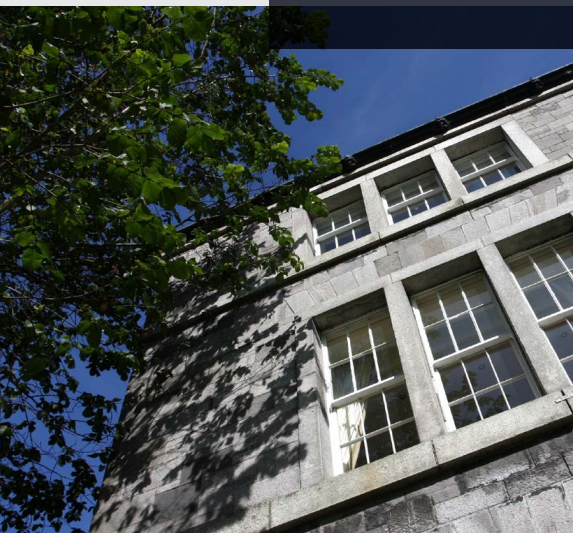




DCU LANGUAGE SERVICES

DCU Pre Masters Programme Postgraduate Programmes 2021





Why choose Dublin City University?

DCU is a young, dynamic and ambitious university with a distinctive mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation.

Operating as a multi-site educational institution, Dublin City University has over 18,000 students spread across 5 faculties and provides students with the opportunity to benefit from a vibrant university environment laying the foundation for an excellent overseas experience.

Dublin City University (DCU) is one of the best young universities in the world as ranked by the **QS Top 150 Under 50** and the **Times Higher Education Top 100 Under 50**.

Key features:

- Multi campus environment and academic atmosphere
- Professional and friendly academic support
- Access to a wide range of top class facilities including a state-of-the-art student centre, restaurants, cafes, theatre and well equipped classrooms
- Access to the University library
- Free WiFi on campus
- On Campus accommodation available and nearby student apartments
- Great residential area close to both the city centre and Dublin Airport



DCU Pre Masters Programme (Postgraduate Programmes)

The Pre Masters programme is designed for non-native English speakers who want to gain the English language proficiency and study techniques needed to successfully undertake their postgraduate studies in DCU.

Our Pre Masters Programme provides students, who have met the academic entry requirements, with the skills needed to fully undertake a taught postgraduate programme from day one. The combination of academic writing, presentation and teamwork skills, research methodology, language and communication skills modules, help students to achieve their full potential.

At a Glance

The Pre Masters programme is a full-time programme taught over a 26-week period. This is a modular course run over 2 semesters and core modules require compulsory attendance.

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| Programme Code | DC555 |
| Duration | 2 Semesters |
| Workload | 28 weeks total (26 weeks + 2 exam weeks) |
| Start Date | September 2021 |



Core Modules

In addition to the taught components of this course, students will also get the opportunity to attend a module on a DCU Masters programme.

This will help students prepare for their own Masters programme whilst also adapting to an Irish university environment. Moreover, they will be able to put their knowledge to practical use with their final presentation on a research project related to their chosen discipline.

- Academic Speaking and Listening
- Academic Reading and Writing
- Academic Research Methodology and Study Skills
- Academic Integrity
- Communication Skills
- Irish Cultural Studies
- Attendance at a DCU Masters programme module
- Research project related to their chosen discipline

By the end of this course, students will have gained the knowledge, skills and confidence to commence their DCU postgraduate studies.

Assessment and Exit Requirements

Students will be asked to submit assessments in each of the core modules. These assignments will be either individual or group work tasks.

There will also be a language proficiency assessment at the end of each semester. Students must complete all modules successfully achieving an IELTS equivalent score of 6.5 in the English language components.

Entry Requirements

Academic Entry Requirements

The following is the minimum academic requirement for entry to DCU Pre Masters Programme.

- Honours level Undergraduate degree (2.2 or higher) relevant to the chosen Masters Programme

Please note, some programmes may require a higher academic entry.

English Language Entry Requirements

Direct entry into the DCU Pre Masters Programme requires the following English level:

| Exam | Score |
|-------|---|
| IELTS | Overall score of 5.0 (or above) with no skill less than 4.5 |
| TOEFL | Score of 35 to 45 or above |

* Students who have not yet achieved this direct entry standard can take a Pre-Foundation Programme as follows:

| English Level | Academic English |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| IELTS 4.5 | 12 Week Academic English Course |
| IELTS 4.0 | 25 Week Academic English Course |

Students can progress by either:

- a) Taking an IELTS test at the DCU IELTS Exam Centre or;
- b) Taking a DCU assessment at the end of their Pathway English Programme.

How to Apply

Please take the following steps to apply for the DCU Pre Masters Programme:

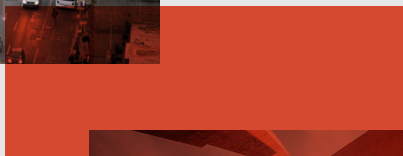
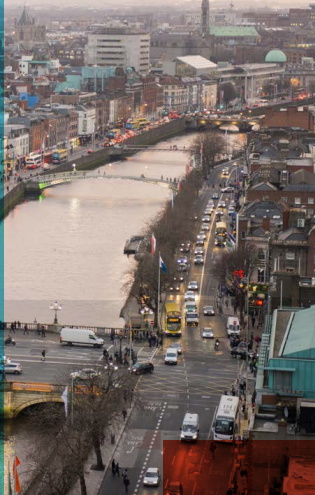
1. Identify your chosen DCU Masters Programme
2. Apply through the [Postgraduate Applications Portal](#)
 - * The steps you need to follow: Create Account, Complete application form, Submit application and pay application fee and Upload Supplemental items (documents). A fee of €50 applies.
3. The deadline for postgraduate applications is 15th July in any given year
4. The application will be assessed and if approved the student will receive an offer to study on both the Pre Masters programme and Master degree programme at DCU
5. Successful completion of the foundation programme guarantees progression to the chosen Master degree programme

DCU Postgraduate Programmes

DCU has one of the best graduate employability record of all Irish universities. Our comprehensive postgraduate portfolio offers a wide range of options to choose from. See our postgraduate course list [here](#).

Faculties and Schools

- **DCU Business School** is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- The **Faculty of Engineering and Computing** focuses on preparing students to pursue careers in the STEM and ICT sectors
- The **Faculty of Science and Health** is recognised for their academic excellence and are centred on industry's current needs
- The new **DCU Institute of Education** is the largest in Ireland or the UK
- The **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences** offers contemporary student-centred degree programmes in the areas of journalism, communications, film and TV studies, international relations and the arts



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