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# FORE- WORD



*Fáilte!* On behalf of the Indonesian Student Association (PPI Irlandia), we want to welcome you to the Republic of Ireland. PPI Irlandia is a forum for Indonesian students in Ireland to communicate, interact and share information. Therefore, PPI Irlandia can be your first point of contact for information right after you have received Letter of Acceptance from your university.

We hope this guidebook can help you prepare your study in Ireland. In this third edition, not only we update the information to the most recent, we also add further information to each city, which includes a brief explanation of universities in

each city, transportation, accommodation options, shopping centres, grocery stores, daily expenses, worship places, and tourist attractions.

We really hope that despite the brevity of our guidebook, it can be a solid stepping stone for you to settle in the Emerald Island. Enjoy your time, and don't hesitate to contact us at our email, at [ppiirlandia@gmail.com](mailto:ppiirlandia@gmail.com).

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# TRAVEL TO IRELAND

## VISA

- Student visa is granted only if the study period is more than 3 months
- There is no visa fee for Indonesian citizens.

Information about visas in Ireland can be checked through the website:

<https://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-study-in-ireland/what-are-my-study-visa-options/how-to-apply-for-long-term-study-visa/>



Item Checklist	Scholarship	Self-Funding	Summer/Short Class	English Course
Application Form	Can be done via this link: <a href="https://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/AVATS/OnlineHome.aspx">https://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/AVATS/OnlineHome.aspx</a> Please write down the registration number or download the filled-out form.			
Photographs	2 pieces photos 3.5 cm X 4.5 cm (80% zoom) white background			
Transcript and Degree Certificate	Transcripts and Degree certificate from the last education. Copy of the Original and Sworn Translation (if it's not in English).			
English Fluency Test	English proficiency tests such as IELTS, TOEFL, and DUOLINGGO (Make sure to check with the university)			Evidence of English Level (Issued by the school)
Letter of Funding Source	Letter from the scholarship body confirming the coverage written in English.	Letter from your own funding (private, company, family, etc) written in English.		
Bank Statement	No minimum fund, as long as the scholarship also covers your living cost. If it's not covered, prepare 7000 EUR per year (convert to IDR).	This is to show that you have sufficient funding to support the study, life insurance, and living cost. The minimum amount is 7000 EUR per year (convert to IDR) after your tuition fee. (In English).		

Item Checklist	Scholarship	Self-Funding	Summer/Short Class	English Course
University LOA	Unconditional Letter of Acceptance (LOA) from the University confirming your seat			
Itinerary	<b>DO NOT BOOK THE TICKET YET</b> , flight itinerary is enough.			
Accommodation	There are 2 ways to get this: a. Contract from the Landlord or Student Accommodation (Beware of scams and fraud, never pay before viewing except for student accommodation) b. Itinerary from Hotel/Airbnb for several days/weeks.			
Tuition payment slip and Tuition receipt from University/ School	If the scholarship body has not paid the tuition fee prior VISA application, the applicant needs to pay the minimum tuition fee.	Tuition payments proof (usually from a bank) and the receipt of payment provided by the campus (usually a few days after the transfer).		
Medical Insurance	Policy/proof of medical insurance for students (usually after purchasing the insurance premium).			
Birth Certificate	Copy of original and sworn translated copy (if it's not in English).			
Passport	Copy of the current original and previous (if any).			



## AIRLINES

After receiving your VISA, the next step is to book your flight ticket. It is advised that you do not proceed with the ticket payment before you receive your VISA.

Tickets from Jakarta to Dublin can be quite expensive. Fortunately, as a student, you are allowed to buy a student ticket for the aforementioned airlines with a 10% discount. You can check the student club pages of some airlines with the links below:

**Qatar Airways:**

<https://www.qatarairways.com/en/student-club.html>

**Emirates:**

<https://www.emirates.com/ie/english/special-offers/student-special-fares/>

**Etihad Airways:**

<https://www.etihad.com/en/book/special-offers/promotion/student-special-fares>

**Turkish Airlines:**

<https://www.turkishairlines.com/en-int/student/>



# ACCOMMODATION

You will have a range of options to choose from when you are looking for accommodation. In general, accommodation in Ireland falls into four types: on-campus accommodation, long-term student hostel, digs/homestay, and private rented accommodation.

As accommodation is a very crucial to start your life in Ireland, it is recommended to start searching as soon as possible. Make full use of any accommodation support offered by your college or students' union or ask them for recommendations for where to look. Some landlords might offer a 1-year contract, but some might have more flexibility.

You need to prepare deposit money, which normally is equal to 1 month of rent. This deposit will be return to you at the end of your stay provided that you fully respect the contract.

Here are some tips and tricks:

- The graduation ceremony for universities usually commences around October or November every year. This is a good time to take over the rooms of the leaving students. If you know one of them, ask their help to get it for you.

- Be active and nice. If you are a landlord, you will never give the key to a disrespectful and dishonest person. So, the landlords also need to be convinced that their property is in a good hand and that you will take care of it for them. Usually, they avoid students who like 'party-all-over-the-night'.
- Usually, the closer accommodation to the university, the more expensive it is. Please also consider the travel time between walking and taking public transport. Do not forget that the travel cost might add up. Keep in mind that most bus service ends at 11 PM (Check at their timetable).
- On the first day of living in your apartment, take pictures of all the damages and show them to the landlord, this is to be used as a proof in case the landlord is blaming you for pre-existing damages.

Proof of address will be used later for

- Opening a new Bank Account to secure your living cost + tuition fee.
- Getting an IRP, yearly permit to live legally in Ireland.
- Getting a PPS number to get access to your children free health care or getting a job.



## PRE-DEPARTURE ADVICE

Ireland is a windy country with high intensity of rain. Therefore, it is important to get ready for weather that changes rapidly. Layering is key. Here are some suggested belongings to prepare.

### Clothing:

1. Rain jacket with hood (recommended at knee-length)
2. Water-resistant bag
3. Umbrella (beware that the strong winds might break it)
4. Light winter jacket for layer
5. Winter jacket
6. Water-resistant shoes

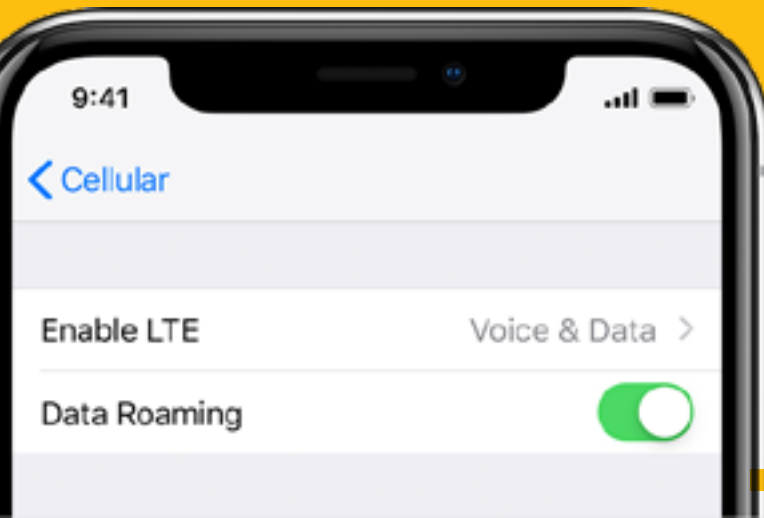
#### Medicine:

1. Tolak Angin
2. Minyak Kayu Putih
3. Chest rub
4. Etc.

In Ireland, especially outside Dublin, finding authentic South East Asian restaurants is definitely challenging, let alone Indonesian or Malaysian

restaurants. Therefore, it is also highly suggested to bring some spice mix, instant food (meat is forbidden to get into the country), and a small rice cooker.

Last but not least, make sure that your Indonesian ATM card works internationally. Also bring enough cash, a minimum of 100 EUR, for early arrival, since money exchange and withdrawal can be quite challenging without local knowledge.



