

School of Informatics & Creative Media

Student Ambassador Profiles 2026





DK868

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Drama
Theatre and Film***

3rd Year

Brody

Lyons

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've always been a performer ever since I was 3 years old, first doing ballet for 16 years and then moving on to youth theatre and eventually going to the Lir funded by Trinity, so once I saw the course I knew I had to apply for it.

Describe a typical day at college:

Come in at 8am, get breakfast in the canteen, go to my lecture or practical class which is usually 2-4 hours, go have lunch with friends, go to the rest of my classes, hang out with friends after for an hour or two and go home to study.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Dance society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy being able to make friends, use the student social spaces, the library for some quiet time to relax and study, and the canteen to sit down and chat to friends.

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

I plan to maybe go on and do add ons and masters so I can eventually teach theatre and film acting, or there's always the option to fully put myself into acting.

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

Don't be afraid of being cringe, you'll feel cringe at first but trust me, everyone feels

that way at the start, also just be yourself and enjoy it.



DK721

Bachelor of Science in Computing

2nd Year

Khadija

Matundu

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Computing simply because it agrees with my strength in logical thinking, but also encourages my creativity through creating websites, finding problems, and designing solutions to suit the problems. I've been interested in coding for most of my life so this is a suitable choice to encourage both my interest and love for the subject. Through my experience, I have learned that computer science is something that encourages both my growth and curiosity.

Describe a typical day at college:

Probably would be classes from 9-4 with a much needed lunch break. Most classes would be more practical than theoretical. After, I grab a bit with friends and later work on my assignments.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am a proud member of the DkIT fencing society, the DkIT Islamic community and the crocheting and knitting society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy how interactive the lecturers are with students to help them further their understanding and also how friendly everyone is in school from staff to students. I enjoy all the outside activities that happen to help everyone relax and have a good time outside of the studies.

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

I hope to get a good job in my specific field, maybe a backend developer. To also gain a lot of experience relating to my field of study.

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

1. Never procrastinate- always be on top of assignments it'll make managing your schedule so much easier.
2. Attend school events- there's a lot to enjoy at DkIT not just studies.
3. Always be friendly- help people in need even if it may be to find directions.



DK768

Bachelor of Arts in Audio and Music Production

2nd Year

Shane

Meehan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Honestly, in my final years of secondary school, I had no idea what I wanted to do. I had things I was good at in school but the idea of sitting idle for the rest of my life doing what I was doing bored me. The only things I knew I liked were music and working with technology, and, here I am!

Describe a typical day at college:

Go to Costa in the morning for a cup of tea for my first lecture. Take basic notes (that I'll improve upon in the library after the lecture), go home to cook lunch in the middle of the day and socialise with friends before returning for the rest of my lectures.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Motorsport Society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT:

Collaboration with other students and hands-on, practical work in labs and the studio.

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

1. Create a planner to complete assignments, I learned the hard way (4 consecutive 9 hour days in P1079).
2. Go to every event, and join every society you can, its the best way to meet people.
3. Practice. Your. Piano!



DK769

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media

2nd Year

Sean

Cunningham

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme of study because it was in the creative field and that creative media was a very broad programme with lots of people who have a lot of similar interests to me and has lots of job opportunities in the creative space. It will also allow me to show a lot of my creative ideas and projects there is a lot of practical elements like photoshop and illustrator when it comes to the creative media course, which is something I really enjoy and it also gives me the opportunity to work with major companies in the creative space.

Describe a typical day at college:

I would describe a typical day of college to be quite interesting because you're learning about a subject you enjoy and not things you don't enjoy like school would have you do.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I'm currently not in any clubs as of yet.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The Costa, it is a nice place to relax between classes.

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

My plans for the future, I am not entirely sure there are a lot of interests in this course and there are so many opportunities. I have to express my creative ideas and lots of job opportunities. I would easily be interested in like editing videos, I find editing videos to be quite enjoyable, or I could get a career in designing products in photoshop which is another career path that I have been

interested in. I like the filming modules which I did not expect, I could see myself pursuing a career in the film side of the creative space.

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

Advice I would give would be to enjoy yourself.

Get your assignments done as quickly as possible.

And don't stress yourself too much.



DK769

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Media

2nd Year

Jack

Reilly Hudson

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I had an open day in my secondary school (Beaufort College) and I had gone to the DkIT talk as the vastness of courses had caught my eye. After attending the talk I had my mind set on going to DkIT and expanding my life there.

Describe a typical day at college:

Once in college, I go to my main building, head over to the costa section, sit down at a table and wait for my lecture to start. As I wait, I either study for any upcoming tests or exams, and complete assignments. During lunch I meet up with friends and have a chat with them. At the end of the day I take a bus back to my home town.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None, but I plan on opening an art society if there isn't already one.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Getting on with students around you and the lecturers.

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

Hopefully get into designing, whether it may be clothes, online websites, or ads. I have always had an interest in creating things and making an open space for people to express themselves with art in their own ways.

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

Make friends.

Join a Society.

And if you drive, get here early for good parking.



DK820

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Games
Development***

2nd Year

Seána

Bernard

Why did you choose your programme of study?

