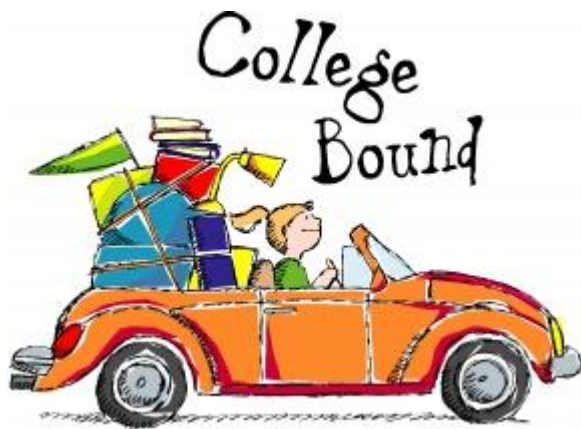


School of Engineering

Student Ambassador Profiles 2026





DK742

Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering

2nd Year

Nathan

Brady

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I choose mechanical engineering as ever since I was young I was interested in how everything works from electrical components to the spark of an engine. That's why I pursue mechanical engineering to learn how it all works and how I can put it all together and manufacture my own designs.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day of college for me is heading to my labs/lectures and on my break head out to the car and go get food. When I get home I study for 1-2 hours depending on if I need to finish any assignments.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I belong to the formula student club at DkIT.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the atmosphere and being among peers who seek knowledge and want to study to better themselves.

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

My plan for the future is to work either in the aviation industry doing aeroplane engines, or joining a car company and designing and building their engines.

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

Three pieces of advice I would give is, attend every class and lecture, take notes from the start as they'll benefit you later on. Stay consistent where you can always seek more knowledge and study hard.



DK742

***Bachelor of Engineering in
Mechanical Engineering***

2nd Year

Jonathan

Male

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Im interested in learning how mechanical systems work car engines in particular and like working with my hands in a workshop.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The independence of going to events and the different facilities available.



DK744

Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering

3rd Year

Charlotte

McAleer

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Civil Engineering at DkIT because it offers a strong mix of practical and theoretical learning in areas like construction, design, and structures. I also liked the small class sizes, which provide more support from lecturers and a more personal learning experience. Another big reason was that I live nearby and I wasn't really ready to leave home yet. Having a great college right at my doorstep made DkIT a very convenient and comfortable choice while still giving me a solid education and good future opportunities.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Dance society and the Engineering society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy student life at DkIT because it has a friendly, close-knit atmosphere where it's easy to settle in and meet new people. The lecturers are supportive and approachable, and the smaller class sizes make learning more personal and engaging. There are also plenty of clubs, sports, and societies to join, which helps students stay active and involved outside of lectures. With good facilities on campus and Dundalk town nearby, it's a great place to balance studying, social life, and personal growth.

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

After finishing my Civil Engineering course at Dundalk Institute of Technology, I plan to complete the add-on year to achieve my Level 8 degree. After that, I would like to travel and work around the world on different

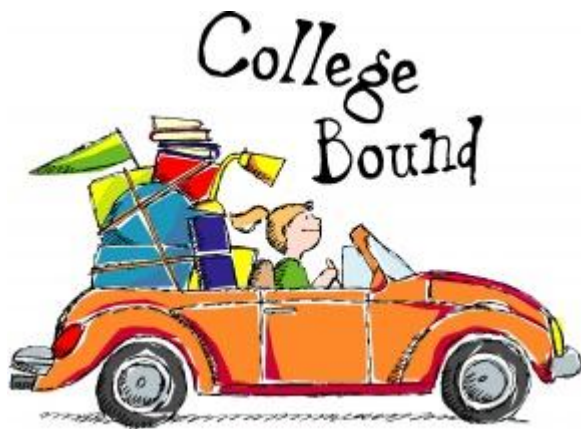
engineering projects, gaining experience in various countries and working environments. In the long term, I hope to build a strong career in Civil Engineering, developing my skills while working on large and interesting construction projects internationally.