## MOBILE SIM CARD

Ireland offers a wide selection of providers. For those who want to stay online extensively, some of them offer “all-you-can-eat data” / unlimited data. It fully depends on your personal needs.

There are public Wi-Fi options called “EDUROAM” which can be accessed by students in any university in the EU region. EDUROAM is available in universities and public areas across Ireland, for more information please check <https://www.eduroam.ie/eduroam-in-ireland>.



As of 2022, Ireland has 70 - 80% coverage of 5G network with some rural areas still in 4G. Chances are any providers mentioned below will provide a 5G network in most of the public areas.

Comparison of affordable SIM providers are:

Provider	Monthly	Base Network	Offer	12-month cost	Data	Speed
48	12.99 EUR	Three	No	155.88 EUR	100GB	Up to 100Mbps
Gomo	14.99 EUR	Eir	No	194.87 EUR	120GB	Up to 100Mbps
Clear Mobile*	14.99 EUR	Vodafone	First month free	179.88 EUR	Unlimited	Up to 5Mbps
Lyca Mobile	25 EUR	Three	80% off first 4 months	220 EUR	60GB	Up to 100Mbps
Virgin Mobile	25 EUR	Three	15 EUR off first 5 months	200 EUR	80GB	Up to 100Mbps
Tesco Mobile	15 EUR	Three	Double data with Clubcard	180 EUR	15GB	Up to 100Mbps

\* There are promos of 12.99 EUR, when you join ClearMobile from GoMo, eir, Three, Tesco Mobile and 48

\*\* Data is correct as of 08/04/2022

Different region, will have different network quality so our suggestion is to pick up the cheapest (48) then use public Wi-Fi or change later when you know what the popular in your area.

# INSURANCE



<https://www.studyandprotect.com/>



<https://www.irishlifehealth.ie/health-insurance-plans/study-in-ireland>

At registration with the immigration authorities, a student is required to have proof of private medical insurance through:

- A Group Insurance Scheme operated by their college. The letter of enrolment from the college will be regarded as proof of private medical insurance cover where it indicates:
  - That the student is part of the college group scheme
  - That the student has paid the fees associated with the group scheme and
  - Where it provides a brief outline of the insurance coverage such as the name of the insurance provider, level of coverage etc.

OR

- Where a student is not part of a Group Insurance Scheme operated by their college then they are required to have individual private medical insurance coverage bought in Ireland.

OR

For newly arrived first year students in Ireland Travel insurance may suffice where:

- The insurance covers the student for one full year or where the student is staying in Ireland for less than one year for the entirety of their stay
- The insurance coverage covers the student at a minimum of 25,000 EUR for accident and 25,000 EUR for disease
- The insurance coverage covers the student for any period of hospitalization.

Where a non-EEA student intends staying in Ireland for more than one year, and where they were covered by travel insurance for the first year, that student is required to source private medical insurance in Ireland for their second and any subsequent years.

# GETTING TO YOUR DESTINATION FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT

Most universities offer a free pickup with the requested schedules. It is better to first ask the availability of the pickup. Please contact your respective International Office for further information and clarification. Otherwise, city buses are easy to use from Dublin Airport.

Most flights, especially from Indonesia, are all through terminal 1.



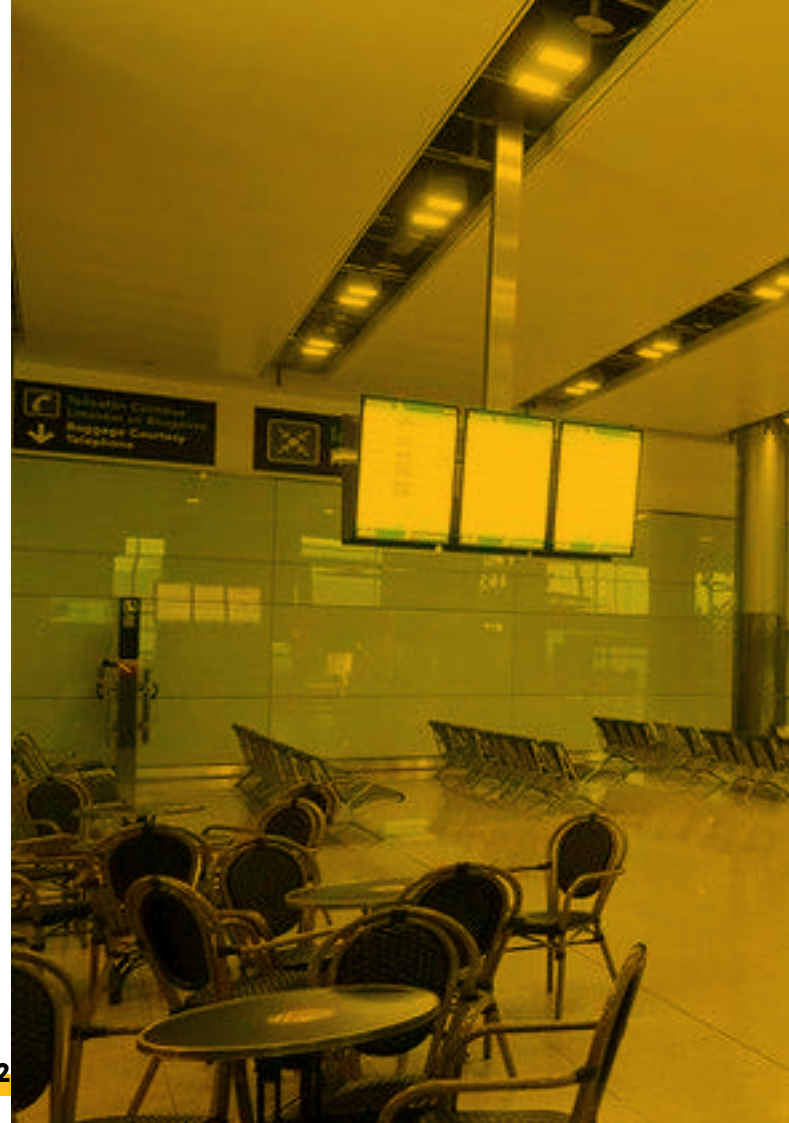
From terminal one, you will go straight through another building. Before you exit from that building, you will see the only convenient store called Wright Food Fyre on your left and before you exit the building, you will see the bus schedules with the platform numbers written on top of the exit door. From there, you can easily identify which bus to take and which platform number to go to.

The payment for the bus HAS to be done by card, either credit card or Leap card (transportation card). They do NOT take cash. However, you can book it a day in advance through their websites.

 <https://www.citylink.ie>,

 <https://www.aircoach.ie>

The price range is from 12-25 EUR, depending on where you go. For the Leap card, you can purchase and top up at the convenient store, Wright Food Fyre.



# ON ARRIVAL



# CONGRATULATIONS!



## UNIVERSITY CONSULTING

You have arrived in Ireland and are ready to start your journey as an international student. One of the first things you should do now is to consult and notify your university. Classes for Undergraduate and Master's usually start in the early week of September.

Do consult your program manager to know exactly what to prepare for your first day. Also, keep your eyes out for orientation events that usually happen all over the university, there are usually many fun events and free goodies.

If you require information about the campus from the students, you can get help/information from student peer mentor that each university have.

# PPS NUMBER

A Personal Public Service (PPS) Number is a unique reference number that gives you various benefits such as social welfare, public services, and citizen information. A PPS Number is always 7 numbers followed by either one or two letters. To get a PPS Number, you would need to provide the following information in your application form.

## IDENTITY

As a non-EU citizen, you must use your passport as proof of identity.

## ADDRESS

You need to show evidence of your address. The document must show your name and address and not be older than 3 months. You can use any of the following documents to do this:

- Household utility bill
- An official letter or document
- A financial statement

- Property lease or tenancy agreement
- Confirmation of address by a third party such as a hotel or hostel administrator or manager, school principal, or property owner

## REASON TO OBTAIN A PPS NUMBER

You can mention that you are an international student in the PPS Number application as it is a requirement to register for a class or course.

To get a PPS Number, you would need to apply online through [MyWelfare](#).