The course I wanted to do only has a few courses to choose from. This course also offers work placement which is important for life after college. It has plenty of Erasmus opportunities. DkIT is also an autism friendly campus which is important for me. The smaller classes really help with being able to get advice from teachers and getting to know everyone in your course which was important to me. I also thought that the modules offered within the course itself were better than the others.

Describe a typical day at college:

Wake up at 8, get to college for 8.50, leaving me there 10 minutes before class. Two days a week I am in 9-5 while the other three days I'm in 9-1ish. On the full days I use my break to grab food with friends from the gas station

while on the half days I bring a snack from home. On full days I do an hour of independent study/project work while on half days I do 2/3 hours of work. I also take the free bus to DkIT sport to use the pool.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I don't belong to any as I wanted my first year to just settle into college life, but next year I hope to find some of interest.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

What I enjoy most is meeting people. You get stuck with different people in secondary school who most likely don't want to be there or don't share interests with you. In college everyone has chosen to be here and you all have at least one shared interest. You also have so many opportunities to interact with

each other.

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

I plan to go for a masters either in games animation or computing in games and extended reality.

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

1. Don't be afraid to ask for accommodations if nessecary
2. Don't be scared about talking to people, you all choose this course so you have shared interests. When in doubt talk about games.
3. Get a cheap laptop that can run netbeans and notepad++ it makes life so much easier.



DK820

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Games
Development***

2nd Year

Jamie

Owens

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my course specifically as I have always enjoyed playing games while growing up, and have always wanted to work in a games development group. I've always had an interest in computing, physics and science in general, but the creative aspect to games is what ultimately led to me choosing my course. I also wanted to learn how to programme, so the mix of games and computing is a perfect fit for me.

Describe a typical day at college:

I wake up at 7am, get a bus at 8am and I commute 45 minutes to Dundalk. My first classes usually start at 9am, and finish between 3-5pm most days. I'll usually get an hour break for lunch, so I'll get food in the canteen or snack box. I commute home when my classes end, and leave a few hours to work

on my assignments before I have time for my hobbies.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The social aspect, and events.

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

I plan to work in a pre-established games company/group, or start an indie developer group with people from my course. There's not currently many developer groups in Ireland, so if there is enough demand, I'd love to be apart of a team when I've completed my course.

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

The first piece of advice I would give to students, is to start any projects when they're assigned so that they don't pile up.

The second piece of advice I'd give, is to meet and be close with your lecturers, as they can help greatly when you're struggling with understanding concepts or are overloaded with deadlines.

The final piece of advice I'd give to new students, is to attend college social events and be apart of the community. You only get to experience the once, and it's important to have a work-life balance.



DK821

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Software
Development***

2nd Year

Luke

Byrne

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose software development to study in DkIT because computers have always been an big interest of mine.

Describe a typical day at college:

Go to class, work hard, chill with your friends on your breaks and try to enjoy yourself.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

You're free to come and go as you please. If you don't go to class it's on you not anyone else.

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

I hope to go on in the future and become successful in a job that's related to my course.

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

Go to every lecture or you'll regret it.

Do your project when you get them not the day before it's due.

Make an effort to talk to people.



DK821

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Software
Development***

2nd Year

Jing Yeng

Chew

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this programme because I believe technology and artificial intelligence are becoming more important around the world, and I think studying Software Development will provide good career opportunities in the future. I have always been interested in computers, even though I had no previous experience in software development before starting the course. However, I was confident that I could learn the skills and succeed in the programme.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day for me starts by waking up at 8:50 a.m. and rushing to college, usually arriving just in time for class. After lectures, I either head to the gym or go straight to work.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Malaysian Society (MSOC).

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT:

What I enjoy most about student life at DkIT is meeting people from different backgrounds. As an international student, I have enjoyed making new friends and getting involved in campus life.

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

Hopefully, I will be able to secure a job after completing my course and start building my career in the technology industry. If I have the opportunity to work for a company that I really like, that would be a bonus.

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

1. Have fun.
2. Try to socialize. Making friends in your course can make college life much more enjoyable
3. You better lock into every assignment.



DK821

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Software
Development***

2nd Year

Nathan

Hurez

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Ever since I was young, I've always wanted to do something computer related. Most of my teenage years were spent in front of a screen playing games hence why I'm more keen on a computer related course. I picked computer science back when I studied in Spain and found it absolutely amazing, I picked it up really fast and loved the problem solving part of it. I love learning new things, and I find things like programming really interesting.

Describe a typical day at college:

Arrive 50 minute early to get the last available parking spot (lucky). Play a bit of pool in the snackbox before first lecture. Go to your lecture and study hard. Debate whether I should get the food in the canteen, or snack box. Play more pool with friends. Go home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I do not belong to any sports/societies/clubs for now but I plan on joining some at the start of my second year.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I like the fact that we have a good bit of independency, especially compared to school. You can technically not go into your classes or not do your homeworks. However, you will 100% face the consequences of your actions.

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

1. GO TO YOUR CLASSES. This is my NUMBER ONE advice to every student no matter what year they are or what age they are. People think courses are easy and underestimate the

amount of work they have to do, especially in courses that are computer related where some people might not be familiar with anything at all.

