School of Informatics & Creative Media

Student Ambassador Profile 2025

Bachelor of Science in Computing

2nd Year

Jared Reis

Vaz

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I enjoy the most as a Student at DkIT is how welcoming and friendly the campus is. Not only the campus, but also the lecturers are very approachable and open to solving any issues, while also providing the best class experience. Outside of classes, there's always something happening, whether it's club activities, events, or just relaxing with friends in the common areas.

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

1. Ask for help when you need it. Don't be afraid to reach out to your lecturers or classmates. Everyone is here to learn and grow. DkIT also has great support services.

2. Get involved beyond the classroom. Join clubs, participate in various activities and learn other skills that may help you academically as well as professionally.

3. Make the most of practical sessions and the Learning Centre. The hands-on labs and workshops are where you really get to apply what you've learned. Don't be afraid to ask questions and book slots for the Learning centre if required.

To Inclusion...and Beyond!

Bachelor of Arts in Audio and Music Production

2nd Year

Kyle

Roche

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose studio audio and music production in DkIT as it basically is the best facility in the country for a course like this. It has all the gear and all the knowledge about how to make a move in the music industry.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day would consist of me meeting up with my friends and then having the chats and the craic and getting ready for the rest of the day :)

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I belong to the song writing club and the music society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the routine, I love going in and meeting my friends and having a fun time learning.

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

Hopefully get a nice job preferably a session musician or a audio engineer, and I would love to help on big projects within the audio and music industry.

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

Be on top of you're assignments.

You really got to love audio and music.

And just have fun :)

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Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media

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Ciara

McArdle

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I love bringing my creativity to my work. With this course you get so much creative freedom in a constructive way making it a great learning experience. This course also was mainly assignment based so it suited me much better. Overall, it's the best decision I made. Now that I'm in the course I love it so much, from the subject to the teachers. Everyone is so supportive and helpful. The subjects are also fun and interesting making you want to keep learning.

Describe a typical day at college:

I usually get to college around 8am (parking) but my usual day is 9am-4pm doing mostly practical subjects with a few lectures in between. I mainly work on my assignments throughout these classes. Lunch is usually around 1pm. I grab some food and catch up with my friends. At the end of the day I head home to relax and finish up a bit of work.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The environment in DkIT is so welcoming. There is always some activities on and you can get involved so easily. Everyone is really friendly. We are in small classes forming closer bonds and friendships. This encourages you to work harder, it gives you a safe growing experience.

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

I'm currently in the creative media BA (level 7) I did this to give myself the choice of doing a 4th year and going into the level 8. I would love to get an internship in a media production company building my career from

here.

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

Immerse yourself in everything you can. Talk to your lecturers when you need help they are there to guide you. Don't leave your assignments to the last minute.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Audio and Music Production

2nd Year

Brant

Mallon

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have been involved in music since a kid and have a strong interest in the Engineering and production side of the music industry.

Describe a typical day at college:

Classes start at 9am and usually there is a break around 11am or 12 noone. Some days we have a break between classes that can sometimes be an hour or two. If you need to study there are many quiet places around campus as well as the Library. The day usually ends between 3pm and 5pm.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Songwriting Club

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I enjoy most is the many different people you meet and the facilities and spaces available for students.

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

My plans for the future are to be a mixing/mastering engineer and find a way to progress my career as a producer, either working in studios or freelance.

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

1. Be open to meeting new people. 2. Get involved with the community in the college 3. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

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Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Film Practice

2nd Year

Felikss

Lapinskis

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I loved Theatre all my life, I even have career experience in theatre. Until I backed away from it and chose a different path in DkIT, I was inspired to bounce back into my passion.

Describe a typical day at college:

Arrive on time, attend practicals, chat during break, hang out with class near Snackbox or outside.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Dance Society, Drama Society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The friendliness of staff and the opportunities from student services.

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

Use my contacts and hopefully start working in the background of theatre, film, and photography.

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

Attend, putting in an effort is the coolest trait in creative fields. Have fun and keep your passion.

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Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre

3rd Year

Brooke

Rafferty Shaw

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Growing up, I've always had a passion for performing and, for a long time, I've wanted a higher level of training in musical theatre. I was unsure about choosing a Level 7 course initially, but after finding out that we can do an extra year to make it a Level 8 qualification, the choice basically made itself. I also grew up in Dundalk, so DkIT was a fairly easy option.

Describe a typical day at college:

Musical Theatre is a very practical course, with fairly long days. We're usually in class for 9am, the classes are typically two hours long, with an average of 1-2 hours in breaks throughout the day. The day usually ends around 4-5pm. We have allocated times in the practice rooms for our study and rehearsal outside of class that we can access throughout the day, as needed.

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

Well, naturally, I'd love to end up performing, ideally professionally. However, I have many interests within the theatre industry that I would love the chance to pursue alongside performing. This includes directing, stage management and choreography, among others. I'd also like to give teaching or facillitating a try if performing isn't a viable option.

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

Keep an open mind in terms of constructive criticism, everyone is trying to help you improve your skillset.

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Even if its a topic you don't like, or you find difficult, try your best in every module.

Stay on top of assignments, especially reflective journals. They can be easy to push aside until later and then, before you know it, its two hours before the submission portal closes.

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Games Development

2nd Year

Sam

Byrne

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Growing up, I've always been a big gamer and I was introduced to games such as Little Big Planet and Minecraft early which was what sparked my passion for not only playing games, but also trying to create them. I strive to be able to build the skills to create memorable experiences, or at the very least, bring a smile to someone. If I can achieve this then I will be happy.

Describe a typical day at college:

My typical day at college is likely quite different than what most would expect I arrive at college 30 minutes before my first class due to that being when the bus arrives. I usually relax on my phone and attempt to turn my brain on for the day. I then go to classes and engage with whatever they are covering for the day. At break time I hang out

in the PJ Carrols cafeteria and eat lunch with some classmates. Then its back to class again and after class I head home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Learning about what I am interested in (that being the course I am taking). Having fun with classmates and fooling around at break time with my mates.

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

After completing my 4 year course at DkIT, I hope to be able to either take a year break, or

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find some work with my newfound qualifications.