For more information visit [this](#) official page.

## IRP CARD

Irish Residence Permit (IRP/also formerly known as GNIB) is an important document in the form of a card that proves you are legally in Ireland represented by a stamp number. Each stamp shows what you can do while you are here, for instance, study, work, or invest in a business.


As a student, you will receive stamp 2 which limits you from working full time, but will still be able to work part-time. Stamp 2 holders will be permitted to work up to 20 hours per week part-time throughout the academic year and up to 40 hours per week during the college vacation periods, which are June to September inclusive and December to January inclusive.

If you are coming to Ireland from outside the EU, and wish to stay for more than 90 days, you must apply for immigration permission and then register it once it is granted.

Registration is how the Ireland government records that we have been given permission to stay in Ireland. The type of permission you receive is printed on an Irish Residence Permit (IRP) sent to you by post once you have successfully registered.

So, what you need to do after your arrival is: send an email to Irish immigration to get an appointment to apply for your IRP card. The cost is 300 EUR (pay by credit/debit card) per year, and you need to pay it on the day when you have the interview with all your documents.

For details of the documents, you can have a look at the following link below:

 <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/registering-your-immigration-permission/how-to-register-your-immigration-permission-for-the-first-time/requirements-and-documents-needed/>

## GP ADMINISTRATION

If you have children below 6 years old, you may apply for this card to get a free GP consultation anytime. In order to get this card, you must have the PPS number. The GP visit card is not related to child immunization.

 [hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/mc/gpvc/](https://hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/mc/gpvc/)

Apply for a GP visit card to the link above and select your preferred doctor. Since we do not know the quality of each doctor, then choose the closest one with your home address for emergency cases. The chosen doctor may accept or reject your application depending on the quota they have. The rejection letter may come to your home address around 2 weeks after submissions. If rejected, you may apply to another doctor until you get accepted. If accepted, a GP visit card will be delivered to your home.

If you have income while living in Ireland, there is an income limit when applying for a GP visit card, for more information please check

🌐 [https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/medical\\_cards\\_and\\_gp\\_visit\\_cards/gp\\_visit\\_cards.html](https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/medical_cards_and_gp_visit_cards/gp_visit_cards.html)

After receiving this card, you have to bring it or quote the number every time you make an appointment with your GP. So, they will prioritize you in their queue. Anyway, by default, you can have medical services by calling their practice number. But usually, they charge you around 20 EUR minimum per visit.

## LAPOR DIRI KBRI

Indonesian citizens are required to report themselves when they arrive in Ireland. With this you can access state administration service such as passport renewal, elections, emergency assistance, and issuance of state documents. Self-report can be done on this link:

🌐 <https://consular.indonesianembassy.org.uk/laporonline/>





# BANKS

Living in Ireland will of course require money and access to that money. It should be noted that each university has partnerships with certain banks that will make it easier for students to register their bank accounts. An initial deposit is required to create a bank account and the amount varies by bank.

You can register yourself by coming directly to the nearest branch, and it may take up to 7 days to get your ATM card.

The following is a list of recommended banks in Ireland:

**a. Bank Of Ireland (BOI)**

Student - Bank of Ireland

**b. Allied Irish Bank (AIB)**

Student Account for 2nd Level Students ([aib.ie](http://aib.ie))

**c. Permanent tsb**

Student Bank Account - Current Accounts | [permanent.tsb](http://permanent.tsb)

# UTILITIES

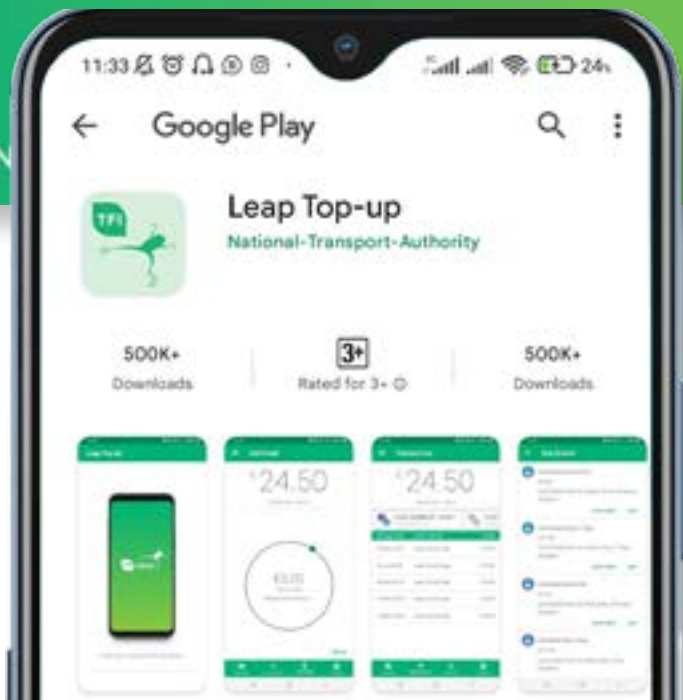
Please check with your agent/landlord when you rent student accommodations because normally these bills are already included in what you paid for the whole term of leasing. On the other hand, when you rent an apartment, the landlord should show the electricity meter, the initial values, and MPRN (Meter Point Reference Number). These numbers are needed if you'd like to apply for a new/change provider.

Most new buildings have dual-price electricity day-standard/night-cheaper. There is usually a 50% discount for daily use, starting from 11 pm to 8 am (Winter) or 12 pm to 9 am (Summer). Use these hours to turn on your heater, dishwasher, or your washing machine. You can also use electricity/internet bills as proof of address when applying for IRP.

There are some broadband provider options such as Eir, Vodafone, Virgin Media, and Sky with additional options such as Cable TV or mobile data. A good website to check on Internet and Electricity providers is bonkers.ie (<https://www.bonkers.ie>) in which you can compare the deals and also the best value provider depending on where you live.

Heating can differ on each accommodation, some will have them turn on all the time but a few use timer-based. If you are in charge of your own heating bills, please make sure to keep an eye on how many times you turn on and off the heater. With the recent hike in oil prices, your heating bill can cost a fortune if left unattended.





## LEAP CARD

A TFI Leap Card is a prepaid travel card that is the easiest way to pay your fare on public transport around Ireland. If you are taking the train or Luas (city tram), just tap against the validator sensor before you get on and tap against the validator when you get off. Simple. On the bus, just tap when you get on. If you are making a short journey, ask the driver to validate it depending on what stop you want to hop off (so you don't get charged the maximum fare).

### Where to buy:

Boots, and any convenient stores

 <https://about.leapcard.ie/about/where-to-buy>

### Where to recharge:

At the ticket machines, any convenient stores, and through the app using your own credit card.

### Bus fare:

 <https://about.leapcard.ie/about/fares-discounts>

Leap card has a student discount where students can register themselves through the TFI Leap website as a student to personalize the card with their picture and the card is available to be printed in their own university. Here, the card can ONLY be printed in the individual's university by showing their active student ID. To register, click: <https://about.leapcard.ie/young-adult-and-student-card-launch>

## DAILY SUPPLIES

Here is a list of supermarkets where we can find our daily needs:

### 1. Lidl

 <https://www.lidl.ie/>

### 2. Aldi

 <https://www.aldi.ie/>

### 3. Tesco

 <https://www.tesco.ie/>

### 4. Dunnes

 <https://www.dunnesstores.com/>

### 5. SuperValu

 <https://supervalu.ie/>

### 6. Mark&Spencers

 <https://www.marksandspencer.com/ie>

Some of the supermarkets provide membership which came along with some perks and deals.

Apart from the supermarkets above, in every city, there are local stores that are available and sell various options for daily needs which are very easy to find on Google.

In addition, halal products are very easy to find in Ireland, almost in every city there are shops that sell halal meat.

# INDONESIAN STORE

Ireland has shops that sell various Indonesian products. These shops are online stores that serve delivery throughout Ireland or COD for certain regions.