2. Don't look at other classmates. You might join a course with a guy that repeated his year like 4 times and knows the whole thing off by heart or another person that did a PLC the year before and thinks everything is just cake, or another guy that is just a genius. Don't underestimate yourself. Focus on yourself. Every person learns differently. The important one is you.

3. Practice and practice and practice. Courses are not only just reading off a book and spitting out the answer, you've got labs to actually practice and apply your knowledge. So make sure you practice lots and at home as well !!!!!



DK821

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Software
Development***

2nd Year

Matei

Macineanu

Why did you choose your programme of study?

It was initially a financial choice: going to other places such as Dublin would cost more due to transport and tuition fees, and also DkIT was the closest institute I could get to. But after attending 1st year, I found out about the many things that DkIT has to offer, and how it accommodates students well.

Describe a typical day at college:

We usually start at 9:00 AM with either a lecture or a practical class. In a lecture the lecturer explains new concepts about the subject, while in practical classes we start working on the computers, usually coding. At 1:00 PM we have lunch, and we go eat and maybe play some pool in the Snackbox. After that we attend more classes until the end of the day, which is usually at 5:00 PM, but it always changes.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Music society, Songwriting society, Football (Soccer) club.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The campus, DkIT gym, the clubs and societies.

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

I wanted first to work on my own software to create in the future, or to join a company. But after the experience with the lecturers I had, I started developing an interest in becoming a third level teacher.

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

Attending classes is the simplest way to pass first year.

Don't try to study hard, but study consistently (15-30 mins a day).

Have fun and explore the campus, as well as clubs and societies.



DK821

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Software
Development***

4th Year

Priyanka

Achoki

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to study Software Development at DkIT because I've always been motivated by learning new things and challenging myself. Technology is constantly evolving, and I wanted a programme that would allow me to grow, adapt, and build real skills that matter. What stood out to me about DkIT was the practical, hands-on approach to learning, from coding labs to group projects, which has helped me develop confidence in areas like programming, problem-solving, and working with new tools. I enjoy how each semester introduces something different, giving me the chance to explore new concepts and push myself further. The lecturers are supportive, and the learning environment makes it easy to ask questions and improve. Choosing this programme has helped me discover how quickly I can learn and adapt, and it continues

to motivate me to keep developing my skills every day.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day for me at DkIT really depends on the timetable. Some days I start with morning lectures, other days it's a practical lab where we're coding or working through examples. Between classes I usually chat with friends, or catch up on assignments. Most days end with another lecture or lab and sometimes I'll spend sometime in the library for a bit or attend the CU meetings usually on Tuesdays. Overall, it's a mix of learning, problem-solving and connecting with people.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I am part of the Christian Union Society. I enjoy the sense of community, the weekly

meetings and the chance to connect with other students who share similar values.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I really enjoy the friendly atmosphere at DkIT. The campus is small enough to feel personal, but big enough to offer great opportunities, events, and support. It's easy to meet people and feel part of a community.

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

When I finish my Software Development degree, I want to build a career where I can keep learning and improving. One thing I've realised during my time at DkIT is that I really enjoy picking up new skills and figuring things out, especially when it comes to coding and problem-solving. The tech industry changes so quickly, and that actually motivates me — I like the idea of working in a role where I'm constantly growing and adapting. I'm open to different paths, whether that's software engineering, data, or cloud, as long as it challenges me and helps me develop professionally. Over time, I hope to gain solid industry experience, build confidence in my abilities, and specialise in an area I really enjoy. I'm excited for what's ahead, and I feel like the foundation I'm building now will give me the skills I need to move forward.

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

1) Put yourself out there early. Honestly, the earlier you get involved, the easier everything feels. Talk to people, ask questions, join things... it's never too early to start building connections.

2) Stay curious, Software Development throws a lot of new concepts at you, so don't be

afraid to explore and learn at your own pace. Curiosity really helps.

3) Ask for help when you need it — No one expects you to know everything. Lecturers and classmates are genuinely supportive, so reaching out early makes a big difference.



DK821

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Software
Development***

2nd Year

Ruthmery

Canales

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

After graduating I have a few fields of choice I'd like to make my way into: Health, AI or 3D/AR. I think this type of bachelor provides the bases to many possible directions, and I'm expecting the more I learn while finishing this Bachelor's will give more definition to my fields of interest and where I'd like to specialize.

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

Be consistent, learn to actually organize your time and make the habit of practicing what you're currently learning early on. What you study can be extremely time consuming but if you put the effort in properly organizing yourself, after some trial and error you will

see more free time and flexibility to enjoy other things outside your major.



DK821

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Software
Development***

2nd Year

Niamh

Maddy

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've always had an interest in coding and I knew I wanted coding to be a part of my future career, and when I saw the modules for this course I knew it was one I would love.

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

Get your work done early if you can, take time to explore the college and try talk to everyone you possibly can.



DK821

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Software
Development***

2nd Year

Ryan

Mooney

Why did you choose your programme of study?

