University of Limerick

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IRELAND

study abroad

programme
The University of Limerick meets all the requirements for recognition by the Forum for its adherence to the Standards of Good Practice.

By going through this process the University of Limerick has demonstrated that it is in conformity with the Forum’s Standards of Good Practice, maintains a commitment and dedication both to offering high quality programs in education abroad at a level of excellence acceptable to the larger academic community, and to continuous assessment and improvement.

Forum on Education Abroad
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The mission of the University of Limerick (UL) is to be internationally renowned as a distinctive university which shapes the future through educating and empowering people to meet the real challenges of tomorrow. Essential to this mission is the internationalization of the university and the creation of opportunities for international experiences for students in the first instance. It is my great pleasure to invite international students to join us at UL in this exciting transformative endeavour for all of us.

Professor Don Barry
President
Ireland is an island of 84,430 sq.km (32,598 sq. miles), located on the Western European Seaboard. English is the primary vernacular and administrative language of Ireland. Irish (Gaelic) is the national language. The population of the island of Ireland is approximately 5.7 million people. Limerick is the fourth largest city after Dublin, Belfast and Cork. Ireland has a mild climate all year round averaging 2° to 7° C (35° -45° F) in winter, and 18° – 24° C (65° -75° F) in summer. Ireland is in the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) zone. The currency of the Republic of Ireland is the Euro.

‘Limerick city is cheerfully urban... and has historic and cultural attractions in plenty to keep the visitor happily occupied.... Its central streets buzz with life and a busy shopping scene.'
Limerick (population 80,000) is the third largest city in the Republic of Ireland. Limerick is easily accessible by air, coach or train. The city is located 20km from Shannon International Airport. There are direct connections between Shannon Airport (SNN) and major cities in the USA, UK and Europe.

Limerick is renowned as a centre of excellence for technology. It is home to the National Technology Park of Ireland and to many international electronics and other high technology firms, including for example Analogue Devices, Howmedica, Intel and Vistacon.

Limerick offers its visitors an extensive range of attractions, museums and art galleries.

For sporting enthusiasts Limerick offers a wide range of sports from Gaelic games such as hurling and football to Limericks favourite sport, rugby. It is also home to the National Coaching and Training Centre of Ireland and Ireland’s first 50m Olympic swimming pool.

Fine museums and galleries, and a thriving restaurant and pub-culture, have enhanced Limerick’s already warm heart.

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There are 7 universities in the Republic of Ireland. Student life in Ireland is highly competitive yet sociable.

UL believes in combining academic excellence with relevance to economic, social and cultural needs.

The University of Limerick is recognised as a pioneer amongst Irish Universities.

On-campus student accommodation at UL is among the finest in Ireland.

UL is a founding member of the Irish Universities Quality Board, the primary objective of which is to ensure that the quality of Irish Universities continues to compare favourably with best international standards.

UL is an international centre of excellence in sport, music and the arts.

The UL campus, astride the majestic river Shannon, is regarded as Ireland's most beautiful university campus.

'Ireland’s most dynamic
There are four Faculties of the University:
- Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences;
- Kemmy Business School;
- Education & Health Sciences,
- Science & Engineering.

A 4-point scale is used to calculate the Qualitative Cumulative Average (Grade Point Average).

3 US Credits = 6 ECTS Credits

Letter grades are awarded for overall performance in assessments for each module.

The UL credit system accommodates the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The normal semester course-load is 5 modules (classes/courses), with a minimum of 6 ECTS credits awarded for each module and 30 credits for a semester of study.

*Some exceptions may apply

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UL operates a US-style modular/credit system, with a two semester academic calendar.

The academic year runs from September to May.

An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern
(Former Prime Minister of Ireland)
UL has an extensive range of opportunities for students to become involved in sports clubs and cultural societies. The best way to integrate with Irish and other international students is to join clubs and societies, which also give many opportunities for travel within Ireland and beyond. New members are always welcome. International students frequently represent UL in competitions between Irish universities.

### clubs

- American Football
- Aikido
- Athletics
- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Camogie
- Rollerhockey
- Dance
- Equestrian
- Gaelic Football
- Golf
- Handball
- Hockey (field)
- Hurling
- Judo
- Karate
- Kayaking
- Kickboxing
- Lifesaving
- Mountainbiking
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Pool & Darts
- Rugby
- Rowing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Sailing
- Sub-Aqua Diving
- Tae-kwon-do
- Tang Soo Do
- Tennis
- Trampolining
- Volleyball
- Waterpolo
- Windsurfing

### societies

- Aeronautical
- Celtic Supporters
- Christian Union
- Computer
- Dance
- Debating Union
- Drama
- Environmental
- Folk Group
- French
- Formula 1
- Games
- History
- International Students
- Irish Peace
- Lego
- Music
- Outreach
- Photo
- Political Parties
- Radio
- Racing
- Spraoi (Irish speakers)
- Ten Forward
- Traditional Music
The facilities for sports at UL are state of the art and compare favourably with the best internationally. Membership is open to all students, who are actively encouraged to participate in sports while attending the University of Limerick.