## 1. DeSa Asian Store:

This store is located in Dublin and accepts delivery services throughout Ireland and COD for the Dublin area. Services can be done through:

🌐 [www.desaasianproducts.com](http://www.desaasianproducts.com)

📷 @desa\_asianproducts

📞 +353 89 451 7042

## 2. Kioskana:

Kioskana is an Indonesian store located in Gouda, the Netherlands, and accepts deliveries to Ireland. Reservations can be made via:

🌐 [www.kioskana.com](http://www.kioskana.com)

📷 @kioskana

## 3. Makan IE:

This store accepts deliveries throughout the EU and COD at certain times in the Dublin city centre Area. Orders can be made via:

🌐 [www.makan.ie](http://www.makan.ie)

📷 @makanie\_indoeat

📞 +353 85 859 7338



# DUBLIN





# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Dublin, the capital city of Ireland. Located on the East Coast of Ireland, Dublin stretches along the Irish Sea with a half-moon shape. Dublin City covers an area of 115 km<sup>2</sup> and is home to more than 120,000 university students.

Dublin has a world-renowned history of literature and film with famous figures such as George Bernard Shaw (playwright, critic, and Nobel Prize winner), James Joyce (writer and poet), Oscar Wilde (playwright, poet, essayist, and novelist), and Dracula, creator Bram Stoker. Leading Hollywood actors from Dublin include Maureen O'Hara, Brendan Gleeson, Gabriel Byrne, and Colin Farrell.

The average temperature in January is 5° C and the average in July is 17° C. Consequently, the weather in Dublin is mild, not so warm in summer, and not so cold in winter. However, it is best to have a waterproof jacket every day in Dublin since sometimes the weather changes drastically from sunny to rainy and the umbrella seems to not work very well due to strong wind.

Dublin is a relatively small city and easily accessible. The extensive tram system and the suburban rail system, DART, provide excellent transport links within the city.



# UNIVERSITIES

## Trinity College Dublin (TCD)

Trinity College Dublin (TCD) is the oldest university in Ireland that has been established in 1591. TCD is the highest-ranked Irish university, which is recognized for its academic excellence. The university is located in the city centre, where Dublin's cultural and retail districts meet. Communities in TCD are very dynamic, with 16,939 students representing each region in Ireland, 122 nationalities, and various social backgrounds and age groups. These colleges are included in the QS of the top 100 world universities and are included in the ranks of the top 50 universities in Europe.



<https://www.tcd.ie/>



## **University College Dublin (UCD)**

UCD is one of the leading research-intensive universities in Europe with an environment where undergraduate education, master's and Ph.D. training, research, innovation, and community involvement form a dynamic spectrum of activities. As the largest university in Ireland, UCD embraces its role to contribute to the development of Ireland;

through studies and discussions about society, business, economy, culture, language, and creative arts, as well as through research and innovation. The quality of this teaching is complemented by high standards of support. Belfield, UCD's main campus is located in a 132-hectare location, 4 km south of the Dublin city centre.



<https://www.ucd.ie/>



## **Dublin City University (DCU)**

Dublin City University has established a reputation as Ireland's University of Enterprise, through strong and active relationships with academic, research, and industry partners both at home and abroad. DCU is located not far from Dublin city centre, Dublin Airport, and M50 and M1 motorways. The campus is bordered by Ballymun Road and Collins Avenue.

 <https://www.dcu.ie/>

## Royal College Surgeon of Ireland (RCSI)

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) is a medical professional and educational institution, which is also known as the RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ireland's first private university. RCSI's main campus is situated on St. Stephen's Green and York Street in central Dublin and incorporates schools of medicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy, and nursing. It offers undergraduate and postgraduate education in a number of healthcare fields. RCSI achieved Ireland's highest position in the Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings 2021, coming joint second in the world for 'Good Health and Wellbeing' from a total of 871 institutions.



<https://www.rcsi.com/dublin>





## Technological University Dublin (TUD)

Technological University Dublin or TU Dublin is Ireland's first technological university, established on 1 January 2019, and with a history stretching back to 1887 through the amalgamated Dublin Institute of Technology which progressed from the first technical education institution in Ireland, the City of Dublin Technical Schools. It is the second-largest third-level institution in Ireland, with a student population of 28,500. The university was formed by the amalgamation of three existing institutes of technology in the Dublin area – Dublin Institute of Technology, Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown, and Institute of Technology, Tallaght, taking over all functions and operations of these institutions. The flagship campus is located within Grangegorman, Dublin, with two other long-term campuses, in Tallaght and Blanchardstown, and remaining legacy sites at Bolton Street and Aungier Street.



<https://www.tudublin.ie/>

## Dublin Business School (DBS)

DBS was founded in 1975 as Accountancy and Business College. In 1999 Dublin Business School acquired LSB College Dublin. In 2003, DBS was taken over by Kaplan, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Washington Post Company, and by 2004, it had around 5,500 students. In 2006, DBS bought European Business School Dublin (EBS), a collective of eight independent business schools located throughout Europe. Portobello College, a well-established law school led by Raymond Kearns, was taken over by DBS in 2007. It allowed DBS to incorporate a law school offering both undergraduate and postgraduate programs to its students.

 <https://www.dbs.ie/>





### **Griffith College Dublin**

Founded in 1974, Griffith College is the largest independent third-level institution in Ireland located in three locations, namely Dublin, Cork, and Limerick. The main campus is located one mile from St. Stephen's Green on Dublin's South Circular Road. Griffith College has a growing international reputation for student success.

This college has earned a reputation and won awards for providing excellent teaching and learning materials for students. Griffith College offers internationally recognized postgraduate and graduates degree programs, equipped with a variety of professional, short-term, and corporate training education solutions.



<https://www.griffith.ie/>



# TRANSPORT

Dublin has several options for within-city public transport, including Dublin Bus, LUAS, and DART.

- **Dublin Bus**

Dublin Bus is the main public transport option with the highest coverage in Dublin. As of May 2022, the bus fares have been reduced by an average of 20% and even more for students. The TFI 90 Minute Fare in the Dublin area is now just 2 EUR for adults, 1 EUR for young adults (19-23) and students, and 0.65 EUR for children using a TFI Leap Card.

- **Luas**

Luas, meaning speed in Irish, is a tram/light

rail system in Dublin. There are two Luas lines, the red and green lines. Luas Red Line is 20kms in length and has 32 Stops. It runs from Tallaght to The Point and from Saggart to Connolly. Luas Green Line is 24.5km in length and has 35 Stops. It runs from Brides Glen to Broombridge via the City centre.

- **DART**

In Dublin, the electric rail system called the DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit) is a quick and easy way to get around Dublin. It runs along the coast of the Irish Sea from Malahide or Howth in north County Dublin southwards as far as Greystones, Co Wicklow.

# HALAL SHOP

Halal shops and restaurants are available in most area in Dublin. Below are some of the Halal shops you can visit in Dublin:

1. ICCI Halal Shop in Clonskeagh
2. Al-Barakah Halal Shop stocks halal meat and poultry at Islamic Foundation Ireland, Dublin 8.
3. Arab & Asian Supermarket for halal food and butcher
4. Halal Food & Grocery in Merchants Quay
5. Aroma Spice Halal Grocery in Clondalkin
6. Azan Halal Shop in Blanchardstown
7. Eurasia Supermarket in Dublin 22
8. Asian Food on Mary Street
9. Cost Less The Supermarket in Tallaght
10. Zamzam Halal Food Store in Phibsborough
11. Kwaliti Foods in Rathmines