Both of these options are something to consider as when I have completed my course, that will be 5 full college years complete and I may want a break to avoid burnout.

Finding work is also something I would consider as earning money is always something nice :)

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

Do not procrastinate, get things done as soon as you can.

Practice programming, you won't improve by not doing so.

Talk with your classmates, I know it can be scary at first but you will be spending potentially years with these people, so get to know them!

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Games Development

2nd Year

Emma

Diamond

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this programme because it's always been a dream of mine to be a Game Developer. I've known since 5th class in primary school and I worked hard through secondary school to achieve my dream.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at college would consist of attending classes, having some fun with friends while wandering around the campus, and finding new different places to get lunch!

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I belong to none of the above.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Meeting new people who have the same interests as you is amazing!! With the facilites nearby, it's great to go out and have some craic!

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

I wish to get a job as a game developer, and I hope to make some amazing games to inspire the next generation!

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

1: NEVER MISS A CLASS. Things go quickly with every class, and missing one for the sake of it is not worth it.

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2: DO OUTSIDE WORK. Going over what was done in class outside, in your own time definitely shows in your grades.

3: HAVE FUN: As much as the work can sometimes be heavy, make sure to go out and enjoy yourself. These are the best years of our lives!

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Games Development

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Michael

Flanagan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I had previously partaken in the Multimedia, Games and VR post leaving cert course in O'Fiaich, so I felt as though it would be natural progression for me to move onto the games development course in DkIT. Video games have been my passion for a very long time, so creating video games is an ultimate dream!

Describe a typical day at college:

Usually I would get in at around 8:40, after walking up from my house. I tend to see my friends in the morning, asking how they are all doing, before I go to my classes. When I get a break, I either hang out with my friends or go to get lunch at one of the many excellent places on and around the DkIT campus. In the afternoon, I attend my classes, before leaving to go home!

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am a part of the Neurodivergent Society, which was a society that was created last year, for neurodivergent people. In fact, I am actually the secretary of the society, keeping track of the people who come to the meetings, and helping plan events!

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

My favourite part of the DkIT student life is all the lovely people you will meet when coming in! At first, I was intimidated by the large volumes of people around the college, but it is a very welcoming campus, the students around here are brilliant, and the lecturers are very kind and helpful!

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

Set up a discord server or some form of class group; communication is very important to set up, it will help you become friends easier.

Don't be scared of any of the staff; they are all lovely people!

Try not to let assignments pile up.

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Conor

Francome

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have always loved video games from an early age as that is one of the things me and my father would play together and bond over. Its also something that I have done with my friends, even when we have not been in the same country. It is something that can bring people together and have fun together. It has also been something that has helped me when I have been stressed, anxious or sad allowing me to dive into magical worlds and forget about the problems going on in real life. That is why I chose to study Games development in order to provide the future generations with something they can bond with others over and enjoy replaying to their hearts content.

Describe a typical day at college:

I wake up every day at 8am (I live in student housing on Campus). I get dressed and brush my teeth. My backpack I have packed from the night before so I have that at the ready. At 8:30am I check Outlook and Moodle to make sure no announcements have been made. At 8:45 I make my way to the PJ Carrols building and meet up with classmates at the costa. At 8:55 I arrive with my classmates at the classroom. At around 12 there is typically a lunch break which is when I go to the cafeteria to get some lunch. At around 1pm classes recommence for the afternoon which I attend. At around 4pm or 5pm classes end and I make my way back to my room. If its a Tuesday or Wednesday I attend the society events which end around 8pm or 9pm. I then make my back to my house and cook food for the night. Between 10 and 11pm I check what is due for the next day and start working on it Between 11:30 and 12am, I get my bag ready for the next day, brush my teeth and get into

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bed. Typically I am then asleep by 12 or 1am to get my 7-8 hours of sleep

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I belong to a variety of different clubs and societies but the main ones would be: Neurodivergent society, Airsoft society and Dance society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The many friends you make with classmates and those you meet in the different sports and societies you may take part in.

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

I plan to return to Switzerland, which is where my family is and do my military service since I just recently got my citizenship. After that I plan to explore my options, possibly coming back to Ireland since this is where the majority of my family is and continue to study or if I'm lucky enough, try an intern in some of the Game Development companies that reside here in Ireland.

Looking further into the future, I want to try and work in a smaller games company that desires to make games not for a profit or to continue a series but because they want to make something for that generation of gamer's to play.

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

1. If you are confused or do not understand something, dont keep quiet, speak up and ask questions since that is the only way for you to get answers.

2. Engage in the many activities available around campus and make use of the staff who are here to help you and make your time here better. This can range from asking for clarification from a lecturer, to going to disability if you require additional help, or going to the Counselors if you are not feeling like yourself. They are here to help and wont bite....I think.

3. Don't put things off until later as later will come a lot sooner then you think. If you have time, try and get some work done as soon as you get it, even if its just a little bit every day, trust me, doing a little work every day will make things a lot easier to manage.

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Games Development

2nd Year

Rachel

Gillespie

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose games development after I realised that software development wasn't for me personally. I did computer science for the Leaving Cert and I thought software development was for me but realised that I always had a passion for gaming and a creative streak and I wanted to put that to good use and learn how to make awesome games and so, I decided to enroll here as I heard good things about the program. And since I'm in the area, I don't have to commute far every day.

