

HIGHER EDUCATION

3 types of institutions

- > Universities
- > Institutes of technology
- > Private independent colleges

- 7 universities
- 15 institutes of technology
- 7 colleges of education
- 5 Recognized Colleges of the National University of Ireland
- 11 state-aided institutions

DEGREES

Irish higher education institutions offer the following degrees:

- Ordinary bachelor degrees
- Honours degrees
- Master degrees
- PhDs

Students can obtain these degrees in a full range of disciplines.

Undergraduate level

- > Bachelor degree (ordinary or honours degree) = 3 to 4 years
- > Higher certificate = 2 years of full-time studies

Postgraduate level

- > Master degree = 1 to 2 years
- > PhD = minimum 3 years

WHY STUDY IN IRELAND?

- > Low fees and top universities
- > Hospitality and stunning landscapes



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USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://educationinireland.com/en/>

www.cao.ie

www.pac.ie



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APPLICATION

Applying through CAO.ie

- > Applications for undergraduate courses are managed by the Central Applications Office-CAO (www.cao.ie) and have to be sent in before **1st February**
- > Admission to postgraduate courses: You must apply directly to the different higher education institutions. Some universities however will ask you to apply through the Postgraduate Applications Center (www.pac.ie).

Application procedure & deadlines

- > **1st February:** standard application through CAO
- > **1st May:** late online application
- > **1st July:** change of mind

Always remember to place your course choices in a genuine order of preference!

Requirements

- > Secondary school leaving diploma
- > Good school results
- > Good English language skills
- > The entry requirements are determined individually by each institution and are generally based on national examination performance and English language aptitude. Entry requirements may vary between different universities and degree programmes so it is best to contact the international office of your chosen university to find out what grades you will need for your course.

English tests

- > **IELTS test**
www.ielts.org
offered at the Institut national des langues www.inll.lu
- > **TOEFL test**
www.toefl.org

TUITION FEES

Undergraduate courses

- > EU students eligible for inclusion in the Irish Government's Free Fees Initiative will only have to pay a **student contribution of up to € 3.000**.

Tuition fees will be paid by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) for Irish / EU nationals entering higher education (third level) for the first time and who have been ordinarily residents in the EU for at least 3 of the 5 years preceding entry into third level **unless they belong to one of the following categories:**

- > Students repeating a semester or a year
- > Students pursuing a second undergraduate course

Postgraduate courses

- > Postgraduate courses may cost between € 3 800 and € 21 000 (depending on the subject and specialization).

More information

www.educationinireland.com

www.studentfinance.ie

SOCIAL SECURITY

A free of charge student health service is provided in all higher education institutions.

A valid European Insurance Card gives you the right to access state-provided health care. So you are entitled to free medical treatment under the Health Service Executive (HSE).

www.hse.ie

When you arrive in Ireland, you will need a Personal Public Service Number (PPS number). It is a unique personal identification number that is essential for applying for state benefits and services.

More information

www.citizensinformation.ie/en/

STUDENT ACCOMODATION

You have several accommodation options:

Hall of residence

Most universities and colleges offer on-campus accommodation (single or shared rooms or one-bedroom apartments).

Private sector accommodation

If you want to be totally independent, choose self-catering, rented accommodation. This is especially popular among first-year students and onwards. You can rent a place on your own or share it with others.

More information

www.educationinireland.com

www.campus.ie

www.daft.ie

www.myhome.ie

STUDENT JOB

Working alongside your studies is a fantastic way to gain skills and experience for your future career.

International students engaged in full-time studies of at least one year, recognized by the Irish Department of Education, do not need a work permit in order to work in Ireland.

More information

www.icosirl.ie

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid from the Luxembourg State

Cedies grants scholarships and loans (at a maximum 2% interest rate per year) for studying in higher education.
Financial aid is only granted for accredited degree courses!

www.cedies.lu

Application deadlines:

- > **from 1st August to 30th November** (winter semester)
- > **from 1st January to 30th April** (summer semester)

For more information on the eligibility criteria and structure of the financial aid, please visit: www.cedies.lu

Apply online at www.Guichet.lu!

MyGuichet.lu



Private scholarships in Luxembourg

www.cedies.lu

Irish scholarships and bursaries

www.education.ie

Work placement

If your course involves a work placement or internship, it is likely that your school, college or university will arrange this for you. Your institution may have a careers advisor who can help!

More information

www.studentjob.ie