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

First, keep on top of your work from the beginning because civil engineering builds on what you learn week by week, and falling behind can make it harder later.

Second, don't be afraid to ask questions or use the support from lecturers and classmates, especially with maths and technical subjects.

Third, try to stay organised and consistent with assignments and study time, as it makes a big difference when deadlines start to build up.



DK830

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Building Surveying***

2nd Year

Annie

Galligan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I choose the building surveying programme because I always had an interest in construction and engineering throughout secondary school life and I wanted to do a career in it and I have always preferred a practical career.

Describe a typical day at college:

Get to college for half 8am then class starts at 9am, have 15 min break at 11am and next class starts and then I have a 1 hour break and have the last class which finishes at 4pm. Some days I finish at 11am or 1pm it changes from time to time, but still enjoyable.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The class timetable, how I am able to enjoy time with my friends while not having to rush

to class and still be on time and learn.

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

I would love to join a company within my degree and someday run my own business with my degree, and to help people get to where I hopefully will be.

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

Do the work as soon as you get in don't slack. You will still have time to enjoy life outside college work.

Take part in everything that comes up.

Get to know your classmates it makes working together much better.



DK830

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Building Surveying***

2nd Year

Shannon

Wiggins

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've always had a passion for this type of work. The main reason I chose this course was from work experience and from talking to lecturers on open evenings, who gave a breakdown of the job which was perfect for me.

Describe a typical day at college:

Have a 9am lecture until 11am, have a 15 minute break another lecture from 11am to 1pm, an hours break and then a lecture from 2pm until 4pm. That being a long day, everyday is different.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Always something different happening and lots of events.

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

Hopefully get a job to start with and potentially open my own business in the future.

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

Always interact with your lecturers.

Do your work when it's given, don't let it build up!

Bond as a group, especially for group work.



DK831

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

2nd Year

Sarah

Dowd

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study architectural technology as I was always on sites with my dad and loved watching the process of construction, going from being nothing to becoming a building. I found it rewarding and decided that it was something I truly loved.

Describe a typical day at college:

Walk to college in the morning. Meet my friends when I get in for a coffee then head to our first class. Usually head off for some lunch then finish the rest of our classes at about 4pm. Stay back to get our assignments from that day finished and then we head home for the evening .

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

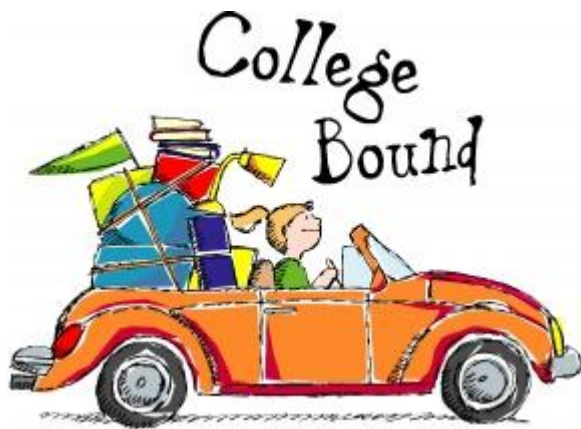
I enjoy meet new people from all over the country.

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

Once I get my degree I plan to hopefully achieve my masters then proceed to work abroad for a few years and see how the construction industry is developing in other countries.

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

Try and get on top of your time management
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DK831

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Architectural Technology

2nd Year

Joseph

Murray

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Architectural Technology at DkIT because as a kid I used to sketch rough floor plans and 3D views of houses and football stadiums and I knew I wanted a career to use my creativity and to solve problems like architecture. Also, I have an interest in the construction industry and spent the last few years working as a labourer. I decided to go to DkIT because I always wanted to study somewhere away from home and to meet new people from different backgrounds and cultures.

Describe a typical day at college:

Everyday is different in college. Sometimes you could be in a campus for a few hours like 9am-1pm or you could be in all day like 9am-4pm but the day still goes in quick. In between classes I enjoy walking around campus by

myself and grab lunch in the café, or go into Dundalk itself.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am not currently in a club or society but I would like to join the gaelic club in DkIT.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Meeting new people. I enjoy meeting people with different backgrounds and cultures.