Describe a typical day at college:

Our day usually starts in front of a screen in a lab with all of us separately. After that, there could be another lab for a specific part of games development we don't share with software development (such as games design or 3d modelling). After that there's a break, before we all go to P1139 (the biggest lecture hall in the building) for a lecture on a shared module (usually Networking) with the software devs. Then we'd have two/three more hours in a lab, usually coding, then we can leave for the evening. Though I sometimes stay on to work on more stuff before I go home, but that's a personal choice.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I admittedly haven't gone to any club meetings, but I run an unofficial D&D club with my friends as a Dungeon Master. I've considered turning it into a fully fledged society, but we'll see :)

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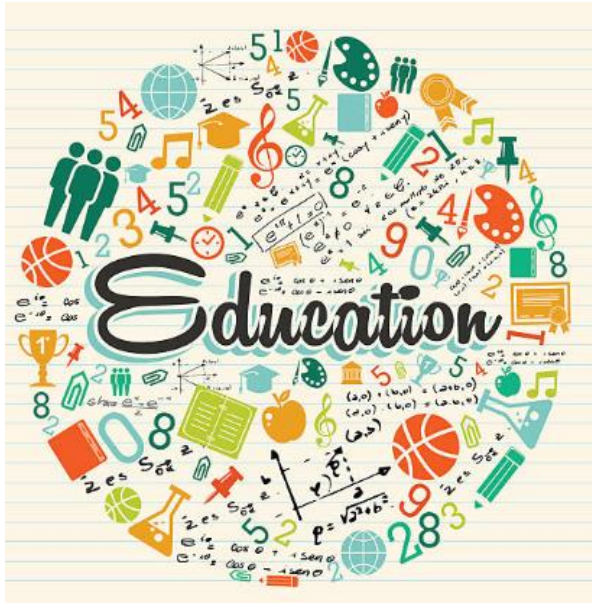### What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I like the freedom it grants me. The feeling that I am an adult with adult responsibilities sure, but also adult freedoms. I love how diverse the campus is and the amount of supports onsite for anything you might need. It definitely helps a lot!

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

Hopefully when I'm finished I'll either open my own games studio or get hired at an indie game studio. I'd love to collaborate with my friends both here and in other universities studying art and music. Maybe I'll release some solo projects too! It's a fuzzy yet assuring vision for me.

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

1) Enjoy it, you're going to make amazing stuff over the next 4 years!

2) Don't be afraid of those of us in 2nd, 3rd or 4th year, we're just like you and are more than willing to help. We'll even ask you for your help, with testing games and such, (Trust me, it's worth it).

3) Please make sure you keep in contact with your lecturers and the various supports on campus. Don't let your problems snowball out of control, trust me, they will help you and there's always a solution.

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James

Guevarra

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Volleyball Club

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I love the freedom and the energy of the students on campus. Wherever you go, you'll always find students having the time of their lives discussing how lectures were or even how the modules are as well. I enjoy the lively atmosphere around campus, making it feel more like a casual day of secondary school again.

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

Join clubs and societies, as much as it may seem scary as a new student. It's an experience you will never forget. Everyone is extremely welcoming and kind. DkIT has many clubs and societies for you to join and experience.

Programming is such a key skill, you will need in this my programme. The best thing for you to do is stay sharp and be open to new things that you will learn. If you feel unsure, you can always seek help from seniors, lecturers or even online with some websites.

Manage your time accordingly, make time for yourself and of course assignments. But don't overly stress on work, a good and healthy mindset is the best thing you can do for yourself.

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Games Development

2nd Year

Callum

Hughes

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Because I was interested in games when I was younger. So when I was older and did'nt know what to do. I chose games as I am interested in them and thought the course whould be fun.

Describe a typical day at college:

Go to classes work and learn while having fun with friends and when lunch happens, play games and enjoy the break.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I don't.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy spending time with freands.

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

Hopefully find a job in the course that I did, and travel.

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

Try to do your work overtime, and not on the last day. Try to enjoy the course you are doing. Make the most that happens on the campus.

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Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Games Development

4th Year

Aleksandra

Kail

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

There always is something happening, so there's always something to do outside of the classes. It's important to find something to unwind, and the sheer number of societies present a lot of opportunities to pick up a new hobby and find friends outside of your course.

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

Don't be scared to ask for help or to say that you don't know something. There are people that go into the course with prior experience, but it is not required, so don't compare yourself to them, try your best and most importantly learn for yourself, not others.

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Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Games Development

2nd Year

Michael

Vaughan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Game Development at DkIT because of its strong emphasis on practical learning. Having already spent time teaching myself "Blender", I wanted a course that would allow me to build on my skills through real-world projects and software experience. DkIT's focus on practical classes, rather than purely theory learning, was a major factor in my decision. I like the idea of being able to get to know my lecturers and classmates, and getting more support when I need it. It just felt like the right place to build my skills and work toward a career I'm passionate about.

Describe a typical day at college:

I start the day by walking to college, then I go to my networking class, then my 3D modeling lecture. I then have an hour break, that I usually spend in maxol across the street to get some food. Then I have my networking lecture. Then my Database class. Then I finish college and I go straight to the gym at DkIT sport. After finishing the gym I typically go shopping or straight home. I cook dinner then work on projects. Then in the evening I have my own free time.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Circus and Archery.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I love the wide range of events happening at DkIT almost every single week.

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

Once I finish the Game Development course at DkIT, my main goal is to get a job in the games industry. I want to work as part of a development team where I can continue to grow my skills and contribute to creating games that people enjoy. I'm especially interested in roles that involve 3D modeling or design, since I've already spent time learning "Blender" and really enjoy that side of game development. Over time, I hope to build up experience and maybe even work on my own indie projects. Whether it's with a studio or as part of a smaller team, I'm excited to take what I've learned and turn it into a career doing something I'm passionate about.

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

Don't leave college work until the last second and start projects when they are briefed.

Don't study something your not passionate about.

When you fall behind on work don't be disheartened and just focus on getting back on track.

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2nd Year

Ataerk

YILDIRIM

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've been programming since I was 15 years old and been playing games long since before that. I always dreamed of making games, making my own worlds and allowing people to experience them as how it is in my mind. DkIT seemed the most reasonable way to gain progress on this path specifically because of their practical focused projects, industry connections and dedicated facilities for game development. Job employment rate was also a huge side factor since this programme has one of the highest employment rates in DkIT. Studying at DkIT, I believe, will help me significantly progress towards achieving my lifelong ambition of making my ideas real.

Describe a typical day at college:

On a typical day I usually start by attending morning lectures or practical lab sessions. Around noon, I take a break with my friends and grab launch at the college restaurant. In the afternoon, I have a couple more lectures or labs. After classes, I often spend time with my friends and then finally study or do some projects and relax when I get back home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

ACM.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Its the all kinds of freedom that DkIT allows me to live, as well as giving you all the responsibility.

