



UNIVERSITY *of* LIMERICK

OLLSCOIL LUIMNIGH

**study in IRELAND**



**study abroad  
handbook**

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## Study in Ireland

### Ireland

- Among the best education systems in the world
- A safe place to live and study
- English speaking with close cultural, economic and educational links throughout the world
- Endless opportunities and internationally recognised qualifications
- Land of welcomes, unrivalled hospitality and vibrant social culture
- Stunning landscape, a rich musical tradition and enthralling literature
- Home to some of the world's leading companies, including Apple, Facebook, Google, Cook Medical, Intel and Wyeth Pharmaceutical





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A growing  
campus on the  
banks of the  
River Shannon



Main  
Entrance

Plassey  
Student  
Village

Kemmy  
Business  
School

Robert  
Schuman  
Building

The  
Boat  
House

Foundation  
Building  
+

University  
Concert  
Hall

Dromroe  
Student  
Village

Tierney  
Building

Glucksman  
Library  
+

Info  
Services  
Building

Main  
University  
Academic  
Building

International  
Office





Thomond  
Student  
Village

Irish  
World  
Academy

The  
Living  
Bridge

Sports  
Pavillion

The  
Quigley  
Residence

Millstream  
Courtyard  
Building

Medical  
School

Cappavilla  
Student  
Village

Plassey  
House

Health  
Sciences  
Building

President's  
House

Stables +  
Student  
Centre

University  
Arena  
+

National  
50 metre  
pool

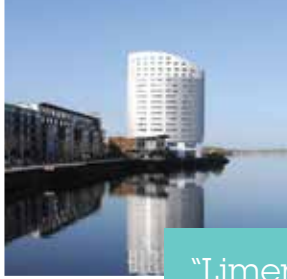
MSSI  
Building

Physical  
Education  
+

Sports  
Science  
Building

Kilmurry  
Student  
Village

Sports  
Club



"Limerick is a vibrant, living, cosmopolitan city."



## Limerick

Capital of the country's mid-west region, Limerick is one of Ireland's most culturally diverse and inclusive cities. It is a bustling and vibrant city noted for its shopping, dining, entertainment, cultural and historical significance, and contributions to the arts. Conquered by the Vikings in the ninth century, Limerick has a rich medieval past. Home to more than 200,000 people, of whom almost 50% are under the age of 30, the Limerick of today is a fast-moving and cosmopolitan city in which to live and study.

In the past number of years, Limerick has witnessed many positive developments, such as the addition of Ireland's tallest hotel – the Clarion – and the River Point building, which have changed the city's skyline. Situated just five kilometres from the city centre and adjacent to the University of Limerick (UL), the National Technology Park is home to many internationally renowned companies and indigenous firms. If sport is your thing, Limerick offers a wide range of activities and team sports, including Ireland's national games of hurling and football and Limerick's favourite sport, rugby, which is played in the iconic Thomond Park Stadium, home ground of the famous Munster rugby team. UL houses Coaching Ireland and hosts many national and international sporting events.





## University of Limerick

The University of Limerick (UL) Ireland established in 1972 is an independent, internationally focussed university with over 13,000 students and 1,400 staff. It is a young, energetic and enterprising university with a proud record of innovation in education and excellence in research and scholarship. The University is situated on a superb riverside campus of over 133 hectares with the River Shannon as a unifying focal point. Outstanding recreational, cultural and sporting facilities further enhance this exceptional learning and working environment. The University of Limerick campus is located in the Midwest region of Ireland and is 5km from Limerick City and 20km from Shannon International Airport servicing direct flights to and from the United States

The campus is home to the Nexus Innovation Centre supporting spin-out activity in the region and is central to the UL Enterprise Corridor which hosts leading R&D companies including Johnson & Johnson. Adjacent to the University is the National Technology Park (NTP), Ireland's first science/ technology park (263 hectares), which is home to over 80 organisations employing over 3,000 people.





## Why UL?

### UL Voted #1 by International Students

The University of Limerick achieved multiple global top ten rankings including employability, language support, accommodation and campus environment in the 2015 International Student Barometer (ISB) survey. UL was also ranked 1st out of 39 European universities for providing a learning experience that will lead to good employability which echoes UL's leading position for employability in Ireland – UL graduates are 18% more likely to be employed after graduation than graduates from any other Irish university. UL further excelled by being ranked in the top ten for International Office, host culture, visa advice, social facilities and activities, halls of residence support and sport facilities.



### UL Awarded University of the Year

The Sunday Times Good University Guide recently announced the University of Limerick as Ireland's University of the Year for 2015. This is the first time that UL has secured this award and it is a positive recognition of UL's leading position in graduate employability, strong research commercialisation, and the €52million Bernal Project in science and engineering and a rising academic performance were among the reasons for the award.