# MOSQUES

## 1. Dublin Mosque :

163 South Circular Road, Dublin 8

## 2. Anwar E-Madina Mosque :

Lower Gardiner Street Dublin 1

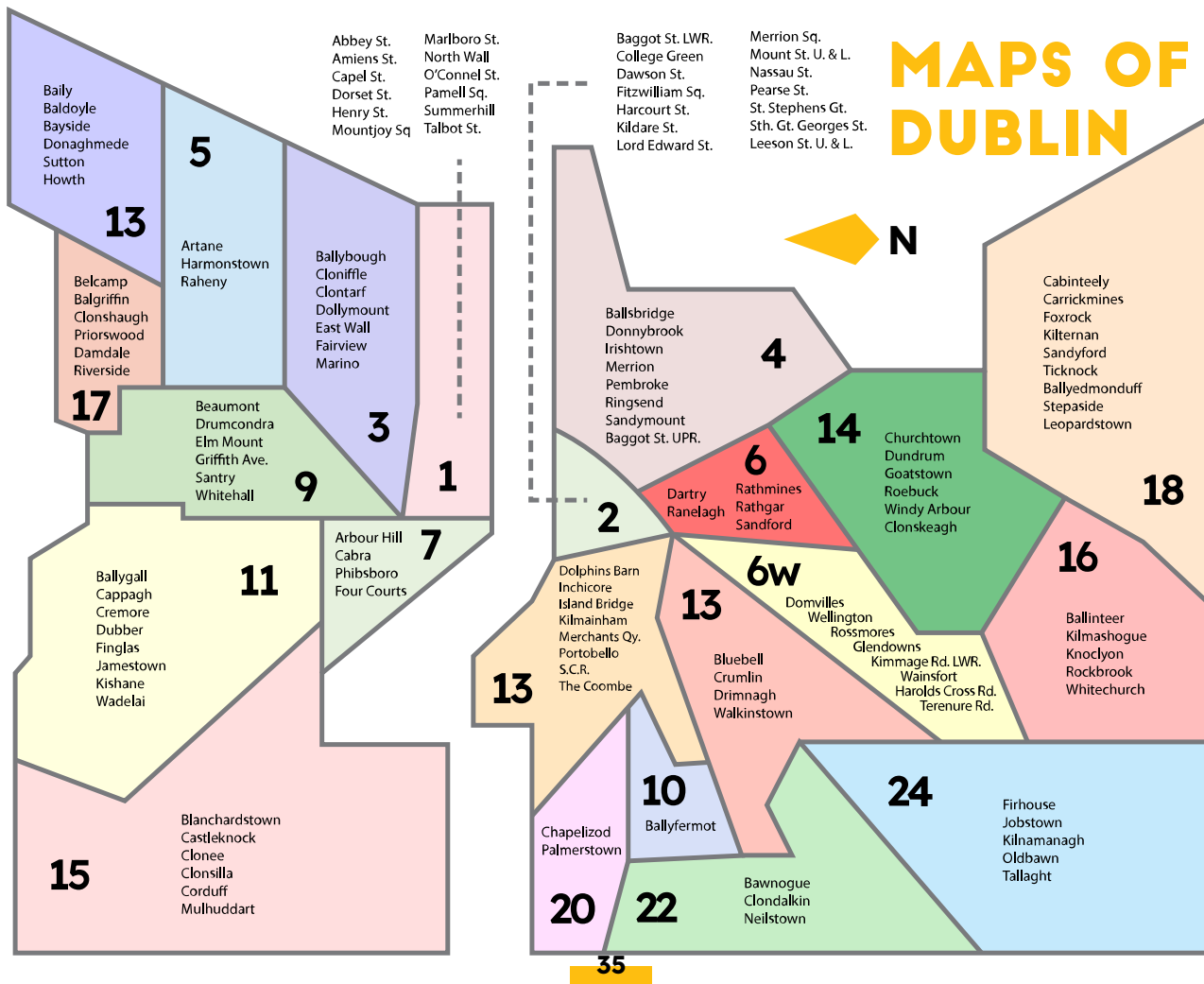
## 3. Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland :

19 Roebuck Road Dublin 14

### TIPS FROM US

Dublin is a big city. It is advised to not go alone at night in some parts of Dublin, such as the city centre and some parts of Dublin. Please check [this guide](#) to get a better understanding of which parts of Dublin to avoid at night.

# MAPS OF DUBLIN





# GALWAY



# INTRODUCTION

Galway is located in the west region of the Republic of Ireland in the province of Connacht, more or less 185 Km away from Dublin or 2.5 - 3 hours away by bus.

It is the 4th largest city in the Republic of Ireland and is considered to be the fifth most populous Irish County with a population of approximately 83,893 by 2022.

This town is the home of many festivals especially during summer, such as the Galway arts Festival, Macnas festival, and Galway Food festival.

Galway is famous for the exciting places to visit such as Cliff of Moher, Kylemore Abbey, The Burren, Aran Islands, and Connemara. Transportation is relatively easy since it has a range of options from walking, bike sharing, or bus.

# UNIVERSITIES

## University of Galway

The University of Galway was established in 1849 and called Queen's College Galway. Later in 1908, it was changed to University College Galway (UGC) only until 1997 was changed again to National University of Ireland Galway.

In April 2022, NUI Galway announced it's changing the name of the college to the University of Galway and become one of the top five universities in Ireland and among the top 1% of Universities worldwide for its teaching and research in 25 subjects.



[www.nuigalway.ie](http://www.nuigalway.ie)



# TRANSPORT

The bus is probably the easiest way to get around the city. The travel network is pretty extensive with routes serving all suburbs of Galway city from early morning until night. Most journeys are inexpensive ranging from 1,50 EUR to 2,50 EUR and might have a higher rate for journeys over 7.5km.



## Atlantic Technological University (ATU)

Atlantic Technological University (ATU), was established in 1972 and was called Regional Technical College (RTC) Galway. Later in 1998, it was changed to Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT). In April 2022, it was formally dissolved, and its functions were transferred to Atlantic Technological University (ATU). The campus was spread in several places: Galway, Mayo, Letterfrack, and Mountbellew

 <https://www.gmit.ie/>





## HALAL SHOP

There are some halal shops in Galway that are quite easy to find.

1. Aroma Foods Galway. Located at Unit 8, West City Centre, Old Seamus Quirke Road, Galway.
2. Upick Store. Located at Unit 6, Westside Business Centre, Seamus Quirke Road, Galway.
3. Terryland Asian Foodmarket. Located at 6A Terryland Retail Park, Headford road, Galway.
4. Green Chili Asian Foods. Located at 21 Mulvoy Park, Sean Mulvoy Road, Galway.



# ACCOMMODATION

There are many types of accommodation offered to students but most common are: On-campus Accommodation, Private Housing, and Digs.

## Private housing

🌐 <https://www.daft.ie/>

🌐 <https://www.rent.ie/>

## Galway House Hunting for Sound People

🌐 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/385939841504195/?ref=share>

Or you can visit <https://www.nuigstudentpad.ie/> Accommodation or send email to Shane Callinan (email: [shane.callinan@nuigalway.ie](mailto:shane.callinan@nuigalway.ie)) to get her suggestion for your accommodation.

# MOSQUE

1. Galway Islamic Cultural Centre. Located at 13 Sandyview Dr, Galway, H91KR22
2. Galway Mosque. Located at Old Cottages, 2 Monavea Road, Galway
3. Connacht Islamic Cultural Centre. Located at Oldenway Business Park, Unit N, Monivea Rd, Galway
4. Oranmore Islamic Cultural Centre. Unit 9, Oranmore Business Park, Oranmore, Co. Galway, H91 ENW2

If you are a student at UG/NUIG, you may be happy to know that it is easy to find a prayer room for males and females. It is located on the Ground Floor of the NUI Galway James Hardiman Library building. And if you are located in the DSI building, it is on the first floor of the Insight building.



# CHURCH

Christianity is the major religion in the Republic of Ireland, with the Catholic Church being the biggest denomination. Students from UG/NUIG may also visit the famous Galway Cathedral. It's located at Gaol Road, Galway, H91A780. It is located on the major route that leads to UG/NUIG or the city.

## TIPS FROM US

Possibly most people know that Ireland is a cold country with unpredictable weather. And among Irish cities, Galway is the coldest due to its proximity to the ocean. Therefore, pack any warm clothing and useful items, such as Tolak Angin, minyak kayu putih, etc. We recommend not bringing a lot of clothes with you to Ireland since you can purchase them here.