My brother had already commenced his studies at DkIT when I started considering it. I would say he was the main reason I enrolled in the first place. He seemed to be enjoying it a lot and hearing him talk about it got me excited. My sister did the same sort of course in DCU as well and graduated with an 1st class honours. Due to these reasons it seemed like a great option for me to try out and I'm very glad I decided to do so.

Describe a typical day at college:

I come into college and check my online timetable to see if my timetable is the same as I last checked or has it changed. After verifying that information I'll then attend my classes and lectures using a combination of our timetable and the mapping system within our building to find the exact classroom I'm

supposed to go to. Some days we have a stacked full day in terms of classes/lectures, maybe 4 hours in class, one hour off and then 3 hours of classes again. Then there are other days when we have only a few classes on and a lot more breaks within that day. It all depends on the schedule and everyone's schedule is different. During break times I would normally go over to the canteen with friends or over to the snack box in the other building there and maybe have some food and a few games of pool with my friends. Some days we might have an upcoming test or a project that is due so instead I might decide to find a study room and do some extra work on the laptop. The classes and lectures are generally quite fun and it makes a lot better if you show up everyday and get engaged with the class, lecturer and the material they're teaching. It really enhances the whole

experience and makes everyday a lot more interesting and rewarding.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy spending time with friends, studying, learning from lecturers and teachers, the challenges in terms of CA's and tests.

Wouldn't say there's one thing I enjoy the most. I love everything, it's a great experience overall.

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

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

(1). Work hard.

(2). Don't be afraid to ask questions.

(3). Make a promise to yourself before coming in that you'll do your best to never miss any classes/lectures. This'll make your life so much easier.



DK823

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing in Mathematics and
Data Science***

3rd Year

Ellie

Carolan

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this course because I loved maths in secondary school and was very interested in learning about computer science. I didn't think I would be able to pursue a maths related career without going into teaching until I found this course. This course also has a great mix of ongoing project work and exams which makes the workload more manageable.

Describe a typical day at college:

There is a good mix of lab work, tutorials and lectures and between these classes I often go to the canteen or the snack box with my friends. On days where classes finish early I go to the library to work on my projects while waiting for the bus.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

With smaller class sizes I find that lecturers are very easy to talk to and it is very easy to get help in class. There are many places on and off campus to go during break and lots of student nights out year round. In the PJ Carrolls building there is often live music or games at lunch time.



DK824

***Bachelor of Science (Hons) in
Computing Systems and
Operations***

2nd Year

John

Nosakhare Imafidon

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I decided to study Computing Systems and Operations at DkIT as I have always had an interest in technology and the workings of computer systems. I was looking for a course that would give me hands-on skills along with solid theoretical understanding and DkIT provided me with both. The programme includes topics of networking, system administration, programming, databases etc, all of which are relevant in the modern world of technology. The other reason I selected DkIT is that I saw that they are well known for helping students and preparing them for future careers. I love to learn about technology applications to help solve real life problems and I am able to apply problem solving and teamwork skills in this course. The practical assignments and hands-on labs have given me confidence and experience in the field, and I have so far enjoyed them.

Describe a typical day at college:

Usually, the first thing I do when I come to college is to attend lectures in the morning and get to know about various topics that are covered in my course. Following lectures, there may be practical lab sessions in which I use what I have learned as a practical exercise. After lectures, I study, do homework or go over notes. I also take breaks with friends or family to relax and get me motivated. There is some days of collective working, that is working together on projects. As soon as I finish class, I can go out with my friends or family to do sports or even practice coding for longer. Overall, each day is a balance between learning, socialising, and personal development.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I belong to none of the above.

3. Practice outside college hours.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The thing I like most about student life in DkIT is the atmosphere. Everyone is so friendly and the campus itself is so welcoming. It's easy to find friends and feel like you belong. Another thing I love about college is the mix of college work and extra-curricular activities. There's always something happening be it workshops or clubs to get involved in. Not only is this fun but it makes college that little bit more interesting. The lecturers are friendly and approachable which makes college that little bit easier.

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

Upon completion of my course I intend to pursue a career in the technology field, surrounding programming, databases, and/or systems administration. I want to further build my technical skills and obtain professional certifications to advance in the field of IT. I also hope to get industry experience as part of my internships or work placement from where I can relate and put into practice the knowledge and skills gained while at DkIT. I want to continue to work in an environment where I can learn, troubleshoot technical issues, and participate in new and fresh projects. I aspire to become a competent IT professional with a positive impact in the tech industry in the long run.

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

1. Stay organised and keep up with assignments from the beginning.
2. Don't be afraid to ask lecturers or classmates for help when needed.



DK863

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in
Creative Media***

2nd Year

Finn

Kealy

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I choose this course because of the diverse amount of modules and learning opportunities.

Describe a typical day at college:

Head in, get breakfast in the deli, then go on to a lecture, work for a couple of hours, and socialise with my peers then head home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The social life.

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

I plan on heading into acting or going to work abroad.

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

Get the work done as fast as possible.

Make friends.

If you do fail it's not the end of the world.



