



Study Abroad in Ireland



Higher Education in Ireland

There are 7 universities in Ireland and 14 Institutes of Technology. All are able to award full degrees. There are also a number of private universities.

To find a degree by subject/institution, go to the [Central Applications Office](#) (CAO website). If you want more details/have any questions about a course that can't be found on the website, contact the relevant university admissions office. Each of the Irish universities has an overseas/international office which is responsible for coordinating programmes aimed at non-Irish students.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

As with UK universities, admission to most undergraduate programmes can be extremely competitive and you must check each course's entry requirements on the [CAO website](#) as well as with the individual university.

Applicants must put their course choices in order of genuine preference and/or career plans and declare any previous university attendance on the CAO form, whether examinations were completed or not.

Applicants must also check if/when they need to apply for the GAMSAT, HPAT and/or MSAP admissions tests.

The normal online closing date is **20th January**, although there is a late applicant deadline as well. Applicants can find out about the process and do a course search on the CAO website where there is also advice for parents and for school advisers.

Highest World Rankings

Trinity College, Dublin, University of Dublin (101)

University College Dublin (173)

National University of Ireland - Galway (258)

University College Cork (298)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Fees

Under the higher education free fees initiative, EU, British and Irish students currently don't pay tuition fees but they are liable for annual registration/student services charges. The amount varies between institutions but is capped at a maximum of €3,000. The fee covers provision of student services such as libraries, clubs and exam entry fees.

It is hoped that the arrangements between the UK and Ireland outlined under the Common Travel Area will continue and British students will not have to pay International fees. For information please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/869e17-studying/>

For International Fees please see individual University websites

Visa

All nationals from the EU, EEA, Britain and Switzerland can study in Ireland. Students from some other territories may require a visa.

All nationals from the EU, EEA, Britain and Switzerland can work in Ireland while studying. Students from other territories may have limitations.

Further Information

Education in Ireland provides a comprehensive website about studying in Ireland, choosing a course, applying and more. <http://www.educationinireland.com>

See the QS website for comprehensive information about studying in Ireland.

<https://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/europe/ireland/guide>

The CAO processes centrally applications to their first year undergraduate courses. You can find what courses are available at Irish universities and apply to universities on this website.

<http://www.cao.ie>