**CORK**



# INTRODUCTION

Cork (Irish: Corcaigh meaning “marsh”) is the second largest city in the Republic of Ireland and the third largest on the island of Ireland located in the south-west of Ireland, in the province of Munster. Following an extension to the city’s boundary in 2019, its population is c. 210,000.

The city centre is an island positioned between two channels of the River Lee which meet downstream at the eastern end of the city centre, where the quays and docks along the river lead outwards towards Lough Mahon and Cork Harbour, one of the largest natural harbours in the world.

Originally a monastic settlement, Cork was expanded by Viking invaders around 915. Its charter was granted by Prince John in 1185. Cork city was once fully walled, and the remnants of the old medieval town centre can be found around the South and North Main streets.

The third largest city by population on the island of Ireland, the city’s cognomen of “the rebel city” originates in its support for the Yorkist cause in the Wars of the Roses. Corkonians sometimes refer to the city as “the real capital”.

# UNIVERSITIES



## University College Cork

University College Cork–National University of Ireland, Cork (UCC) (Irish: Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh) is a constituent university of the National University of Ireland and is located in Cork. The university was founded in 1845 as one of three Queen’s Colleges located in Belfast, Cork, and Galway. It became University College, Cork, under the Irish Universities

Act of 1908. The Universities Act 1997 renamed the university as National University of Ireland, Cork, and a Ministerial Order of 1998 renamed the university as University College Cork – National University of Ireland, Cork, though it continues to be almost universally known as University College Cork.

Amongst other rankings and awards, the university was named the Irish University of the Year by The Sunday Times on five occasions; most recently in 2017. In 2015, UCC was also named as top performing university by the European Commission-funded U-Multirank system, based on obtaining the highest number of “A” scores (21 out of 28 metrics) among a field of 1200 partaking universities.

UCC also became the first university to achieve the ISO 50001 standard in energy management in 2011. For your information, George Boole was the first professor of mathematics at UCC. He is famous developed Boolean algebra which would later make computer programming possible.



<https://www.ucc.ie/en/>



<https://www.youtube.com/uccireland>

## Munster Technological University

Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) (Irish: Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Chorcaí) was a third-level educational institution in Ireland, located in Cork. Upon its dissolution, the institute had 17,000 students (both part-time and full-time) in art, business, engineering, music, drama, and science disciplines.

On 1 January 2021, CIT merged with IT Tralee to become Munster Technological University, Ireland's second Technological University. Cork Institute of Technology consisted of two constituent faculties and three constituent colleges. The constituent faculties were Engineering and Science, and Business and Humanities. The constituent colleges were the CIT Crawford College of Art and Design, the CIT Cork School of Music, and the National Maritime College of Ireland. Faculties were made up of Schools which in turn comprise two or more academic departments.

 <https://www.mtu.ie/courses/cork>

 <https://www.cit.ie/>



# TRANSPORT

## FREE NOW

Basically FREE NOW is similar to Uber, Grab, or Gojek. FREE NOW is a mobility service provider headquartered in Hamburg, Germany. FREE NOW is one of the largest vehicles for hire companies in Europe. As Mobility-as-a-Service platform FREE NOW aggregates numerous mobility brands and vehicle options to make them bookable within one app. You can download the application through play store Android and AppStore for apple.



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## TFI Bus

We can use the bus for daily transport. To access the service, we will need a leap card. If you have a student leap card it can reduce the price to 35% of the real price around (0.65 EUR).

## TFI Bike

TFI Bikes is a great way to get around the cities of Limerick, Cork, Galway and Waterford. Bike stations are located throughout the cities to provide a healthy and convenient means of transport. You can access through <https://www.bikeshare.ie/> to know the hire point.

For pricing and subscription, it has an annual pass and a 3-day pass. These options will be better than using the hourly rental price if you plan to use it every day.

# HALAL SHOP

We have several halal shops such as:

Asian Food Market (Cork City Centre), Khan Spices (Cork City Centre), Summerstown Stores (Glasheen), Zaiqa (Beside Cork Mosque), and Spice House Ethnic Shop (Aiysha) (\*Student discount available)

For restaurants, we have Lavish, Malay Kitchen, Tandoori Lads, Indian Moon, Ali Baba, Speedos, Fellas, Istanbul, Umi, Ignite Charcoal Grill, Sultan, Four Liars Bistro, Spice Route, Izz cafe, Fat Belly

UCC Canteen in Brookfield also sells halal chicken



# ACCOMMODATION

## Campus Accommodation

Campus Accommodation typically opens its application window in March and remains open for one month. Once the application window closes all applicants are included in a random selection lottery. All applicants, regardless of when they applied or any other criteria, have the same chance of being offered a room. If you are not selected you will be added to the waiting list for later draws.

🌐 <https://www.ucc.ie/en/campusaccom/student-accom/>

## Private Apartment Complexes for student

If Campus Accommodation is your priority, we also advise that you try to book a room in a private complex as well. Remember, you are not guaranteed a place in Campus Accommodation due to the random selection lottery but most private providers run a first come, first served system of booking. The private complexes generally begin accepting applications from January/February. Please be aware that the most popular options may fill in



a matter of minutes. For this reason you should carry out your research beforehand, knowing your budget, which complexes you are interested in, when they will be accepting applications and how you can apply.

🌐 <https://www.ucc.ie/en/accommodation/privateapartmentcomplexes/>



## House Share

It is possible to source accommodation in a house share at any time of the year. If you are interested in house shares you should start searching early and be prepared to continue searching for several months. You may find that there is more availability in April and May. This kind of accommodation can be found through UCC StudentPad, the UCC Accommodation Search Facebook page and Daft.ie. Before you pay a deposit, please make sure to view it in person and do not secure the tenancy unless you are happy and feel safe.

 <https://studentpad.ucc.ie/Accommodation>

 <https://www.daft.ie/student-accommodation/>

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1700273420257096/>

## House Rentals

Owner-occupied rentals, also known as ‘digs’, can be found throughout the year. If you are interested in this type of accommodation it is best to search during the summer months. Digs can be found through various websites such as UCC StudentPad, Daft.ie and Homes.usi.ie.

It is important to note that renting in owner-occupied accommodation is a licensee arrangement and the normal tenancy rights do not apply. With that in mind, it is important that you set clearly defined terms in writing before entering into this kind of agreement. If you find something suitable it is very important that you view it in person and meet with the homeowner before making a financial commitment.

# CHURCH

1. UCC Brookfield Health Science Complex (BHSC), 3rd floor, open daily
2. UCC Chaplaincy
3. Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral
4. Roman Catholic Cathedral of St Mary & St Anne, Shandon.



# MOSQUE

1. Cork city mosque
2. Togher Mosque

# MAPS OF CORK



## CORKCITY

Cork is Ireland's Maritime Haven with a significant maritime history spanning over a thousand years...

...and in a beautiful all-weather atmosphere where the land, the people and the culture will allow you to discover a journey way to the heart of your senses. Cork is ideally situated for you to explore two of the best experiences in Ireland - the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland's Ancient East.

- 1 Waterford Castle Observatory
- 2 Cork City Hall
- 3 Old Cork Waterworks Experience
- 4 Cork Public Museum
- 5 Fitzgerald's Park
- 6 The Glassmen Gallery
- 7 University College Cork
- 8 Crawford Art Gallery
- 9 Elizabeth Fort
- 10 The English Market
- 11 Nine Mile Place
- 12 Shandon Tower & Bell, St. Anne's Church
- 13 The Butler Museum
- 14 St. Peter's Cathedral
- 15 St. Peter's Cole
- 16 St. Peter's Church
- 17 The Everyman Theatre
- 18 The Cork Opera House
- 19 Blarney Castle and Gardens
- 20 Cork City Tours - Start / Finish

- Visitor Information
- Parking
- Hospital
- General Post Office
- City Hall
- Library
- Police
- Fire Station
- Bus Station
- Train Station
- Airport
- Ferry
- Cork City Tours Map-On-Map-Off



## CORK COUNTY

<https://purecork.ie/media/1874/pure-cork-map-2020.pdf>

# CARLOW INTRODUCTION



Carlow is the county town of County Carlow, located in the southeast of Ireland, 84 Km away from Dublin. It has a population of approximately 24,272.

