



Study at One of Ireland's Most Prestigious Higher Education Institutions

3U Partnership combines the complementary strengths of three of Ireland's leading higher education institutions Dublin City University (DCU), Maynooth University and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). Together, these distinctive institutions offer world-class undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities to international students.

The 3U partner institutions have a world-wide reputation for high-quality education built on a long history of academic excellence.

Study at 3U Partner Institutions

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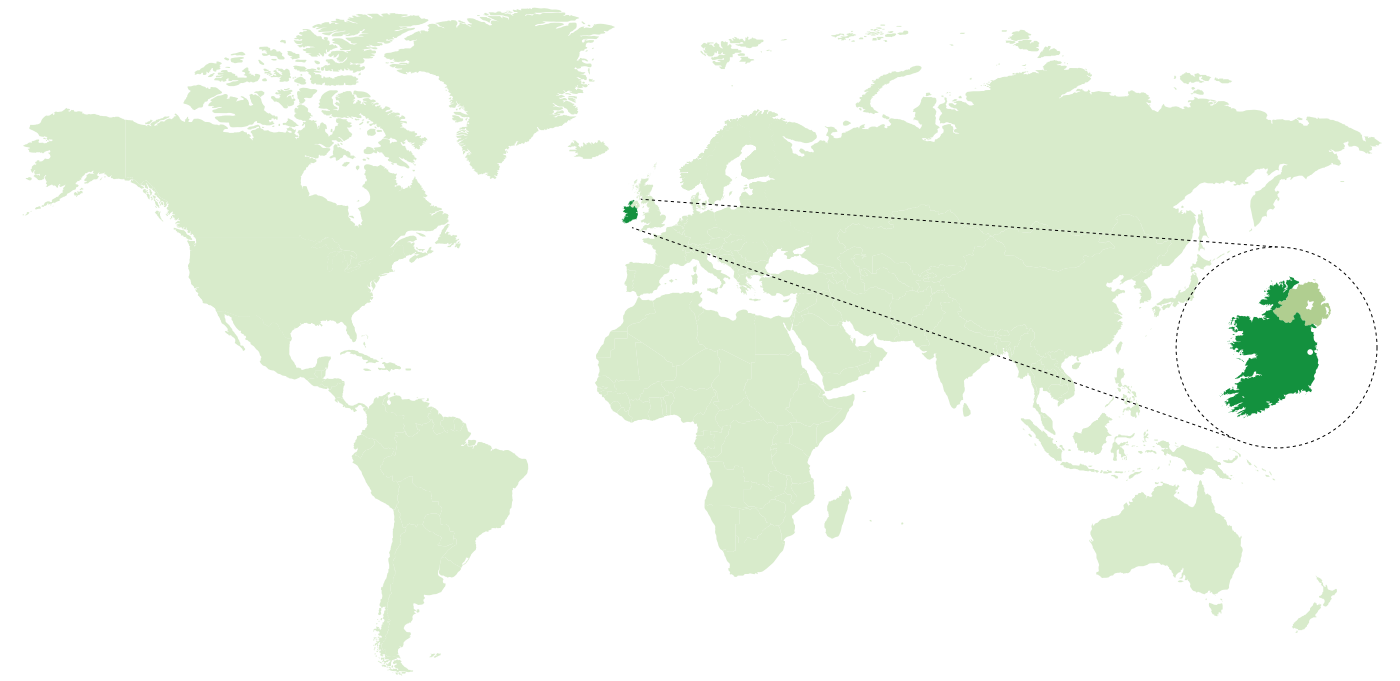
Obtain a Conditional Offer for Undergraduate Study (DCU or Maynooth University) or Postgraduate Study (Maynooth University or RCSI)

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Study the 3U Pathway University Foundation Programme or the 3U Pathway Postgraduate Foundation Programme

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Commence Study at DCU, Maynooth University or RCSI



Dublin City University

is an innovative, research-intensive and globally-engaged university. DCU's mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation underpins the delivery of over 120 programmes to 13,000 students across five faculties: Humanities & Social Sciences; Science and Health; Institute for Education; Engineering and Computing and the DCU Business School. DCU has an international and multi-ethnic campus with some 2,300+ students coming from 116 countries around the world. The Generation 21 system of graduate attributes and a fundamental commitment to academic excellence ensure that DCU graduates are equipped to flourish in 21st century society.

www.dcu.ie



Internationally recognised as a top young university, being both a QS Top 50 under 50 and THE Top 100 under 50

Programmes include: Business, Engineering, Computing, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science and Health, Mathematics, Education

92% of graduates are in employment or further study within six months of graduation

70% of DCU students participate in an internship or study abroad as part of their undergraduate study

Maynooth University

With 10,000 students from 90 countries, Maynooth University is a globally-connected university renowned for the quality and value of its teaching, research and scholarship. Maynooth University's world-leading academics are putting their minds to solving many of the big issues facing Ireland and the world today. Maynooth University prioritises the student experience, both academically and socially, to ensure that students graduate with the best set of skills to succeed in the world, whatever they choose to do. Some 86% of Maynooth University students would still choose to attend Maynooth if starting their university career again.

www.maynoothuniversity.ie



Ireland's second oldest university, dating back to 1795

Programmes include: Business, Engineering, Computing, Economics, Accounting and Finance, Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Law, Maths, Science, Science and Health

Approximately 10,000 students from over 80 countries

86% of students would choose Maynooth University again

Maynooth is Ireland's only university town

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

was founded in 1784 and operates the largest medical school in Ireland and provides undergraduate courses in Pharmacy and Physiotherapy. RCSI delivers postgraduate training and education through its Faculties of Radiology, Dentistry, Nursing, Sports and Exercise Medicine, the School of Postgraduate Studies and the Institute of Leadership as well as the National Surgical Training Centre. RCSI develops collaborative links with industry, educational and research institutions globally so that advances in medical science are translated as quickly as possible into patient treatments.

www.rcsi.ie



RCSI founded in 1784

Programmes include: Medicine, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Health Leadership

Over 20,000 Alumni Globally

4 Overseas Campuses

More than 60 countries are represented on RCSI's international student body

Pathways to Undergraduate Study

The 3U Pathway University Foundation Programme provides international students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to flourish in undergraduate study at Dublin City University (DCU), Maynooth University or other Irish universities.