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

After graduation, my goal is to take all the skill and knowledge I've gained in game

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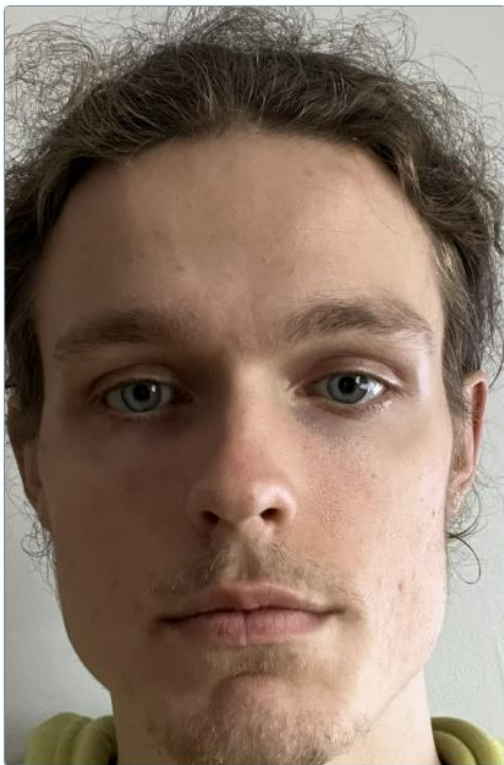INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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development and start making my own games. I want to develop creative, original projects and if possible release them commercially. Ultimately, I'd love to found my own game studio. Having my own company would give me the freedom to fully explore my ideas both creatively and technically without limitations.

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

Always ask a question. Don't be afraid not to.

Attend classes, they are fun and you get to learn new things.

Take risks, no matter how small.

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Software Development

2nd Year

Gvidonas

Buikys

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Software Development because it opens the door to so many opportunities and valuable skills. I've had a passion for technology since I was a child, I always enjoyed exploring how software works and trying out coding projects on my own. What really drew me to the course at DkIT was how well it's connected to the tech industry. There's a strong focus on practical learning, with opportunities for real-world experience through projects and placements. With technology evolving so quickly and shaping every part of our lives, I wanted to be part of that change, not just watching it happen but actually building the future.

Describe a typical day at college:

On a typical day at college, I usually meet up with friends at Costa for a coffee and a chat before classes start. If I have any free time between lectures, I like to head over to DkIT Sport to workout.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I was part of the Student Union as class representative.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I enjoy most about the student life at DkIT is the sense of belonging and being able to come together as a community and help each other improve skills and learn from each other. There is also many clubs/sports and societies that students can join and feel like they belong in DkIT, as there also is many opportunities in DkIT to grow and learn as an individual.

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

When I complete my course, my goal is to work in the tech industry, where I can apply the skills and knowledge I have developed throughout my studies. I hope to start by working as part of a dynamic team, contributing to real-world projects and gaining valuable experience. Over time, I aim to grow into a leadership role where I can not only manage a team but also guide projects from start to finish. I'm excited to continue building my technical and communication skills, and to take on new challenges in an industry that is constantly evolving.

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

1. Start assignments early - As soon as you get a project or assignment, begin working on it. Even making a small start can save you a lot of stress later and helps you stay on top of deadlines.

2. Get involved in clubs and societies - It's a great way to meet new people. learn new skills and feel part of the college community. There's more to college than just classes, so make the most of it!

3. Enjoy the experience - Don't forget to have fun along the way. College is a unique time in your life, so find a balance between study and enjoying the journey.

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Software Development

2nd Year

Aloka

Disanayaka

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've always had an interest in technology and problem-solving, and the Software Development programme at DkIT stood out for its hands-on approach, modern facilities, and strong reputation in the tech industry. I liked that the modules are practical and relevant, and that students work on real-world projects right from first year.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at DkIT starts with back-to-back lectures and labs, covering subjects like programming, web development, databases, and networking. The workload can be intense, especially with group projects and individual assignments happening at the same time. I usually spend my breaks reviewing lecture notes or working on code in the computer labs. There's always something to do, and

time management is key. Despite the busy schedule, I enjoy the challenge and find it rewarding to see my skills improving over time.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I'm currently not involved in any sports clubs or societies, as my schedule keeps me quite busy with lectures, assignments, and project work in the Software Development programme. However, I always keep an eye on tech-related events and workshops happening in the college.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the balance of independence and support. The lecturers are approachable and genuinely want you to succeed, and there are plenty of resources available for both

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academic and personal development. I also enjoy collaborating with classmates on coding projects — it makes learning more engaging and practical.

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

After completing my course, I plan to start working in the tech industry to gain professional experience. I'm particularly interested in areas like software engineering, web development, and mobile app development. Eventually, I'd like to work with a company that values innovation and continuous learning, or even start my own tech-related venture someday. The skills I've gained at DkIT — from coding and databases to teamwork and problem-solving — have given me a strong foundation for the future. I'm also considering doing an internship or placement during the third year to gain real-world experience and make industry connections.

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

1. Stay consistent — It's easy to fall behind, so keep up with lectures, labs, and assignments from the start.

2. Ask questions — Whether it's a lecturer, tutor, or classmate, don't be afraid to ask for help.

3. Practice coding regularly — The best way to learn programming is by doing it. Try to build small projects outside of class to improve your skills.

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Software Development

2nd Year

Oliver

Halpenny

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to get a degree for a lot of different reasons, but I chose to study software development specifically because it would teach me about technology as a whole, something I have an interest in.

Describe a typical day at college:

Start driving because it is a struggle to find parking. Head to class. Say hi to friends on the way there. Get to class. Make some notes. Enjoy tea and some existential dread between breaks. Finish my last class and talk to more friends. Look over my notes. Struggle to find my car and then head to the gym, a damn good day indeed.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am currently not involved in any sports, societies, or clubs related to DkIT.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Meeting people and getting to know them is my favourite part, it teaches me a lot about myself too.

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

This is difficult to answer in a text box, ask me this over some tea and that'll be a fun conversation.

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

Just go to class (even if it seems boring or pointless).

Write hand written notes (even if they're sloppy).

If you learn from a failure, it's no longer a failure, it's progress.

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Software Development

2nd Year

Maryna

Hordiienko

Why did you choose your programme of study?