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

Hopefully, after completing my degree I plan to spend a few years working in an architects office or in a construction firm somewhere to gain more knowledge and experience within the construction industry . However my main

goal is to get a PGCE and become a teacher in the future. For now, I plan to work hard and get through each semester.

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

1) Attendance is important. Always attend your lectures because there may be important information given and Lecturers will help you if are stuck or unsure about assignments.

2) Never give up. It can be overwhelming at the end of a semester with assignments to complete and revision for exams but this is only temporary and if you attend lectures and put the effort into your assignments, you shouldn't have to worry.

3) Have fun at college. There are plenty of social events, clubs and societies to join in.



DK831

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Architectural Technology

2nd Year

Ava

Doean

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Architectural Technology at DkIT due to the vast areas and opportunities that are achievable with this course. DkIT works or has connections with many local companies which will provide greater knowledge to the field in the third year placement. After my first year I am delighted with choosing DkIT.

Describe a typical day at college:

I get the bus in so I enter the collage around 8.45am, I get a coffee and usually hang around snack box or in the library studying, a ham and cheese panini is a must at lunch.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy the community everyone is so friendly, there is many opportunities to join societies.

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

The advice I'd give to new students coming to study architectural technology is to;

Attend classes, it makes completing assignments a lot easier your lecturers will say it but it honestly makes a huge difference.

Socialize! make friends with in the course it helps greatly when studying or doing assignments etc. DkIT runs so many social events outside of collage a balance is always important.

Finally, just enjoy yourself college is so different from secondary school, take each day as it comes, you can only do your best.



DK831

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

2nd Year

Aaron

Hennessy

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've spent my life around the construction industry and the supply of materials to large scale construction projects in Ireland and Europe, while around this I became interested in the buildup of these projects which led me to choose a career in architectural technology

Describe a typical day at college:

Get in early, I typically have one lecture in the morning between 9am and 11am, we then have a 15 minute break which I use to go and get food in the snack box, I then go to my next lecture between 11am and 1pm and then have an hour lunch break and go get food either on campus or in any of the food places around Dundalk. Typically I will then have a lecture between 2pm and 4pm and after that I go home and work on assignments.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Good college life balance.

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

After I have completed my course, I plan to complete a level 9 in sustainability and energy efficiency in design. I believe that this will be useful as the Irish construction industry is moving towards a sustainable future with nzeb.

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

For new students I would recommend to;

Manage your time wisely as assignments can build up and become a lot to manage all at once.

I would also tell them to meet and talk to as many people possible during induction as they will be spending multiple years with the same people.

Lastly, I would tell them to enjoy the experience.



DK831

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

2nd Year

Gabija

Sliuzeviciute

Why did you choose your programme of study?

In secondary school I excelled in construction studies and wanted to pursue a degree along the lines of architecture. I did a PLC course in OFI to confirm my passion towards architecture. I then decided to follow the architectural route through a DkIT Degree. I've heard great things about the college. I'm proud of my decision to attend as I have completed first year and it was a success!

Describe a typical day at college:

It would include a lot of early mornings even though I'm not a morning person. I then attend all my lectures and workshop classes as attendance is important. I spend my break socialising with peers in the many cafes DkIT has. I spend the rest of my time with my friends who attend different courses and then

I drive home to do some coursework and wrap up my day.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The socialisation and close-knit community.

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

I hope to have a career as an architectural technician somewhere abroad as I can bring Ireland's ideas around the world and further my knowledge in the work field.

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

I have been surrounded by supportive lecturers and peers throughout my journey in DkIT.

My strongest point is that your classmates are your biggest support system as they are going through the same struggles as you may be, you will never feel alone.

My advice is to be ready for a heavy workload, this course requires hard work and passion.

Balance is hard, but important. It's important to maintain your physical and emotional wellbeing while also dedicating your hard work towards your degree.