This intensive programme offers students a vital bridge between the education they have already received in their home country and the requirements for undergraduate study at DCU, Maynooth University or other Irish universities. It provides students with a structured experiential learning experience wherein they will develop their:

- knowledge of English for Academic Purposes
- knowledge of their chosen academic subject(s)
- ability to become self-directed learners
- social and inter-cultural skills
- creativity and entrepreneurial skills



Programme Structure

The programme comprises three terms as follows:

TERM 1: English for Academic Purposes 1; General Mathematics 1; Inter-cultural Communications; Information Technology; Elective Modules

TERM 2: English for Academic Purposes 2; Study Skills; Mathematics 2; Creativity and Innovation; Elective Modules

TERM 3: English for Academic Purposes 3; Introduction to Probability and Statistics; Critical Thinking: Strategies for University Life; Social Innovation (Group Project); Elective Modules



Entry Criteria:

- High school qualification which meets the country specific entry requirements of your chosen undergraduate programme at an Irish university
- IELTS 5.0 with no less than 5.0 in each component
- Conditional offer letter for undergraduate study at an Irish university



Accreditation:

On successful completion of the programme students will be awarded a Certificate in International Foundation Studies (a 60-credit, Level 6 special purpose award) accredited by Maynooth University.



Duration:

30 weeks
Students can choose one of the following programmes per year:

- October – May
- January – July

Pathways to Postgraduate Study

The 3U Pathway Postgraduate Foundation Programme provides international graduates with a vital bridge between their undergraduate education and the requirements for postgraduate study at Maynooth University, RCSI or other Irish universities. This intensive programme develops students' knowledge, skills and confidence for successful postgraduate study. Throughout the programme, students will develop their:

- knowledge of English for Academic Purposes
- academic writing skills
- research skills
- knowledge of research ethics
- intercultural communications
- research proposal



Programme Structure

The programme comprises two semesters as follows:

SEMESTER 1: English for Academic Purposes 1; Language Skills Development 1; Academic Enquiry; Research Methods; Intercultural Communications

SEMESTER 2: English for Academic Purposes 2; Language Skills Development 2; Advanced Research Methods; Developing a Research Proposal



Entry Criteria:

Applicants must be graduates with a Honours Degree and meet the specific entry criteria for their chosen postgraduate programme. They also require an IELTS of 5.0 (with no band less than 5.0) or equivalent.



Accreditation:

On successful completion of the programme students will be awarded a Certificate in Research Skills (a 30-credit, Level 8 Special Purpose Award) accredited by Maynooth University.



Duration:

26 weeks
Students can choose one of the following programmes per year:

- September – April
- January – July



Progression Opportunities:

Students who successfully complete the 3U Pathway Postgraduate Foundation Programme may progress to the postgraduate study at Maynooth University, RCSI or other Irish universities.

Reasons to Study 3U Pathway Programmes:



Intensive academic programmes preparing students to flourish in their chosen programme of study



Excellent, dedicated and experienced teachers



Internationally-focused curriculum



Continuous monitoring and assessment of students' academic progress



No requirement for additional IELTS exam if progressing to 3U partner institution.

The 3U Student Experience



Excellence in English Language Teaching

3U Partnership has developed a strategic relationship with Emerald Cultural Institute as the chosen English language provider for the 3U Pathway University Foundation Programme and the 3U Pathway Postgraduate Foundation Programme. Emerald Cultural Institute has been a leader in quality English language teaching in Ireland for 30 years – it is both ACELS and EAQUALS accredited. Emerald Cultural Institute shares 3U Partnership’s values for excellence in teaching and for providing a holistic, student-centred education. Students attend classes on Emerald Cultural Institute’s dedicated Milltown campus.

Academic Mentoring

At 3U Partnership, we value students and aim to foster a culture of success, wherein students are encouraged to succeed and progress in line with their personal study aspirations. Throughout the 3U Pathway Programmes, students learn to become self-directed and effective learners and they are expected to participate actively in class. The 3U Pathway programmes are delivered by highly experienced academic staff. All of the teachers are approachable and very willing to provide academic advice. You may also approach your teachers to further develop study skills and address specific subject-related issues.

Student Support

The 3U Partnership staff is available to provide students with mentoring support and advice throughout the programme. The staff monitor the attendance and participation of students in class, their academic performance and progress and are on hand to help students with any personal issues they may have adjusting to living and studying in Ireland.

Accommodation

We can assist students to find suitable accommodation.

Students choose from the following accommodation options:

- **Homestay:** By staying with a host family, students will have an excellent opportunity to develop their language skills in a natural everyday context.
- **Student Accommodation:** If students wish to be independent, they can choose from a range of high quality student accommodation, often shared with other students.

Visa Requirements

Some, but not all, non-EU/EEA students require an entry visa for Ireland. Please check on the official Irish immigration website for the list of countries where a visa is not required. For more detailed information on applying for an Irish visa, please visit www.inis.gov.ie

Cultural and Social Programme

3U Pathway students may participate in an extensive social and cultural programme including walking tours of Dublin, excursions to top tourist attractions, trips to cinema, theatre etc.

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