UL is the national centre for the education of teachers of Physical Education in Ireland and is also home to the Irish National Coaching and Training Centre for elite sportspeople and athletes.

The University Arena is a multi-purpose sports facility with:

- 50m Swimming Pool
- 4 courts - offering Basketball, Volleyball and Indoor Soccer
- 60m Indoor Sprint Track
- 3-Lane Suspended Jogging Track
- Cardio-Fitness Centre

outdoor facilities

- Athletics Track
- 40 acres of playing fields
- Tennis courts
- Outdoor Activity Centre

www.universityarena.com
Plassey Village is a great place to make friends. The terraced houses which sleep 8 people are grouped around landscaped courtyards which help to create a cozy communal atmosphere. Shops are located only 5 minutes walk from the village and a regular bus service to the city centre operates every 20 minutes from a stop directly opposite the village.

Kilmurry Village is a complex of terraced houses in landscaped grounds close to the Sports Arena. A great place to live if you want to be on the track or in the pool before breakfast. Tennis courts and playing fields are located adjacent to this village. Houses sleep 6 and 8 students while living room/kitchens are spacious. The Village has its own convenience shop, laundrette and a large community hall.

Cappavilla is an attractive apartment style residence located on the North Campus. Built on the highest point of the campus, the views of the surrounding countryside and the river Shannon are superb. Offering 2/4/6 bedroom apartments, all ensuite, the village has its own laundrette and games room.

Thomond Village is located on the North Campus which is linked by means of a bridge across the river Shannon. It offers apartments to sleep 2/6 in large individual bedrooms, all with ensuite facilities. The village has a communal hall with seminar rooms, a good convenience store, a laundrette and Ciaran’s juice bar café.

Dromroe Village is an attractive apartment style complex, bordering a millstream and overlooking the river Shannon. The village has its own convenience shop, laundrette and Ciaran’s juice bar café.
Living on campus gives you the opportunity to meet people from all over the world; you learn about other cultures, share different foods, music and stories.

Why live on campus?

- A programme of activity known as the Campus Life Programme is organised in each village which offers ‘get to know your neighbour’ nights, dance, yoga and cookery and talks on healthy eating, nutrition and fitness.

- Regardless of which village you choose you will have your own private study bedroom equipped with a good size desk and complimentary access to high speed connection to the internet through the university network.

- A Village Manager is on site in all villages to ensure a safe, comfortable environment exists for all.

- Campus security patrol the campus 24hrs a day.

- En-suite bathrooms are available in the newer apartment style residential villages which afford greater privacy and where you can still enjoy the camaraderie of sharing with others.

- Living on campus makes it easy to access the library as students are on site and can return there after their evening meal.

- It’s easy to book; you can reserve a room on campus by visiting www.ul.ie/campuslife. Simply follow the online instructions.

- As well as the facilities in each village, the Student Centre, at the heart of the campus, is within easy walking distance of each village.

For further information and application forms please contact:

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The Study Abroad Programme at UL is open to international students who are already in college/university and who wish to take one semester or one academic year at undergraduate level at UL. While the majority of students enrolling on the Study Abroad Programme at UL come from the USA, the programme is also open to students from other countries and UL has recently enjoyed receiving students from Asia, Australia, Latin America and Europe. UL is very popular with students of Humanities and Social Sciences; it is also an ideal destination for students of Engineering, Science, Information Technology, and Business.

A significant advantage of the Limerick Programme is that students may select and combine courses from all four Faculties of the university, thereby meeting their own personal major, minor, or general elective course requirements. Over 1,200 modules (classes/courses) are offered each semester.

The Study Abroad Programme at UL is an integrated one. Study Abroad students are fully integrated into the domestic student body, following the same lectures, seminars and tutorials, and taking the same assessments as Irish and other international students. A full listing of modules (classes) on offer for Autumn and Spring Semesters is available on: www.ul.ie

Click on International Students

Arena membership and a series of field trips and cultural events are included in the programme fee.
Students may apply:
(i) directly to UL
(ii) through the International or Study Abroad Office in their home college/university
(iii) through a number of USA education agencies

- Completed and signed UL application form
- Minimum GPA 2.9 cum (on a 4-point scale)
- Home College/University Transcript
- Faculty Recommendation
- Financial statement
- Letter of consent from parent/guardian
- Medical Insurance

July 31st for Autumn semester and Full-Year. December 1st for Spring semester.