DK863

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in
Creative Media***

2nd Year

Santina

Andriuskeviciute

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I was unsure of what exactly I wanted to do with my future for a very long time, but I knew I loved creating videos and editing photos from my PLC course, so I went into creative media as you can basically go into any career which falls under creativity.

Describe a typical day at college:

It usually varies for me, for most of my days tend to be short days, throughout my first semester I had much more hands on classes, where I was physically going around and doing stuff, but in my second semester it's much more lecture work to be done, doing more practicals, drawing, filming, everything like that.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT:

How flexible your days can be, and how kind everyone tends to be, there's people from all over the world and with so many different experiences, even if you're shy like I was, DKIT can so easily make you more confident in yourself with everything.

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

I would like to do a level 9 course with Creative Media and get more of an education so I can stand out more to employers, get a job in video editing and perhaps film making and be recognised in feature films as an editor.

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

1. Go for it in any opportunity you have, this also would apply for any other course but throughout the creative media course, you will have to do many hands on things along with presentations and mental work loads. Go for your absolute best at everything and apply to as many things as you can.
2. Make friends with as many people as you can. This will not only help in your own assignments but also when recruiting people in the future for filming or marketing, it will be the best to have someone you know in each sector.
3. Dont give up your own life to study. This doesnt mean to never finish your study either, work hard on what you want to achieve even with the challenges of every day life, but never forget your hobbies, family and friends, make sure to find that balance in your first year.



DK863

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Creative Media

2nd Year

Jack

McHale

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I liked that the Creative Media course teaches skills across various areas of the creative media industry, unlike many other courses that focus on only one field. I believe this will help broaden my skillset and give me experience in different areas, while also helping me discover what I enjoy most and which career path I would like to focus on in the future. Another reason I chose this course is that the college is equipped with industry-standard equipment, which I believe will prepare me well for the ever-changing creative industry. Having access to professional equipment will allow me to gain practical experience and develop skills that are relevant in the workplace. What made me certain about my choice, however, was attending the open day. The lecturers were extremely friendly, approachable, and passionate about the course, which gave me

confidence that this would be the right place for me to learn and grow in.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

DJ Society and DkIT Sport Gym.

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

1. Get to know the others on your course - you'll be doing a lot of group work.
2. Don't leave work to the last minute - your due dates are often all around the same time.
3. Always know the nearest caffeine source - you'll need it at times :)



DK863

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in
Creative Media***

2nd Year

Sarah

McMahon

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this programme of study because I loved the variety of subjects it covers in the course. It covers a huge range of topics in the creative field and that's something that has always peaked my interest.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy meeting new people at DkIT. Whether it be lecturers or classmates, there's always a friendly face.

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

My plans for my future is to find a job in the creative industry. Although I haven't locked down on what exact job I'd like, DkIT's creative media course has been helping me to figure

out which aspects I like and also don't like in regards to what kind of job I'd look for in the future. However I'm certain that I'd love to work in the creative industry.

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

I'd advise for new students to be open to new experiences when coming to DkIT.

Go to as many of their events as possible.

Make new friends and of course have fun !



DK864

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Film & Television Production

2nd Year

Emily

Kerley

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I picked film and television production because from a small age that area always peaked my interest. I always had an interest in photography and recording so my younger self loved to record vlogs. As I got older I took an interest in films and especially how they are made. I would sit at home and watch BTS content of how to make films.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The new people I meet and the new things I learn from my course.

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

I'm still figuring what my future will hold after college. The main goal would be a director or cinematographer but while doing

my course I developed an interest for the Live TV broadcasting so I wouldn't mind exploring live broadcasting.

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

Relax and don't be so nervous it's not as scary as it seems.

Always try to keep focused on your modules and assignments but also have a balance for outside life.

Don't feel restricted to college, make films outside of college.



DK864

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Film & Television Production

3rd Year

Padraig

McGrath

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose to Film and Television Production at DkIT as I had a great interest in movies and shows and found that this course offered a lot of practical insights in to the creation of them. I also enjoyed the other sides to this course like the European and World Cinema modules which gave me a wider insight into different films and the history behind them.

Describe a typical day at college:

My typical day at college usually starts at 9 or 10 and is a nice mix of theory work and practical work. During my breaks I sit in the canteen with my friends catching up on projects or just socialising.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

My favourite thing about student life at DkIT is just going to the canteen with my friends after class and just hanging out with them . I've met some wonderful people in my time at college.

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

What I'm grateful for in this course is that so many opportunities are open to me after it in all aspects of the film industry. I am interested in the production and directing side of the industry.

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

My three pieces of advice would be, get involved in as much as you can with projects even if it's outside of college productions.

Another one is to get to know everyone in your course as your new friendships will open up new opportunities for you.

And my final piece of advice would be to make sure you do all your wikis for Film Theory on time and don't fall behind on them .



DK864

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Film
& Television Production***

2nd Year

Ethan

Mullen

Why did you choose your programme of study?

Simply because I love film, and have always wanted to step into that world and hopefully work in that world in the future. I chose DkIT because it had the best facilities possible for my area of study, and I knew that I wouldn't be short of resources or opportunities.