One of the main reasons I chose my programme at DkIT is the excellent career prospects it offers. The institute maintains strong partnerships with both local companies and international corporations. Thanks to these connections, alongside a solid theoretical foundation, I gain practical experience through internships and real-world projects, which makes my skills immediately sought after by employers. DkIT graduates enjoy a high reputation in the job market and often secure positions with leading companies shortly after finishing their studies. This practical approach and professional network give me confidence that I will be well prepared for a successful career.

Describe a typical day at college:

On study days, I always try to concentrate on what matters most and make the best use of my time. If I have an important project or an exam to prepare for, I'm happy to spend my breaks working on it. At the same time, I make sure to find time to chat with my classmates, it helps me unwind and refocus. I also use the swimming pool after classes, as it's a great way to stay fit and relieve stress.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

The sport I love most is volleyball. It's been part of my life since childhood: I remember cheering for my mum during a friendly match on International Women's Day. I would follow the ball carefully and shout "out!" at just the right moment.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I enjoy most about student life at DkIT is the open and supportive communication with

my lecturers. I feel boundless respect and gratitude towards each of them, as they always show a sincere willingness to help and guidance on the right path. Their approachable nature means I can ask questions after lectures or seek advice on my assignments, and their thoughtful feedback has been invaluable.

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

Looking at how AI is widely discussed in social, political, and economic spheres, with governments drafting new legislation and significant investments flowing into the industry, I am eager to align my career with artificial intelligence. I believe AI represents the future, and my main goal is to contribute to something truly groundbreaking.

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

Firstly, recognise that your studies are an investment in yourself—every lecture and assignment helps you become a better version of who you are.

Secondly, never be afraid to make mistakes; errors are a natural part of learning and growth.

Finally, stay focused on what truly matters—prioritise tasks and skills that will have the biggest impact on your future career.

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2nd Year

Roman

Korolovych

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Software Development in DkIT as I've always liked the idea of problem solving. However, I didn't like the largely math sided part of computer science, here I found a course that still contains all the aspects I believe I need towards my career with less math and a more aligned course structure for my future. It also includes multiple projects abroad which could help me develop various different skills in a team and learn how to adapt within a new environment and learn skills that can help me towards my career.

Describe a typical day at college:

Days can vary from long to short some with long breaks some with none, for me, if it was a long break I'd use that time to either relax and get food or go to the gym.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

DkIT Sport Gym

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The freedom to do anything.

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

Get to know your classmates become friends with them and most importantly find people with similar goals as you. When it comes to programming the more you practice different problems the easier it gets to think of a solution on the spot and for the sake of yourself. Don't always rely on AI straight away it becomes tempting but it will only delay yourself later in the course.

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Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Software Development

4th Year

Mariela

Machuca Palmeros

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I've recently joined the rugby team! Even if I had never played it or heard of it before, I found myself enjoying it a lot! The girls are very welcoming, and there are a lot of other beginners, so I didn't feel out of place.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I think the number of opportunities you'll get while studying at DkIT. DkIT gives you so many options for things to do while you're a student, from societies/clubs to exchange programs!

In my four years as a student, I've gone to three different countries for Erasmus projects, and I've enjoyed every single one of them. I've also volunteered in different college events and have been invited to others.

So you can't get bored while studying in DkIT.

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

I am passionate about teaching and empowering others through knowledge, which is why I am pursuing a Master's in Education as the next step after graduating from DkIT. My goal is to inspire and support the next generation of women to engage with and develop a passion for computing and STEM fields.

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

1. Don't be nervous: DkIT's community is very friendly, and finding your place won't be complicated.

2. Don't be scared to try new stuff: There are many societies and events, don't hesitate to participate and volunteer whenever you can.

3. Your program is your priority: Although there are a lot of fun college life activities, don't forget that you're here to study. Being dedicated to your program will help you build a great CV for your future.

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Software Development

2nd Year

Pijus

Misevicius

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Computing in Software Development at DkIT as it provides a great entry point into the job market, providing the necessary skills to be qualified in any related position. The positioning of the campus is also a big plus, as it is in the centre between Belfast and Dublin, the two hotspots for tech companies in Ireland.

Describe a typical day at college:

I live in Monaghan, so my typical day at college starts with driving an hour to campus. Once I arrive, I text my friends and meet up with them before we head into our first lecture or lab of the day. In between classes, sometimes we head into the restaurant or the snack box to get a bite to eat and chat. At the end of the day, we walk out to the car park and split off for the day, heading home to recharge for the tomorrow.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the welcoming nature of the students at DkIT, as there is always a helping hand out there. Everyone I've met has been friendly.

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

Once I have completed my course, my hopes are to move on to a better paying job in the field of software development with higher opportunities for promotion and self improvement.

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

Firstly, I believe in keeping an open mind when meeting new people. It is the key to finding new friends.

Secondly, try to keep up with work as it gets assigned, and try to study even a tiny bit as you go along; it'll save you the hassle later.

And lastly, just try to enjoy the experience!

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Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Software Development

3rd Year

Jose Henrique

Pinto Joanoni

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I always liked technology and before joining the course I was working as a software developer for a while. I decided to start this course to get a diploma. I wanted to join the market abroad, away from my home country and continue to work with something I always enjoyed.

Describe a typical day at college:

Classes starting usually around 9am, most of the time they are tutorial classes. Later we have our lab classes with a more practical approach. Most of the days we finish between 4 to 5 pm and have 1 or 2 hours break per day depending on your timetable.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Google Developers Student Clubs (GDSC) and ACM.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

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

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

My plans after finishing this course are to start a master degree, in a topic to be defined yet, and find a good job in the software development area.

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

Don't be ashamed to ask for help. DkIT has a lot of supports where you can reach out to get help.

Software development course is practice, there's no magic trick!

Interact with your classmates and create a great relationship with them, it could reward you in the future.

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Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Software Development

2nd Year

Kamil

Seidou

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have always had a very deep interest in computers and technology for as long as I can remember. I just found it fascinating that technology is able to do so many things without you realising it. For me, I started to question the everyday things that I used for example, how does my phone actually work and what goes into it, how am I able to control and interact inside videogames? These questions lead me to start learning about coding and programming and how powerful of a tool they are which only fuelled my interest even more.

