme allows me to pursue this with a combination of theoretical study and practical learning, which is essential for going into the working world and applying skills to an industrial environment. I also chose this programme because of the small class sizes and the ability to therefore communicate with everyone easily and work together in order to problem solve when presented with an issue that requires more than independent thinking. I think this is an invaluable form of learning.

#### Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day in college will most likely involve lectures and labs, typically from 9am and no later than 5pm. There is a canteen and a

couple of cafes on campus that you can go to during your breaks. You will most likely have longer and shorter days throughout the week, some involving long gaps on between classes. Then if you're a part of any clubs or societies, meetings and training will most likely be after the school day.

### What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am on the committee of the Engineering Society.

### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I appreciate how much effort DkIT puts into pastoral care and the well being of it's students. I also have benefitted from the opportunities presented for socialising and taking part in programs that allow me to



further developed my CV. In addition to this, the facilities provide students with everything they need for a supportive learning environment.

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

I haven't fully decided yet but if I get the grades I need, I might pursue post graduate study and go down the route of biomedical/bionics. If I leave at the end of my level 7 and don't stay on to complete the level 8, I might try and get a job in network engineering/telecommunications engineering role. I had the opportunity to get more experience in this on my work placement and found it very interesting and allowed me to develop skills for working on projects that require extra elements to be production ready.

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

1. Always put yourself forward for opportunities, even if you feel unsure about it or have imposter syndrome. You may not get everything or it could turn out to be not what you expected, but you will regret not putting yourself forward for things because everything is a learning curve and you will be all the better for it. 2. Always ask for help from your lecturers or other students if you need it. There are no stupid questions and if there are, I've probably asked them already myself anyways so you'll be fine. The lecturers are very approachable and just want to support you. 3. Try to find a good studysocialising balance. It's important to put in effort when it comes to the academic side but not too much because making friends and having experiences outside of the classroom is just as important. At the same time, don't go too far the other way and overdo it on the socialising and neglect your studies.