Describe a typical day at college:

Get to the college around 30 minutes before my first lecture and meet my friends before we head to class. I would attend my classes for the day and have lunch in between, and then head home.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Meeting new people and studying the subject that I love and have a passion for.

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

I would hopefully start to work in an area around my chosen subject, so hopefully working on film sets and making movies.

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

Don't be afraid to talk to people and get to know them.

Show up to every lecture.

Take lots of notes.



DK864

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Film & Television Production

2nd Year

Róisín

Browne

Why did you choose your programme of study?

My leaving cert was approaching, and I was trying to find a creative line of work that I could see a future in terms of employment and some sort of stability in this climate. I really enjoy filmmaking, having made my first film when I was 16, and other shorts since then. I did my research on film courses across the country and found DkIT's course was one of the best when comparing to others, in terms of equipment and success rates, with a vast portfolio of awards. With more research I found the classes are small, which is honestly amazing, as I've always been in smaller educational environments, knowing they're more personal and it means it's easier to get the chance to try the equipment and software necessary. And this course is an all-rounder, unlike others that specialised in one part, as DkIT's was doing all parts of Film & TV, from lighting and cinematography, to

scriptwriting, storyboarding and audio composition for films. So, for someone like me who didn't have a specific idea on what I wanted, but wanted practical work and learning new skills, this was the best programme for me.

Describe a typical day at college:

The typical college day for me at college consists of going to a few academic lectures, like Film Studies, or World Cinema, and spending my break talking to my friends, either from class, or maybe bumping into a friend out of course. Spanning from 9am - 5pm or, as the college timetable in my experience tries to separate Academic from Practical, it can consist of us working with cameras, editing, and then recording audios and creating film sound effects from chains and wind drums, very fun!

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

You could say I like to clown around. I'm apart of the circus acts society, though I'm rather inactive as my main focus is the best course ever, Film and Television Production!

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I like how smooth it is to find social connections outside of your course year, via college events, or fundraising events (which you'll learn to know very well as a P.J carrolls go-er), as I'm not from Dundalk and came here having no connections, and thought it'd be far more difficult than it was.

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

I'm only going into 2nd year at the moment, so I don't have a set idea on what I want to do, as I've done some directing, lighting, and camera, but I do enjoy the audio work we've been doing, so as of current I see lighting / audio as a good career path, or even editing.

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

Be ready to communicate. This course is groupwork heavy and if you'll need to be able to communicate with your peers and work together to get through. Get to know your peers, and that'll help know everyone's workflow. Try everything. You may come into the course with a closed mind on what career you want, but there's no harm in opening yourself up to all the amazing career paths Film offers, and you never know, you might find your true calling isn't your initial idea. And this advice stretches to societies, don't narrow yourself to your peers, make connections outside of your course! I tend to

think its not mentioned before you start the course, but you need over ear wired headphones, that's the only requirement you will need to buy before starting. Even getting an aux cord for wireless headphones that has an aux port would work, as its needed for editing and audio, as we start the practical work off the bat!



DK864

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Film
& Television Production***

2nd Year

Patrick

Hartford

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose my programme of study which is Film and Television Production because I love the art of filmmaking and how it all forms together. I loved film and television since I was a little boy with no friends and it makes living in a fantasy world for 2 hours seem like the best thing on earth. I hope to create my own art someday from what I learn in DkIT. I love the overall art of filmmaking and how a live tv show works. I enjoy editing and other aspects of film and tv.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical day at college consists of going in before class starts, sitting with friends in the morning in the canteen or Costa, attending classes and having fun with lecturers and working with other people to complete tasks we're given. Lunch breaks or class breaks, it

involves sitting around talking to classmates and friends which is the most rewarding thing about the course in my opinion, being able to be yourself and make those friends is an experience in itself. After a long day we gather outside to chat about the day and what's next in our plans for assignments and then we disband ready to do it all over again the next day. Seeing friends and enjoying what you do is the best day at college ever and you get to relive it everyday.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

None. I signed up for a few but didn't ever hear back from them.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I love the friends I've made, I love the facilities and the course that I've chosen to do. I love the fun that comes with being a student of DkIT and how accepting and friendly everyone is. I just love being apart of DkIT and I do my best to give back where I can in the middle of my studies.

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

My plan is to use the degree among the experience I gained along the way to go into production management or working in a creative role while trying to push my own ideas out into the world. I'm unsure of the final destination but I definitely know that this is the field I want to go into so it is just a matter of what section of it I want to be in. There is lots to choose from and I hope I can be apart of it in the future.

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

1. Don't leave things until last minute, especially if you're doing the film and television course.
2. Time management and organisation skills in creative arts is the most important skill to have due to the chaotic nature of the process.
3. Don't ever feel beat up about how your films turn out, rome wasn't built in a day, believing in yourself is a full time job and you are your harshest critic.



DK864

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Film
& Television Production***

3rd Year

Jessie

Maguire

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose Film and TV Production in DkIT because I've always had a strong interest in film and storytelling. I enjoy watching films and TV shows, but I've also always been curious about what goes on behind the scenes and how everything comes together to create the final product. This course stood out to me because it offers a balance between theory and practical skills, which is something I was really looking for. I was particularly drawn to the hands-on aspect of the course, as it allows me to gain real experience with cameras, editing software, and production techniques rather than just focusing on the theory. I also like that it gives me the opportunity to work as part of a team, which is an important part of the film industry. Overall, I felt that this course suited both my interests and my strengths, and it would give me the skills and experience I need for the future.