Describe a typical day at college:

Usually have a class in the morning so I'd attend that, since I live close to campus for breaks I can either go home to relax for a bit, or I can meet with friends to grab some food and walk around campus, after classes are finished which is usually between 2-4pm, I go on a walk before heading home to give my brain a chance to destress and have a break from technology as that is what I have been doing all day.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Volleyball club.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I most enjoy about student life is the various opportunities to meet and talk to new people through various events that happen throughout the academic year. These events also help to relieve anxiety and stress caused by student life e.g. assignment deadlines.

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

After finishing my course, I plan to actively seek career opportunities in the software development sector, aiming to apply and enhance the skills I have acquired. While searching for employment, I will dedicate time to working on personal projects that interest me, allowing me to explore different technologies and deepen my expertise. Additionally, I intend to take on freelance work where possible, as it can provide valuable real-world experience and help me build professional connections. Through these efforts, I hope to create a strong and diverse portfolio that effectively demonstrates my abilities and commitment to a successful career in software development.

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

Do not feel like you are coming in unprepared if you do not have any previous experience with coding or anything. You will get taught everything you need to know, and get support from your lecturers or other classmates.

Make an effort to engage in the extra curricular activities and events going on in college as it will help to relieve stress as well as letting you get to know new people.

Start developing your time management skills. You will need to be on top of things if you want to have an overall good time in college as too much focus on college work can negatively affect other aspects of your life outside of college.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Media

2nd Year

Jack

Berrill

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Creative Media as I have had a passion for video editing for a few years. The Creative Media course includes alot of my personal interests and through studying Creative Media I've discovered even more interests like photography, graphic design and more. I chose DkIT as my place of study as it has a great reputation from locals and from my family.

Describe a typical day at college:

For example: On a Monday I would have a 1 hour lecture at 9am with Terri. She teaches us Communication, Design and Illustration, this information we carry over to our practical classes with her. We would then have an hour break. Next would be our Storytelling Creative and Interactive Narrative tutorial class where our lecturer would brief us on our current CA,

see how we are getting on with the current CA and help. After this we would have another 1hour break. At 1pm we would have Introduction to Sound and Vision Production with Fiachra which is a practical class where we would be taught about the production aspects of filming. We are also given the opportunity to use the equipment like cameras and microphones. Our final class is at 3:30pm which is Introduction to Sound and Vision Post Production where we work on editing. For the editing software we use Davinci Resolve. When this class is finished our College day is over and we go home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Currently none.

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What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The friendly and accepting atmosphere of the college.

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

My plans for when I graduate are to focus on being a video editor. May this be independently or with a company. My passion for video editing has helped me in other fields like being a director for a short film and, through being the director I could invision the final edit. I hope when I graduate I could do something similar and direct/edit. These skills I possess continue to get stronger as I progress through my studies and hopefully once I graduate, I will have these skills perfected to create amazing projects.

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

1. DON'T worry about making friends, it will happen naturally for you.

2. DON'T come in with expectations for everything, coming with an open mind leads to you finding out you enjoy things you would have never thought you would.

3. College life is very different from Secondary school life, you have so much more freedom and control over your life. This may take time to adjust to, but once you do, it is one of the most freeing and one of the greatest thing that'll happen to you.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Media

2nd Year

Daniel

Hannity

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Creative Media because I've always been a creative person. From as long as I could remember I've always been drawing or making things in my room or at the kitchen table. And when it came down to picking what I wanted to do in college, the Creative Media course stood out to me mainly because all of the modules sounded so interesting and fun. But also the fact that it wasn't so theory based, we were learning how to operate machines and create things hands on throughout the year.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day of college would be get in around 8:30 am. Get a coffee. Go to my first few classes have a break for an hour or two. Go grab lunch in the DkIT canteen. Hangout with friends, finshes off my classes. Head home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I currently am not part any sports and societies.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The friends you make in college. The great thing about college is that everyone is vastly different from each other and have their own interests and hobbies, and the friends you make here will last a life time. I also enjoy the majority of my modules in my course.

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

My plan after college is to hopefully get a job in the creative media industry. The great thing about this course is that it has so many potential pathways you can go down whether that's photography, design marketing, film-making, web design etc. There are so many potential job opportunities with this course. At the moment I haven't decided what path I would like to go down because I love the majority of my module so much. But film has always been a passion of mine.

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

Explore your ideas, even if other people don't think its a good idea.

Don't look at your work as failures, look at it as a learning process. Practice makes improvement.

Don't compare yourself to other people.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Media

2nd Year

Ben

Kennedy

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Orginally Creative Media was not my first choice for what I wanted to study at DkIT, but with my first option being cancelled, I went to Creative Media. I did eventually begin to love even some of the modules I was less interested in, and now I quite enjoy the course while it also gives me a path to my desired career. It still gives me the means to go into other fields.

Describe a typical day at college:

Most of the time I find myself in a computer lab for a few hours. Then, in the gaps in class, I go to get some food and maybe a walk to rest my eyes from screens and to stretch. Talking with friends is a good portion either for group work or just friendly chats.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I mostly enjoy being around other people who share both my interests and sense of humour.

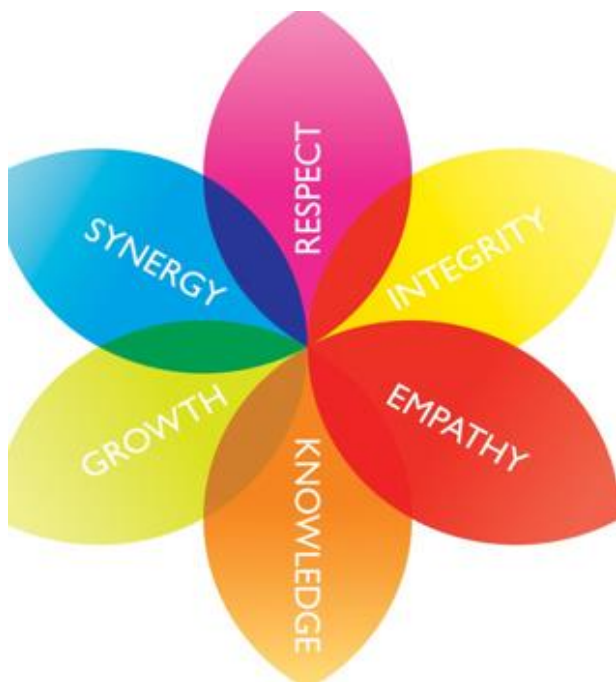**What are your plans for the future when you have completed your programme?**

I plan to become a conceptual artist.