### Support at UL

At UL we welcome students from all around the world. This means we have vast experience in supporting you and ensuring that you settle in easily to your new life and studies in Limerick. The UL First Seven Weeks programme provides targeted and individual support for first-year students. The university's support centres, which include the Maths Learning Centre, Science Learning Centre, Writing Centre and Information & Communications Technology Centre, operate on a free, drop-in basis.

The International Education Division's student support officer helps international students to settle into life at UL and supports them in specific areas. Initiatives organised for international students include the Buddy Programme, International Cultural Week, language training and study skills. Our Study Abroad team offers ongoing advice and support throughout your time with us at UL.




## Ireland's Sporting Campus

Sport is an essential element of life here on campus, and UL boasts a diverse range of state-of-the-art sports facilities at the University Arena, the Outdoor Activity Centre and the University Boathouse. Facilities include a 50-metre swimming pool, sprint track, suspended jogging track, indoor courts, cardio-fitness centre, powered rowing tank, 400-metre track and the University Pavilion. UL Sport offers a packed schedule of fitness classes. With over 36 sports clubs on campus, students are never short of activity.

## Clubs and Societies

Joining one of our many clubs and societies is one of the very best ways to integrate into student life at UL. With over 60 clubs and societies to choose from, students can learn new sports such as archery, diving, windsurfing and much more. Our societies cater for all students and include, to name but a few, photography, drama, traditional music and politics. The International Society is popular with many students and offers great opportunities to travel to different parts of Ireland during the year.

A female student with long brown hair tied back, wearing a black short-sleeved shirt and red shorts, is sitting in a white rowing boat on a calm body of water. She is looking towards the left. The background shows a line of trees and a clear blue sky. The water reflects the boat and the student.

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## Live on Campus

### Living on campus offers:

- Integrated accommodation
- An extremely comfortable and secure environment with an onsite manager
- Private bedroom/study and shower room
- High-speed internet access at all times
- Opportunity to mix with other Irish and international students
- Shops, laundry and bus service, all within walking distance
- There are 6 villages with 2,400 rooms available



## Student Villages

### Plassey Village

Because many of the houses sleep eight people, Plassey Village is a great place to make friends. The village's 4-bedroom houses are ideal for postgraduate and senior students. Terraced houses are grouped around landscaped courtyards, which helps to create a friendly communal atmosphere. Shops are located very close to the village, and a regular bus service to Limerick operates every 20 minutes from a stop directly opposite the village.

### Kilmurry Village

Kilmurry Village is a complex of terraced houses in landscaped grounds, close to the University of Limerick Arena and all the other sports facilities within UL – the ideal place if you want to be on the track or in the pool before breakfast. Tennis courts and playing fields are all close by. Houses sleep six to eight students and have spacious living room/kitchen facilities.

### Thomond Village

Thomond Village offers 2/4/6-bedroom apartments with stunning views of the River Shannon and the Errina Canal. All bedrooms include en suite bathrooms. Thomond Village is located on the North Campus, which is linked to the South Campus by means of a spectacular bridge across the River Shannon.

### Cappavilla Village

Also located on the North Campus, Cappavilla Village is an attractive apartment-style residence. Built on the highest point of the campus, the views of the surrounding counties and the River Shannon are superb. Offering 2/4/6-bedroom apartments, all en suite, Cappavilla Village has its own laundrette and games room.

### Dromroe Village

Dromroe Village is an attractive apartment-style complex bordering the Mill stream and overlooking the River Shannon. Its apartments sleep six people and include large en suite facilities. The village has a communal hall with seminar rooms and an excellent convenience store.

### The Quigley Residence

Exclusively for postgraduate students, the Quigley Residence is the newest development on the North Campus and houses 120 students in comfortable 4-bed and 2-bed apartments. Located adjacent to the new Graduate Entry Medical School Building, the Quigley Residence provides modern facilities in attractive landscape surrounds. The complex is operated from Cappavilla Village and shares management and reception services with Cappavilla Village residents.





## Study Abroad Programme

The UL Study Abroad programme 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. Participants in the Study Abroad programme include students from the USA, South America, Europe, Japan and China.

### ► Programme highlights

- Campus-based university
- Fully integrated programme and accommodation
- Choice of modules across all four faculties
- Two-week 'try-out' on all classes
- Modular/credit system
- Two-semester academic calendar
- Organised field trips
- Major-focused class list (streaming)
- Practicum

### ► Course Organisation

There are four faculties at UL:

- *Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences*
- *Education & Health Sciences*
- *Kemmy Business School*
- *Science & Engineering*

- UL operates a US-style modular/credit system, with a two-semester academic calendar that runs from September to May.
- ECTS credit weighting system.
- Letter grades are awarded for overall performance in assessments for each module.
- 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.
- 3 US credits = 6 ECTS credits
- A 4-point scale is used to calculate the Qualitative Cumulative Average (= Grade Point Average).