Describe a typical day at college:

A typical college day for me is pretty chill. I'll usually have a mix of lectures and practical classes, so some of the day is just sitting in taking notes, and other times we're actually using cameras or working on projects. There's usually breaks in between, so I'd just hang out with friends or get something to eat. If we've got a project due, we might spend time planning or filming, which makes the day a bit more interesting. After classes, I might stay back to work on assignments or just head home and do it later, depending on how busy I am. Some days are busier than others, but overall it's a good balance and not too stressful most of the time.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I like that student life isn't just all about studying, you still get time to enjoy yourself and do other things. There's always something on around the college for you to go to as well.

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

My plans for the future are to build a career in the film and television industry, with a particular focus on camera work and possibly directing. I'm especially interested in cinematography, as I like the idea of using visuals to tell a story and create a certain mood or atmosphere. I want to develop my technical skills with cameras and composition. Over time, I would also like to explore directing, as it would give me the opportunity to take more of a lead and bring my own ideas to life. I enjoy the idea of working closely with a team to shape a project from start to finish. In the short term, my goal is to continue learning, build a strong portfolio, and get experience working on different types of productions. Long term, I hope to establish myself in the industry and continuing to grow creatively and technically.

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

1. Stay organised and manage your time well. (Don't fall behind!).
2. Get involved in everything you possibly can, so you don't miss out on opportunities.
3. Enjoy it, don't be stressing too much.



DK864

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Film
& Television Production***

2nd Year

Matthew

Taylor

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this programme as I really enjoy films and wanted to meet like-minded people. That have similar interests to me. I wanted to learn all about Film and TV production, as I feel as if I have stories inside of me that the world needs to hear, and I want them to bring joy and meaning to the world and people's lives.

Describe a typical day at college:

Hanging out with my friends, messing around with cameras, watching films and everything in between.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I enjoy hanging out with my friends, and I appreciate the independence that comes from going to college.

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

I would like to start a production company or YouTube channel with some of my friends. While travelling the world. I want to create memories and films with the people I care about, seizing any chance that may arise but mainly enjoying myself while doing it.

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

1. Watch your films for Film Studies and don't let them pile up. Watch them weekly.
2. Don't forget your headphones for editing.
3. Be kind to yourself and the people around you. Take the time to enjoy yourself the year flies by.



DK865

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in
Audio and Music Production***

2nd Year

Chris

McDonald

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I want to learn how to get the very best and most appropriate sound from whatever sound source I am working with. I love the way sound interacts with the physical world and how it can be manipulated to improve the experience for listeners.

Describe a typical day at college:

I drive to sport and take the shuttle to campus. I then go to my class, say hello to my friends. Go through morning lectures/practicals. I usually eat at the canteen or Maxol across the street before going back to wrap up any afternoon classes. Not unusual for me to take advantage of the practice rooms to play drums or the piano rooms to rehearse for keyboard. I then meet

my spouse to walk back to sport and debrief our respective days.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT:

I love interacting with and working in the studio with my colleagues. I enjoy taking walks around campus in between classes. I also love the practice room accessibility to play music with friends. I also enjoy the convenience and quality of the canteen.

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

I hope to primarily work in the music industry but I want to be well versed enough that I don't have to look for work and can find employment and pleasure from multiple avenues and opportunities.

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

- 1) Review the basics of music theory.
- 2) Ask LOADS of questions, it's truly the only way to understand the content.
- 3) insert yourself into group projects/ actively participate in the practicals.



DK865

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in
Audio and Music Production***

2nd Year

Jamie

Bradley

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this course as it's a pathway into a career in the area of work I want to be in. Music is the area I want to work in and the topics covered in this course and the facilities available make it achievable and enjoyable.

Describe a typical day at college:

Head to Costa and get a coffee before your class. If you have a spare hour go to a piano room or walk around the campus. After your classes head down to the gym and make use of that too.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

Football Team.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The freedom and the facilities.

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

I plan to try work in a recording studio and try work part time in live sound until I can find a suitable job. This course also gives me the ability to travel and work anywhere

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

Don't be afraid to ask questions.

Work continuously on your assignments and don't leave it until the last week.

Try and appreciate the quality of the studio and all its equipment while using it.



DK865

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in
Audio and Music Production***

2nd Year

Fiachra

McShane-Coleman

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I've played the drums since I was 5 years old and anyone who has tried recording drums knows that iPhone audio just doesn't cut it. So I went down the rabbit hole of audio engineering and haven't yet come out.

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

1. There are so many sources of information, especially online, when it comes to this area of study. Make use of them all.
2. Don't fall behind. This isn't just for assignments, if you don't understand what was discussed in your lecture then go home and figure it out. It makes the whole process far easier and far more enjoyable.

3. Take time away. Even though spending 6 hours researching microphones may be your favourite hobby at the moment, if you keep it up you will burn out and come to dislike what you now love. Don't dilute your enjoyment.