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

Download Maze Maps ASAP, it will save you a world of trouble getting lost especially in the Carroll's building.

The snack box is generally cheaper then the canteen, the line wait is worth it most of the time if you're on a limited budget.

Use the library even if not for college work, it
has some really interesting books especially
when it comes to mythology.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Media

2nd Year

Eva

Mckeown

Why did you choose your programme of study?

When I finished my A levels, I wasn't sure what route to go down. I knew I wanted to do something creative and different. I found the Creative Media course at DkIT and it immediately intrigued me as it covers a variety of different modules, all very interesting. I knew it was a course that I would enjoy.

Describe a typical day at college:

Usually I get in at about half 8am to get a parking spot. I'll go to class, usually from 9am until 2-5pm. In between classes my friends and I usually go to the canteen, get food, and do some work (or play uno). Sometimes I like to sit on the sofas in the winter garden as well. It can be quite peaceful at times, it's a good place to lock in and get work done!

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Definitely socializing and making new friends!

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

I hope to get a job in the industry, I'm not sure what just yet. I hope to broaden my knowledge and learn from other people in the creative fields.

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

1. Watch as many movies as you can, if you haven't seen many that is. A LOT of movies get discussed both inside and outside of class.

2. Don't be afraid to ask for help, whether it be from lecturers or other students, everyone is genuinely so kind and helpful!

3. (A few important ones) Find your nearest vending machine. If you drive into college, get here at half 8am if you want a parking spot. Don't be afraid to use Maze map, every corridor in the Pj Carrolls building looks the same, it can be like an actual maze at times. Most importantly, have fun!

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Media

2nd Year

Katie

Whyte Madden

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Since secondary school researching my course and college of choice, it always led back to DkIT. Locality, resources, leisure and course preference ticked all the boxes for here. All of the Creative Media modules were exactly what I wanted to get more knowledge about, and pursue in the future, subjects like Photography, Design, Media and Communications. During my induction day, I learned so much from the students and lecturers. Their enthusiasm, learning and charisma for Creative Media was inspiring. Learning from the students what they have created and designed in the course was exciting for what I would learn and gain during my coming years in the course.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy hanging out with my friends in the social areas on campus. I also enjoy learning and communicating with my lecturers.

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

1. Participate, get involved in as much as you can.

2. Communicate with your lecturers, they are here to help you!

3. Don't be afraid to answer or ask questions.

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Bacholor of Arts (Hons) in Film & Television Production

2nd Year

Alannah

Byrne

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to do this programme as I have always had an interest in film and TV production and I wanted to discover more about the roles behind the scenes, and all the work that goes into my favourite films and TV shows.

Describe a typical day at college:

Meet the friends at college, do a little bit of everything, from camera work to editing.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

DkIT student union.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

How friendly everyone is and how there's always something to do.

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

Preferably I would like to travel first before working here in Ireland, but ultimately I would love to work in Canada on sets.

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

1. Don't stress too much, obstacles will be thrown at you but you'll get through it.

2. Expect the unexpected.

3. Try your hardest at everything even if you're not good at it.

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Bacholor of Arts (Hons) in Film & Television Production

3rd Year

Craig

Cluskey

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Convenience, Dundalk is not a far commute for me and the course had a pretty high success rate for previous students from an employment perspective.

Describe a typical day at college:

Come in at 9:00am, go to class, get lunch, maybe stay back a bit after college (towards the end of the semester) to finish up any post production project work.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Getting the chance to use some of the industry standard equipment and hanging out with my friends.

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

Hoping to start up a production company with a group of people I like working with, so we can work on more projects together, and also help other people make their own films.

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

1. Don't be afraid to try new roles, especially if you're coming in and you're not 100% sure what sector of film and TV you want to specialise in.

2. Once you found a role you really like, stick to it, it's nice to have an idea of how every role works but do NOT be a jack of all trades, specialise in something.

3. Have fun, make friends and some of those friends could be potential future partnerships on films 🎥

Bacholor of Arts (Hons) in Film & Television Production

3rd Year

Mitchell

Fleming

Why did you choose your programme of study?

The film course at DkIT appealed to me more than other film courses because of the college's resources and access to good technology and software. There is also a great importance put on learning different skills and familiarising yourself with as many areas of film-making as you can.

Describe a typical day at college:

I arrive roughly fifteen minutes before classes start, meet up with a few of my friends, we go to the first class, hang out and kill time in between classes. We get lunch and/or coffee, go to whatever classes we have next that day. Then at the end of the day we'll either hang out for another while after college or go home to get some work done.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Getting to spend time with people who have similar interests, as well as people from different courses.

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

I would like to work as a screenwriter and a director in the industry after college, preferably in feature films but I am also hoping to work in television.

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

1. Remember that people want to socialise with you as much as you do with them - so don't be shy.

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2. Find a good work/life balance - you need to see the importance of doing good work while also having fun while you're young.

3. There's always a solution - if you're struggling with something either in the course or in life, you'll find people who've dealt with the exact same problem and are able to help you if you ask.

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Bacholor of Arts (Hons) in Film & Television Production

3rd Year

Sam

Lynch

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've always had a big interest in film since I was young and this course was exactly what I was looking for. The small class sizes and it being over sixty percent practical, spoke to me as it allows me to really flourish and learn at the perfect pace.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy meeting people with similar interests, hobbies and ideas while being able to express who I am truly.

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

When I'm finished the course, I'm hoping to do anything in relation to the making of film and TV, whether that be in pre-production, production or post-preduction. Every element in the making of this medium has fascinated me, and I would be beyond happy to work in any section of it. I'll especially be hoping to do something behind the camera, as I feel that's where I fully excel.

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

- Don't be afraid to put yourself and your ideas out for others to see.