DK834

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

2nd Year

Ruairí

Matthews

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I grew up around motorsport and cars, had an incredible interest in breaking stuff apart and understanding how they are made up. A degree within the construction industry was a no brainer as it allowed my curiosity to spiral and try understand as many elements as I could.

Describe a typical day at college:

Wake up at 5am and watch some TV, get ready around 7am and be outside the college around 8am ish whilst my mates are coming off the buses. Few hours of lectures. Come home complete a few CA's overtime. Around 8pm be in one of the Greenpark houses having dinner with my mates.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am currently the chairperson of the School of Engineering Student Sustainability Group. This is a great opportunity to explore and learn new ways in which we can improve how sustainable of a college we are and also how we can apply sustainable methods.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The nights out are great craic and you never know where you might end up! During the day the balance between study and socialising is on par and allows for you to genuinely enjoy what your studying.

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

Hopefully be able to pass my APC's and gain my charteredship with the SCSI, and with that it will enable me to travel abroad with my

degree for a few years.

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

Don't be shy.

Ask as many questions as you need.

Make sure you have a laugh.



DK843

Engineering (Common entry)

2nd Year

Fionn

McCaul

Why did you choose your programme of study?

When I was choosing what I wanted to do, I was unsure and swapped interest between accounting and computer science before landing on engineering. It made sense for me as I found myself wanting a job which was more creative and practical.

Describe a typical day at college:

Drive to DkIT in the morning, pick up a bit of breakfast, talk to others who are in early, head to lectures and complete any CA's, grab some lunch and maybe head to the gym or swimming if there is time after, or if there is a big break in between.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None, a lot of them were on too late for me.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Playing pool and heading out in Dundalk.

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

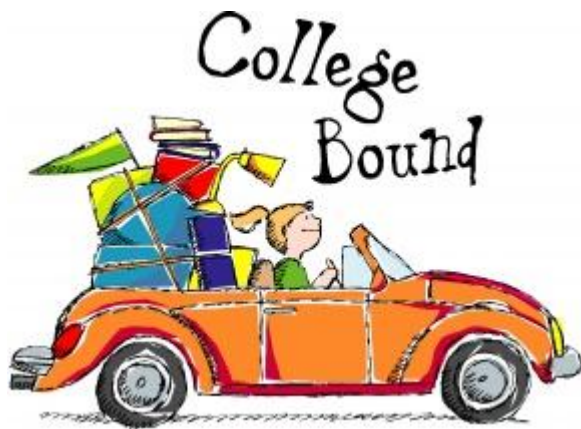
I plan to travel a bit abroad in Europe and then come back and work in electrical engineering.

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

Try to just focus on your CA when starting, and a lot of the content should sink in.

Try to be able to list out the equations and manipulate them before the test.

Don't worry about knowing too many people coming in most people are in the same boat.



DK844

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering

3rd Year

Ethan

Daly colhoun

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this programme for my interest in engineering as a whole, and also the good job opportunities that come along with it.

Describe a typical day at college:

Arrive and have breakfast, then head straight to class, have lunch, go to next class or go home, if any free time arises I work on my CA's or study.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

There is a friendly environment between students and lecturers, lectures make you feel

heard and they are engaging.

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

To work straight away for a year then complete a masters degree, I would like to work in aerospace in the future.

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

Ask the questions you want to ask.

Be familiar with handling files and projects on a computer.

Make some friends.



DK846

***Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)
in Civil Engineering***

3rd Year

Danny

Little

Why did you choose your programme of study?

DkIT was in a close proximity to where I live and I had heard great reviews by friends who were previous/current students. Their engineering programme is well looked upon by many including employers.

Describe a typical day at college:

Class from 9am-1pm. Get a bite to eat and chill out with mates for an hour, back to class for another 2 hours. Then go to the gym/sauna to finish the day.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Engineering Society and Rugby team.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Connection between everyone due to smaller classes.

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

Work in Ireland for a small while to gain experience and then hopefully go abroad to find work there for another bit of time.

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

Throw yourself into it. The course becomes 10x easier when you get stuck in and involved with both the academics and clubs/societies in the college.