DK865

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in
Audio and Music Production***

2nd Year

MARIEANNE

MOORE

Why did you choose your programme of study?

To complete the Circle: I am a graduate of Level 5 & 6 Digital Creative Media: Video creation, Photography, Illustration. Now I am studying the other side of the coin: Audio & Music Production. I believe in education and in being multi-skilled, a must for today's world.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

DkIT Choir, Badminton, Yoga & Pilates. I occasionally use the DkIT gymnasium, which is great.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

I love the field I enrolled in, to learn and build new skills. To be among people of similar interests in the Creative Arts: Film, Theatre,

Song, Music & Dance, Audio with Music Production. I also like to meet students and staff from other disciplines.

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

I am already author of Children's Books, under my author's name: MARIE ANNE O MORDHA with a trilogy: The Storm, the Joeys and the Red Rock, The 2 on Tour, Brave Joey, Little Joey, You've got MAIL, I would love my Storylines and Illustrations from my Children's books to feature in Children's Theatre: the themes are about love for Wildlife, Climate Action and love for our Blue Planet Earth. Great fun, lots to learn and participate in, all inclusive. Theatre Creation is such a fun-activity to be involved in... I would love to meet the people who can make this happen. And I don't have to wait until my course is

completed...

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

Attend, Engage, Participate.

Congratulations on your Admission in DkIT.

Make every day count. One of the best times of your whole life!!



DK892

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Music
and Performance Technologies***

2nd Year

Sally

Brady

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I chose this course because the facilities for music students in DKIT are some of the best around and I knew that I wanted to go into a career in music. Also, I live 15 minutes down the road so it's very convenient!

Describe a typical day at college:

Lectures typically start around 9 or 10am and usually you'll get a break around 1pm. A full day finishes at 5 but depending on the day you could be finished up earlier.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

The people are great craic and all share similar interests since they chose the same course. It's a great way to meet other musicians and to get amazing opportunities to

help grow your music career!!

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

I plan on pursuing music teaching when I finish my degree here.

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

1. You will get used to the layout of the Carroll building don't worry!
2. Keep on top of your assignments and attendance, it all counts towards your grades.
3. Enjoy your time in college!! Go out, meet people, have the craic!



DK892

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Music
and Performance Technologies***

2nd Year

Finian

Mc Cluskey

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I am a mature student and an Irish traditional musician, having taken up the banjo in my 40s. After I retired, I decided to study music formally. I choose Dundalk as it is local and has a good mix of practical work along with formal lectures. The Music and Performance Technologies course gives me a chance to learn about composition, music production and community music – all things that I've been interested in for some years.

Describe a typical day at college:

There isn't a typical day in the music course as such given the way timetables work. Obviously, there are lectures, tutorials, practical labs etc., but there is also a chance to collaborate with other students and put on performances a few times each year.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

The Music Society and the Traditional Music Society.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DkIT:

Meeting new people with similar interests is great. There's a lively buzz around the campus and I love the fact that I can study something that I love full-time with others who are similarly minded.

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

I am currently involved in organising music classes for both adults and children. I hope to use the knowledge and skills that I will learn in DkIT to develop music learning in my community.

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

1. Turn up every day for lectures. Even if you're half-asleep during them, you'll pick up information and it'll keep you right for the continuous assessment assignments to get you through the year.
2. Make full use of the facilities, such as the library, the sports centre and the course facilities. For music that includes rehearsal rooms and borrowing instruments.
3. Get involved in a society, any society. You need to enjoy the experience just as much as you need to learn.



DK892

***Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Music
and Performance Technologies***

2nd Year

Noreen

McManus

Why did you choose your programme of study?

I'm attending as a mature student and I chose my programme because I always wanted to obtain a degree in music. I'm a traditional musician and have enjoyed a lifetime of performing as well as teaching but always wanted to learn classical violin. Not only that, I'm also learning new ways to enhance performances, the history of music and so much more.

Describe a typical day at college:

For me, I go in early in order to get a little bit of keyboard practice done in one of the practice rooms. Lectures start usually at 10 but occasionally 9am. We break for lunch generally at 1pm and then back for more lectures or performance classes. These could be musicianship, notation, learning about digital audio workstations (DAW), keyboard

skills, choir, pop ensemble, vocal skills or trad music group. We generally end our day at 4 or 4:30pm and this year, we attended 4 days per week.

What Sports / Clubs and Societies do you belong to:

I'm not in any societies at present but hoping to start up a Traditional Music Society in September.

What do you enjoy most about Student Life in DKIT:

I'm really enjoying choir and the musical instrument tuition that we attend on a weekly basis. I'm enjoying learning new technology also!

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

I may continue the learning process now that I've started! There's so much to learn. I will continue teaching but I also hope to pursue more performance opportunities in classical violin as well as traditional.

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

Attend your lectures - a huge part of this programme is based on attendance and there is always something you will pick up in class.

Don't be afraid to engage with your lecturers if in difficulty; they're here to help you and want you to succeed.

Make the most of the support that is in place; the support staff are professional and so helpful.