- Talk to your lecturers if you're ever in need of help or have questions.

- Enjoy your time.

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Bacholor of Arts (Hons) in Film & Television Production

3rd Year

Emma

Neilon

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I love the smaller classes that DkIT offers, as I feel I have a closer relationship with both my classmates and receive more personal feedback from lecturers.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I take part in yoga classes and book club.

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

I love my experience at college so much, that I would like to further my education to reach a level 10 qualification.

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

- Don't be afraid to try roles as part of projects. The best way to learn is to have hand on experience, and everyone is willing to help each other out.

– Put yourself out there! Everyone is eager to make new friends and connect, so don't feel shy or nervous.

- Keep up with your class attendance. It might feel tempting to skip out on classes, but you learn more during lectures and tutorials and have more structure when you regularly attend.

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Audio and Music Production

2nd Year

Shane

Keane

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I have always had a passion for music and wanted to pursue a career in the music industry. I started playing the guitar about 7 years ago and wanted to learn more about recording music. DkIT's facilities for music are state of the art, and the studio space seemed like the most professional setup any college had to offer.

Describe a typical day at college:

College starts around 9am everyday, before each class I will meet up with class mate. Lunch is typically around 12pm and we will get food and chill out. I will typically go to a practice room to practice piano before heading back to class. Classes will finish anywhere between 2pm and 5pm where I will then walk home or get the shuttle bus if I am too lazy.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am part of the song-writing club. This club enables musicians to step out of their comfort zone to collaborate with other students and become more creative when writing songs.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Everyone in DkIT is friendly and endearing, it is easy to make new friends when starting in DkIT if you put yourself out there. Students tend to organise nights out to allow people to get to know each other better.

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

I would like to get a job as a producer or a mixing engineer in a studio or live venues. At the moment I will continue to play in a band

and if that goes well I might not end up becoming a sound engineer.

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

Step out of your comfort zone to meet new people.

Start your assignments as early as possible, they build up very quickly.

Don't be afraid to ask for help whether its a classmate or lecturer etc.

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Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Audio and Music Production

2nd Year

Aisling

Smith

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this programme because I have always had a strong interest in music. I've been playing the ukulele and singing for about 7 or 8 years, and I play guitar and piano now as well. I also write some songs of my own, but I've never had much experience in the production side of music. This course gives me the exposure to this other side of music that I would have never had otherwise.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am in the Songwriting and Music societies, both of which are very fun, and helpful for a course like Audio & Music Production.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I love that as a student of DkIT, there are always events on. Any free time between classes, there's usually something to do, and we have the personal freedom to do most of anything we want!

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

Ideally, I would want to release some music of my own. I love playing music live, and I am writing more and more songs as the time goes by. My dream is to create an album of my own songs, while being the creative director and producer. If not this, then I'm sure my experience from the course would greatly help me in getting some sort of work in the music industry, which would be fantastic too.

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

Engage yourself with the course, it may be slow at first but it does get more involved quickly.

Relax, burning yourself out on music work will not benefit you. The lecturers are all lovely and will help you as much as they can.

Enjoy yourself, music is a creative pursuit after all!

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Music and Performance Technologies

2nd Year

Fae

Birmingham

Why did you choose your programme of study?

The equipment and facilities at DkIT are second to none they are the best! very very nice facilities. The atmosphere is nice also. Overall, it is just a pleasant place to be, and people are very kind there.

Describe a typical day at college:

You travel into college and then after you travel in, you will attend lectures, purchase food, and more!

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The people are always so kind usually!

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

I intend to be a famous musician or composer! It is my dream ever since I was little. I also have an interest in being a sound engineer, this is something I currently do as a profession and it is good.

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

1. Don't panic about being lost, you will get used to the layout!!

2. Get a locker at the start of the year from the front office, as it will be super useful!

3. Join as many societies as you can to make friends!!

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Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Music and Performance Technologies

2nd Year

Gigi

Desatová

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've had a passion for music since I was young. I was always in dance classes or singing lessons growing up, so I've known for a while what I wanted to do with my life. Despite that, while completing my A levels, I found a love for linguistics, so I was very torn between the two. At first, when applying to universities, I was very hesitant to apply to an arts program due to the job insecurity aspect. However, once I read the description for the Music and Performance Technologies program, I could not stop thinking about it. I knew I liked linguistics, but I realized how much I truly love performing. The practical aspect of the course really drew me in. Instead of spending hours reading music books and only learning music theory, you get to perform in a practice room and pick up new instruments while working with other passionate musicians.

Describe a typical day at college:

The days usually starts at 9 or 10 am, depending on the day. Each day is a bit different from the other, but typically we have classes ranging from music history and music theory, to more performance-based classes such as choir, band, and vocal training. During the middle of the day, we are usually given at least an hour break, but we always schedule an extra rehearsal for band practice. Since we only have one actual band class a week, we have to organize extra practices to keep up with the material. Our longest day ends with choir at 16:30, and after that, we all just go our separate ways or go into a private practice room to prepare for our other CAs, such as our piano exam or our individual tuition exam.

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What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Dance society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Meeting new people and collaborating with other courses. I love that my course is very practical and it allows me to work with other departments on fun and exciting projects.

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

I would love to be a performer. I enjoy writing my own music and picking up new instruments. Over the last year I've started playing at local bars and that's only reassured me that I was on the right path. Studying at DkIT alone has made me realize how much I truly love music. Being able to perform with a band or take vocal lessons all day is genuinely something that makes me so happy. I would love to become a musician and hopefully travel the world one day on a world tour. That would be my ideal scenario, that's the dream.

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

Don't be afraid to ask any questions. I feel like that's a phrase that is used so often, but it truly is accurate. All the lecturers are extremely polite and happy to help with anything you may need. Immerse yourself in the student life. DkIT has so many wonderful societies that are always hosting events, and I've found that aspect truly enjoyable as there's never a dull moment here. Stay on top of assignments. Especially during the first year, a lot of the CAs and assignments are pretty well spread out, but I have made the mistake of getting too comfortable and leaving things to the last minute, resulting in me crashing out in a practice room. Whether it's practicing for a piano exam or writing an essay, never leave it to the last minute.

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