Carlow is a very nice town to live in, especially for students. The quiet atmosphere is very suitable for everyone that needs a proper situation to study. It also has a lot of educational institutions that make Carlow a student town.

Nevertheless, it still has what the other cities in Ireland all have in common, which is mesmerizing nightlife. It offers a few choices of bars and nightclubs which can be a perfect refreshment for students who are tired of their school life.

There is also no need to worry about transportation inside the town. Everywhere is within walking distance of approximately 3 Km.

Carlow is also known for its historical sites. One of Carlow's most infamous and historical landmarks is the Brownshill Dolmen, located on Hacketstown Road. There are also other intriguing sites to visit that dates back to the 1900s, such as Ducketts Grove Walled Garden.

# UNIVERSITIES

## **South East Technological University (formerly known as IT Carlow)**

South East Technological University is the only university in the South East region of Ireland, it was formed in 2022 by combining two existing IT schools formerly known as Waterford Institute of Technology and Institute of Technology Carlow (IT Carlow).

SETU Carlow offers undergraduate and postgraduate levels of studies in various fields including aerospace, mechanical, and electronic engineering, built environment engineering, sports, and health, computing, data science, business and law, digital marketing and design, science, childhood/social studies, humanities.

 <https://www.itcarlow.ie/>



# TRANSPORT FROM HALAL SHOP AIRPORT TO CARLOW

IT Carlow students will get free taxi transport from Dublin Airport to their accommodation in Carlow with an online booking at ITC's website after the Letter of Acceptance (LoA) has been received and the administrative requirements have been completed. Another way of going to Carlow is to use the J.J. Kavanagh Coaches or Bus Eireann which will both stop at either Barrack Street (in front of the ALDI store) or the IT Carlow Main Entrance. Price ranges from 10-15 Euro. Bus and shuttle information can be obtained at the website [getthere.ie](http://getthere.ie)



## 1. Shopping Centre

There are 2 shopping centres, which are Carlow Shopping Centre and Fairgreen Shopping Centre. The first place you normally need to go to is Penneys, located in the Carlow Shopping Centre. It sells housing stuffs that would be helpful for you.

## 2. Grocery Store

There are a lot of groceries stores in Carlow, which include ALDI, TESCO, SUPERVALU, Lidl, and Rath's Londis Plus. Most of ITC's students generally buy their groceries from ALDI or TESCO since those two are closer to ITC than the others

## 3. Halal Shop/Asian Market

There are several Asian grocery shops that you can find in the city including Little Panda's Asian Market and Asian Shop. For halal stores, you can check out Spice Max Asia Store and A1 Halal Asian store.

# ACCOMODATION

- **HATCH Riverbank Apartments**

This is the most popular accommodation to live in. It is right in the centre of Carlow Town, a 10-minute walk to IT Carlow, and a 5–10 minute walk to ALDI and TESCO (groceries stores). Almost all of the residents living there are ITC students. Price varies from 114-134 EUR per week

 <https://hatchstudents.ie/carlow-accommodation/>

- **Carraig Abhainn**

It is located on 26 Carraig Abhainn, Mortarstown Road, Carlow. Carraig Abhainn has a considerably cheaper price than HATCH Riverbank Apartments, which goes from 90-130 Euro. It is closer to ITC than from HATCH Riverbank, but farther to the town centre compared to HATCH.

 <https://carraigabhainn.ie/>

- **Other choices of accommodations**

This includes local housing and dormitories which can be rented individually or in groups. You can search for those first hands by looking at Google and typing “Accommodation in Carlow”

## WORSHIP PLACES

Location of worship places

1. Redeem Christian Church of God.
2. Carlow Methodist Church.
3. Saint Mary’s Church of Ireland.
4. Assembly of God Ireland Ministry Carlow.
5. Saint Clare’s Church.
6. Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.
7. Carlow Islamic Cultural Centre.

# LIMERICK





# INTRODUCTION

Limerick, located in the West of Ireland, is about 3.5 hours from Dublin. It lies just below the Shannon River, bordering it with county Clare. It is the most populated county in Munster Province after Cork. The county is well connected with bus routes covering most towns which run regularly. Also known as the Treaty County, it is one of the most historic places in Ireland. Its landmark King John's Castle has stood here since 1200.

# UNIVERSITIES

## University of Limerick

Proud as a university with the best student experience, the University of Limerick offers a range of disciplines, including business, arts and humanities, social sciences, science and engineering, education, health sciences, and music. It owns the Kemmy Business School and the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, one of the best academies in their respective areas.

 <https://www.ul.ie>



### **TUS Moylish Campus (Limerick Institute of Technology)**

Limerick Institute of Technology, now part of the Technological University of Shannon Midwest, is one of the best institutes of technology in Ireland. From diplomas and certificates to postgraduate studies, from finance to engineering, Limerick Institute of Technology is home of opportunities.

 <https://lit.ie/>

## **TRANSPORT**

Choice of transportation in Limerick is usually limited to FREE NOW taxis, bus, and bikes. For a long-distance commute, taking a bus will be the best choice.

- Bus Eireann (Adult 2.20 EUR without Leap Card. Adult 1.35 EUR using Leap Card, may change to 1.55 EUR for longer rides)

More here <https://about.leapcard.ie/about/fares-discounts>

- Dublin Coach (Adult 1.50 EUR, no cash)
- TFI bikes

<https://www.bikeshare.ie/limerick.html>

# HALAL SHOP

- Khan's Supermarket
- East End Asian Supermarket



# ACCOMODATION

There are several student accommodations in Limerick that are located either near to LIT or UL:

## For TUS/LIT students

- Cratloe Wood Student Village  
 <http://www.cratloewood.com/>
- Thomond Village  
 <https://www.thomondvillage.com>

## For UL students

- UL accommodation  
 <https://studentliving.ul.ie>  
 <https://www.accommodation.ul.ie/Students>

(off campus room renting)

- Courtyard Student Village  
 <https://www.student-lettings.ie>
- Groody Student Park  
 <https://groodystudentpark.com>
- Brookfield Hall  
 <https://www.brookfieldhall.com>

## Other:

- Grove Island Student Village  
 <https://www.groveisland.com/student-village/>

Commonly, accommodation costs about 600 EUR per month. Keep in mind that looking for student accommodation in Limerick can be tough at times. It is advised to keep an eye on the application opening date. Alternatively, use [www.daft.ie](http://www.daft.ie) to search for room sharing or rent. Prepare reference and proof of funds in advance, in case the landlord requests it during house viewings.

# WORSHIP PLACES

## Church

- St. Munchin's Church
- St. Mary's Cathedral
- St. Michael's
- St. John's Cathedral
- Abundant Life Christian Church

## Mosque

- Masjid Al-Noor
- Limerick Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre
- Mosque Al Furqan

## TIPS FROM US

- Check shop opening hours. Some shops close early on certain days.
- Bring your shopping bag and a 2 EUR coin to the grocery store.
- Visit The Milk Market and Wickham Way on Saturdays.
- Find street arts in the city centre, more info in <https://www.limerick.ie/discover/eat-see-do/tours/self-guided-tours/limerick-street-art-trail>
- Find asian snacks and big bags of rice in Cheong Heng Hong supermarket.
- For nature trips, visit Clare Glens Waterfall.



<https://townmaps.ie/limerick-city-map/>



# DUNDALK

## INTRODUCTION

Dundalk is the third largest town in Ireland, located on the North-East side of the country, near the Northern Ireland border in County Louth. Dundalk is also known for its football team, Dundalk FC, which competes in Ireland's top-tier football league. They are the second most successful club in the League's history (with 14 league titles and 12 FAI Cups), and the most successful in the Premier Division era.

# UNIVERSITIES

## Dundalk Institute of Technology

Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) is the focal point for higher education and research on the Belfast-Dublin corridor, serving the North Leinster, South Ulster region of Ireland. DkIT has 70+ industry-focused Bachelor's and Master's degree programs, with 2/3 of them offering work placement. DkIT is a global campus with international students from over 35 countries.

