



#### WELCOME FROM THE PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR

*"We look forward to helping you achieve your academic goals on the International Foundation Programme. Our aim is to prepare you in the best possible way for your undergraduate studies at Dublin Institute of Technology or other third level institutions."*

**Deirdre Ryan**



*"One of my favourite things about the course is talking to Irish classmates and other students and learning about our differences and similarities; it is very interesting to have these conversations and it's good for your English too. You are introduced to all the methods and skills you need at DIT and I think it is much, much easier than going directly. Also, it's not just about what you learn in class but what you learn outside in society, I strongly recommend living with a host family to help you adapt to a new lifestyle."*

**Maather Al Dughaishi** – Student on the International Foundation Programme



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*"I think all skills you learn in the Foundation Year are useful to prepare you to start your undergraduate study but the most useful is learning how to get used to the culture in Ireland, how to study and organise your time and learning the academic way to use English. You learn exactly what skills you need. I recommend students to study Foundation Year before starting the first year of their undergraduate so when you start first year, you already know what to do."*

**Bandar Al Anazi** – Student on the International Foundation Programme



*"I really enjoy talking to my lecturers because I know I'm going to get the help I need for my success, they have a lot of experience and being with them and talking to them is very helpful. The lecturers are very accessible and you get a lot of support. The course prepares you for whatever you will come across in the first year e.g. doing presentations and group work; it helps you mentally prepare for this."*

**Mohammed Ridha** – Student on the International Foundation Programme.



DUBLIN IRELAND

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

DT522F-INT



## WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME (IFP)?

The IFP is a one year programme run by the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT). It has been developed for students who need language and/or academic preparation for further study on undergraduate programmes in Ireland.

Students will learn language, academic and study skills to prepare for entry into undergraduate programmes either in DIT or other Irish universities or institutes of technology. The IFP is an ideal pathway towards furthering your education at third level.

### WHY STUDY THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME?

- This is your first step towards gaining a degree in Ireland.
- It makes the transition to third level education in Ireland much easier.
- It provides a supportive learning environment.
- You will be able to attend lectures in your chosen degree subject within DIT.
- You will have full access to DIT facilities and support services.
- The campus is located in Dublin city centre.

## WHAT IS THE LEARNING AND TEACHING STYLE?

- You will be taught by highly qualified and very experienced academics and English language tutors.
- There are lots of opportunities to practice English through group work with Irish and non-Irish students.
- The class sizes are small to ensure that there is maximum support from lecturers.
- Learning will involve many different styles of third level teaching such as lectures, tutorials, workshops, cultural trips and online learning.
- You will learn how to take control of your own learning and will reflect on your learning experience throughout the programme.

## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE FOUNDATION PROGRAMME?

You will study 6 core modules and 2 electives based on the streams below.

CORE MODULES	STREAMS
English for Academic Writing and Reading	Business Management and Accounting
Communicative Competency	
Applied Writing	Social Science and Humanities
Mathematics (Foundation, Intermediate or Advanced)	
Information Technology	Science (including Physics, Engineering and Computers)
Introduction to Higher Education	

### YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO

- Work successfully in teams.
- Study and research independently.
- Communicate effectively with fellow students and lecturing staff.
- Write academic essays and reports.
- Give presentations.
- Manage your study and leisure time.
- Work more effectively using information technology.
- Work with numbers.
- Understand and apply basic concepts of your chosen subject.

## HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed regularly throughout the programme through continuous assessment, feedback and homework assignments. This is used to monitor your progress throughout the year. You will also be required to complete final exams for each of your modules.

### PROGRESSION

You must pass all modules to progress to your undergraduate degree. Please note that some undergraduate programmes require minimum grades in certain subjects for entry.

### START DATES

There are two in-takes:

September in-take runs from **mid-September until the end of May** the following year.

January in-take runs from the **beginning of January until mid-July** the same year.

IELTS score of at least 5.0 overall

Please note

- Some DIT undergraduate programmes will require a higher IELTS score for entry.
- You are also required to have good high school grades for entry.

### WHY STUDY IN DUBLIN?

- Dublin is Ireland's capital city. It has a population of 1.4 million people. It has a young and vibrant population including 50,000 students; many of these are international students.
- In 2012 Dublin was ranked number eight as one of the Best Student Cities in the World by QS Ranking.
- There is lots to do in Dublin. There is a very diverse cultural scene between music, food, sports, art and entertainment.
- Many festivals and events run throughout the city all throughout the year.
- Dublin is a mix of city, coastline and countryside and a blend of old and new. It is intimate, multicultural and is a very historic city.
- It is a very accessible location to all cities within Europe.



## WHERE CAN YOU GET FURTHER INFORMATION?

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### HOW TO APPLY

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