

# Courses in Ireland

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In recent years, Ireland has become increasingly popular as a study destination as more international students become aware of the range of educational experiences on offer, as well as its natural beauty.

The higher education sector in Ireland is made up of universities, institutes of technology and a number of independent private colleges. A wide range of vocational and technical training is also available in the further education sector. Universities and institutes of technology are autonomous and self-governing but receive state funding.

Universities offer a wide range of degrees at bachelor, masters and doctorate level, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate diplomas and continuing and distance education programmes. Institutes of technology offer programmes at degree, national diploma and national certificate level and many also offer postgraduate diploma and degree courses. All have schools of science, engineering, technology and business. In addition, most have also developed programmes in areas such as humanities, languages, paramedical studies, health care, tourism, and art and design.

Applications for most full-time undergraduate courses in Ireland are made through the Central Applications Office (CAO), which is based in Galway. The CAO provides an applications pack with a handbook which lists all the courses on offer and gives information on how to apply. The final closing date for EU nationals is 1 February and 15 December of the preceding year for non-EU nationals. Some colleges and universities prefer overseas students to apply directly to the institution and students wanting to study on any other programmes, including postgraduate courses, should apply directly to the institution involved. Generally, international students must have a minimum Toefl score of 550 to be accepted on to a higher education programme.

^ varies depending on the course – information not supplied \* commission on tuition fees only

| Name of institution                               | Location                  | Total numbers of students | % of overseas students | Min. age of overseas students | Entry requirements              | Eng. lang. req. | Qualifications offered | Subject specialities | Accom. | Engineering | Secretarial | Computing | Other | Housing officer | ESL department | Accom. fees per month in euros | Tuition fees per year in euros | Marketing fee (%) |
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| Burren College of Art                             | Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare   | 40                        | 75                     | 17                            | High school leaving certificate | 580             | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 424                            | 16,400                         | 10*               |
| Carlow Institute of Technology                    | Carlow                    | 3,000                     | 10                     | 17                            | Entrance exam                   | 600             | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 7,620                          | 15*                            | 15*               |
| Dundalk Institute of Technology                   | Dundalk                   | 3,500                     | 2                      | 17                            | Entrance exam                   | 550             | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 60                             | 6,000                          | 15*               |
| Griffith College Dublin                           | Dublin                    | 5,000                     | 12                     | 17                            | Interview                       | ✓               | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 448                            | 5,000                          | 20*               |
| Institute of Technology Blanchardstown            | Dublin                    | 600                       | 1                      | 18                            | Work experience                 | ✓               | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | n/a                            | 8,796                          |                   |
| KMI Institute of Theology and Cultures            | Dublin                    | 70                        | 50                     | 18                            | Entrance exam                   | –               | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | –                              | 3,238                          |                   |
| Letterkenny Institute of Technology               | Letterkenny               | 2,000                     | –                      | 17                            | Interview                       | –               | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 128                            | 8,400                          |                   |
| Michael Smurfit Graduate Sch. of Bus., U C Dublin | Dublin                    | 1,300                     | –                      | 17                            | Interview                       | –               | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 210                            | –                              | –                 |
| Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy     | Dublin                    | 400                       | 10                     | 17                            | Interview                       | –               | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | n/a                            | 3,479                          |                   |
| Saint Nicholas Montessori College                 | Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin | 450                       | 1                      | 18                            | Interview                       | –               | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | n/a                            | 5,040                          |                   |
| Shannon College of Hotel Management               | Shannon, Co. Clare        | 260                       | 30                     | 18                            | High school leaving certificate | 550             | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 210                            | 9,600                          | ✓                 |
| St Patrick's College                              | Dublin                    | 2,000                     | 5                      | 18                            | High school leaving certificate | –               | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 216                            | –                              | –                 |
| University College Cork                           | Cork                      | 13,000                    | 8                      | 16                            | High school leaving certificate | 560             | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 277                            | 7,870                          | ✓                 |
| University of Dublin, Trinity College             | Dublin                    | 14,000                    | 19                     | 17                            | High school leaving certificate | 550             | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 250                            | 9,545                          | 10*               |
| University of Limerick                            | Limerick                  | 12,000                    | 6                      | 17                            | High school leaving certificate | 550             | Bachelor degree        | Other                | ✓      |             |             |           |       | ✓               |                | 250                            | 8,405                          | 10*               |