## Module/Class Information

Study Abroad students at UL are fully integrated into the domestic student body and take the same lectures, seminars, tutorials and assessments as other students. A full listing of majors/courses on offer for autumn and spring semesters is available in booklet format on the Study Abroad page of the International Education Division website ([www.ul.ie/international](http://www.ul.ie/international)). Module/class information is presented by faculty. We have also organised the listings by major of study to make it easier for you to identify modules and classes relevant to your area of study. Modules/classes available each semester are listed for the following academic areas:

Faculty	Most popular Areas of Study	
<b>Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German</li> <li>• Irish Studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law</li> <li>• Performing Arts</li> </ul>
<b>Education &amp; Health Sciences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing</li> <li>• Psychology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport Sciences and Kinesiology</li> </ul>
<b>Kemmy Business School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accounting</li> <li>• Economics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Resources</li> <li>• Management and Marketing</li> </ul>
<b>Science &amp; Engineering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aeronautical Engineering</li> <li>• Architecture</li> <li>• Civil Engineering</li> <li>• Computer Science</li> <li>• Electronic Computer Engineering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equine Science</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Product Design</li> </ul>

## UL Community Engagement Practicum

The UL Community Engagement Practicum provides curriculum-based accredited learning that deploys academic expertise in response to identified community needs. The learning occurs in the context of applied community projects that are designed and implemented by collaborative teams comprising UL staff, community partners and students. Study Abroad students are welcome to take up this option as one of their modules/classes.

## Study Abroad Application Procedures

Students may apply directly to UL through their home college/university or through a number of USA education agencies. Up-to-date programme costs, entry requirements and application details are available on [www.ul.ie/international](http://www.ul.ie/international).

## Cultural Programme and Field Trips

A series of cultural field trips are included in the Study Abroad programme. These trips include visits to the west of Ireland, Dublin and Cork and to concerts and sporting events. Study Abroad students have free access to the University Arena, which includes a 50-metre swimming pool, a fully equipped gym and an indoor running track and offers a wide variety of fitness classes.



## Summer School Programme

UL's summer schools offer students a worthwhile learning, social and cultural experience. Students choose one of the following 12 options:

Option	Department/Faculty	Duration	Credits
<b>Irish Writing in English</b>	Dept. of History	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>Sociological Perspectives on Irish Society</b>	Dept. of Sociology	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>Screening Ireland: Ireland in Film and Television</b>	Dept. of Culture & Communication	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>Visual Culture in Ireland 1400–1950</b>	Dept. of History	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>Creative Writing</b>	Dept. of Culture & Communication	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>Law in Ireland</b>	School of Law	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>Irish Myths and Legends</b>	Dept. of Culture & Communication	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>International Financial Markets and Trading</b>	Kemmy Business School	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>Corporate Social Responsibility</b>	Kemmy Business School	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>Business Tools for Social Projects</b>	Kemmy Business School	3 weeks	6 ETCS/3 US
<b>Technical Communications for Engineers</b>	Faculty of Science & Engineering	3 weeks	9 ETCS/4.5 US
<b>Urban Laboratory Architecture</b>	School of Architecture	6 weeks	12 ETCS/6 US

Both challenging and enjoyable, UL's summer schools combine academic rigour with opportunities to experience contemporary life in Ireland and view some spectacular scenery. Social outings, trips to Dublin and the spectacular County Clare coast and an end of summer schools barbeque are all included on the programme.



## The Summer Schools Programme Fee Includes:

- Transfer from/to Shannon Airport (SNN)
- Lunch and dinner every day
- Free email account at UL
- Three excursions with qualified tour guides
- Attendance certificate
- Receptions
- B&B on-campus accommodation
- Membership of the University of Limerick Arena
- 45+ hours of class tuition (90+ on the Urban Laboratory – Architecture course)
- Assessment and transcript

## Summer School Application Process

Admission is either by direct application or through an approved source (e.g. home college/university or study abroad agency). A recommendation from a home college/university professor or instructor is required. Application forms are available online through the International Education Division website.

## Another Summer Option at UL

Blas International Summer School of Irish Traditional Music & Dance.  
For further information, visit [www.ul.ie/~iwmc/blas/](http://www.ul.ie/~iwmc/blas/)



## Information for International Students

### ► Health Insurance

Non-EU nationals must hold medical insurance for the duration of their study in Ireland.

### ► Visa and Immigration

Many non-EU students entering Ireland must show airport officials a valid student visa. North American students do not require a student visa but are required to have an offer letter from UL at the entry airport.

### ► English Language Requirements

Students whose first language is not English must show evidence of a high level of proficiency in spoken and written English.



UL has a great location near Limerick City and Ireland's most beautiful campus on the banks of the River Shannon.

Only 30 minutes drive from Shannon International Airport.



Gain an internationally recognised degree from a highly competitive university. UL's graduate employment rate is consistently higher than the national average. A survey of UL's 2013 graduates showed 94% of primary degree holders and 89% of masters taught and masters research students are in employment or pursuing further study.



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