Up-to-date programme costs and application details are available on: www.ul.ie

Further Information is available from:
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summer schools in Irish Studies

In conjunction with the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the International Education Division in UL is offering Summer School options, which run concurrently every year for three weeks in late May & June. These Summer Schools are taught at ‘300’ level and are open to students who have completed their freshman year at time of enrolment.

The schedule for each Summer School includes 45 taught class hours; three all-day excursions with guides; assessments; and opportunities for travel each weekend. On successful completion of one Summer School option, 6 ECTS academic credits will be awarded.

Law in Ireland

The Law in Ireland Summer School at the University of Limerick provides a concise but comprehensive overview of the Irish legal system. The School is divided into four sections.

Section I: • The institutions of the Irish state • The Constitution • Sources of law • Legal methodology
Section II: • European law • Civil or private law in Ireland-including contracts, torts, equity and trusts, land law, and business law.
Section III: • Criminal law • Crime, parties, offences, liability, and defences
Section IV: • Law-making and/or legal practice in Ireland.

Three excursions will also be organised, including a visit to the Irish Parliament or Courts in Dublin. The Summer School will be of particular interest to students of Irish Studies, sociology, history, media, literature and cultural studies.

Irish Life and Literature

This summer school comprises three linked streams which analyze and contextualize the culture, history and traditions of modern Ireland. The first element utilizes an autobiographical approach to examine the distinctive features of Irish Literature in English. This in-depth assessment of writers and their work is complemented by a stream entitled ‘Ireland during the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries’ which surveys the most important social, political and economic developments of the period. Themes include Ireland under the Act of Union; republicanism and loyalism; Catholic Emancipation; the origins and consequences of the Great Famine; the struggle for independence and the emergence of the Irish state. The final stream will concentrate on Ireland’s traditional culture with particular reference to folklore, music and song.

This summer school will be of interest to students of literature, history, folklore, cultural studies and liberal arts.

Visual Culture in Ireland 1400-1950

In recent years, Ireland’s art and its architecture has generated an unprecedented interest at both a national and international level as awareness grows of Ireland’s rich visual heritage. In examining Ireland’s visual legacy the Visual Culture in Ireland Summer School will look at what shaped Irish art and architecture, including the influence of political, social and cultural forces, and see how Irish art relates to major art movements in Europe through a range of themes.

Film and Television Ireland: Screening Ireland

This course will offer an introduction to Irish cinematic and televisial culture. In particular, it will focus on how the notions of Ireland and Irishness have been represented by Irish and Irish-based directors in domestic TV and cinema production.

Though no specialized knowledge of film or TV is required as a prerequisite, the course should be of particular interest to students of Irish Studies, sociology, history, media, literature and cultural studies.

Sociological Perspectives on Irish Society

Irish society is continually being shaped and re-shaped by both globalizing and localizing forces. What has become known as the ‘new world order’ has led to a repositioning of Ireland in relation to Europe and the USA, both culturally and ideologically. The course invites students to critically examine the workings of Irish society in the 21st century from a sociological perspective. Lecture themes will include Ireland: globalization and ‘glocalization’; multinational companies and their influence on and interaction with indigenous industry; recent demographic trends; media representations of ‘Irishness’ and of poverty, exclusion and inequality in particular in television and film; society, place and space: the perspective of experience; emigration, immigration and diaspora; women in Irish society; inequality and social exclusion in terms of class, ethnicity and gender; inequalities in health and education.

This summer school will be of interest to students of sociology, social anthropology, social policy and cultural studies.
The minimum entry requirement is GPA cum. 2.5 (on a 4-point scale). Admission is either by direct application or on the recommendation of an approved source (e.g. home university/college or study abroad agency). A recommendation from a home university/college professor or instructor is also required. Closing date for receipt of applications each year is April 1st. Application forms are available on-line on the International Education website or by email from study.abroad@ul.ie

programme costs

Up-to-date programme costs are available on www.ul.ie/internationaleducation

Course Fee includes:
- Complimentary coach transfers from/to Shannon Airport (SNN)
- B & B in UL’s contemporary on-campus student village accommodation comprising state-of-the-art, en suite individual bedrooms
- Lunch each day
- 45 hours class tuition
- 3 Excursions with guides
- Free e-mail account at UL
- Receptions
- Membership of the University Arena
- Assessments
- Attendance Certificate
- Academic Transcript

another summer option at UL

Blas International Summer School of Irish Traditional Music & Dance. For further information: www.ul.ie/~iwmc/Blas/