 <https://www.dkit.ie/>



# TRANSPORT

There is only one bus going around Dundalk, which is Bus Eireann line 174. Bus fare is:

Single Fares	Leap	Cash
Adult	1.10 EUR	1.60 EUR
Student	0.55 EUR	n/a
Child	0.55 EUR	0.90 EUR

To be eligible for student price, you will need to have a student leap card. If you want to go outside Dundalk, you can ride a bus (Expressway, Matthews, Bus Eireann) or a train from Dundalk Clarke Railway Station.

# HALAL SHOP

- Marhaba Food Store & Halal Meat Grocery - 100 Bridge St, Townparks, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 TP96, Ireland
- Ayla Supermarket Dundalk - 64 Park St, Townparks, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 H26X, Ireland
- Noor Foods - 10 Church St, Townparks, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 EPD6, Ireland

# ACCOMODATION

Setanta Apartments

 <https://www.setanta-apartments.ie/>

Mourne View Hall

 <https://macfar.ie/student-accomodation/>

Green Park Student Accommodation

 [https://mapcarta.com/Green\\_Park\\_Student\\_Accommodation\\_3348954](https://mapcarta.com/Green_Park_Student_Accommodation_3348954)

Private housing

 <https://www.daft.ie/>

 <https://www.rent.ie/>

 <https://homes.mitula.ie/>



# WORSHIP PLACES

## Mosques

- Dundalk Muslim Community Centre - Muslim Community, 59 Glenmore Park, Marshes Upper, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 W201, Ireland
- DkIT Prayer Room / Islamic Society - PJ Carroll Building, Dundalk Institute of Technology, Haggardstown, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland

## Catholic Churches

- St Patrick's Parish Church Dundalk - Roden Pl, Townparks, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland
- Holy Family Church Dundalk - Hoey's Ln, Marshes Upper, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland
- St Nicholas' Roman Catholic Church - Bridge St, Townparks, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 FK19, Ireland

## TIPS FROM US

Dundalk is a small town with walkable distances so we prefer to walk or ride a bike around town if you are in a hurry (although we still prefer walking since it is quite hilly).



# SLIGO



## INTRODUCTION

Sligo is a coastal seaport and the county town of County Sligo, Ireland within the western province of Connacht. With a population of approximately 20,000 in 2016, it is the second largest urban centre in the West of Ireland, with only Galway being larger. The Sligo Borough District constitutes 61%(38,581) of the county's population of 63,000. Straddles the Garavogue River where it meets Sligo Bay.

It is known for its literary heritage and rugged countryside. Sligo County Museum displays memorabilia of local poet E.B. Yeats, paintings, and Stone Age artifacts. The Model is a contemporary art center featuring works by 20th-century Irish artists. It takes about 3 hours long from Dublin City, and about 2 hours long from Galway City. Sligo is located pretty close to the border with the UK, that only takes about 40 minutes to reach the border from Sligo.

# UNIVERSITIES

## Atlantic Technological University

Atlantic Technological University (ATU) or previously known as the Institute of Technology Sligo (IT Sligo), is the largest college in Sligo and the northwest area. It's ranked as the 5th best Institute of Technology campus in Ireland, with a stunning 21st century learning environment.

ATU has three different faculties, School of Business and Social Science, School of Engineering and Design, and School of Science and nine different Departments.

 <https://www.atu.ie>



# TRANSPORT      ACCOMODATION

Sligo town has two bus routes, North-South bound (S1) and West-East bound (S2). For traveling within towns or suburbs, there are transport link buses going to those towns within County Sligo. If you want to travel further going outside Sligo, there is Bus Eireann traveling all across Ireland. When traveling using buses, don't forget to use a student card to get a cheaper price.

## HALAL SHOP

There are two options for Halal/Asian stores all across Sligo.

- Pakiza Halal Food
- Sligo Spice Irish & Asian Supermarket

### 1. The Clarion Village

Located on Clarion Road, Ballytivnan, Sligo, Clarion Village is situated behind the campus within a 5-minute walk, with a variant of room option (single/double) for the academic year (9 months).

 [www.thevillageclarion.com](http://www.thevillageclarion.com)

### 2. The Grove Student Accommodation

Located just at the end of Clarion Road right beside Clarion Village, The Grove has the en suite single room with a price of 4,600 EUR for the academic year. It takes about a 10-minute of walk to campus.

 [www.thegrovesligo.ie](http://www.thegrovesligo.ie)

### 3. Yeats Village

Located in Farranacardy, Sligo, Yeats Village has variable pricing. Starting from 3,450 EUR for twin sharing, 4,510 EUR for a single room, and 4,690 EUR for single en suite for the academic year, and only take about 5 minutes to walk to the campus.

 [www.yeatsvillage.net](http://www.yeatsvillage.net)

#### 4. Ard Nua Village

Located on Hazelwood Road, Ballinode, Sligo, has a reputation as luxury accommodation in Sligo. It takes about 10 minutes to get to campus, just located behind The Yeats Village.

 [www.ardnua.com](http://www.ardnua.com)

#### 5. Gateway Apartments

Located just right beside the campus, Gateway is the closest accommodation from campus. Gateway also has the greatest price for student accommodation in Sligo per academic year and only takes 1-2 minutes to get to the campus.

 [www.gatewayapartments.ie](http://www.gatewayapartments.ie)

#### 6. Benbulbin Court

Located 2 minutes from the campus, Benbulbin Court is the newest student accommodation in Sligo. They offer deluxe en-suite bedrooms which share only with one other person.

 <https://www.benbulbencourt.ie>

#### 7. Other choices of accommodations.

This includes local housing and dormitories which can be rented individually or in groups. You can search for that first-hand by looking at Google and type “Accommodations in Sligo”, ATU accommodation website, Facebook group, or renting web facilities such as daft.ie.



# WORSHIP PLACES

- St. Mary's Cathedral
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church
- St. Anne's Catholic Church
- Dominican Friary
- St. John's Cathedral
- Calry Church of Ireland
- Methodist Church Wine Street
- Globe House Muslim Community

## TIPS FROM US

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# MAPS OF SLIGO



# COMMUNITIES

## Join PPI Irlandia

 [facebook.com/PPI.Irlandia](https://facebook.com/PPI.Irlandia)

 [instagram.com/ppiirlandia/](https://instagram.com/ppiirlandia/)

We have a WhatsApp group available for students that have received LoA from Irish universities. We have annual events such as Indofest and Independence day. Join us!

## Join IIA

Whenever you want to explore or conserve our traditional dance and other cultural things, the Indonesian Irish Association (IIA) will be the most suitable place for you. Usually, they join St. Patrick's Day Parade and wear our beautiful traditional clothes along the road.

 <https://indonesianirish.blogspot.com/>

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/indoirish/about/>

membership is enclosed.

## Join FIRDAUS

Forum Kajian dan Dakwah Oleh Muslim Indonesia

di Irlandia or known as Firdaus is a religious group consisting of Indonesian Muslims who reside in Ireland including students and non-students. The main purpose of this group is to discuss the Islamic studies. The discussion is held once every two weeks through an online platform and is usually led by an Islamic scholar. If you are interested to join, please register yourself through this link:


 <http://bit.ly/daftar-firdaus>

The committee will add you to the Firdaus WhatsApp group.

 <https://firdaus.ie/>

## Join CAREgroup

A community for Indonesian Christian youth. Meetings every Friday at 7.30 pm virtually. In every meeting, there is a catch-up session, sharing and discussion of God's word, and praying for one another. Occasionally interspersed with games night/movie night/hang out. It is also open to Catholic friends. To join, you can contact

 Alex (+44-7865-205874).

# EMERGENCY CONTACT

## 112

Call 112 if there is an emergency:


- Seriously ill
- Injured
- At the risk of dying

## 116

Call 116 if there is emergency:

- Missing Children
- Victims of crime
- Emotional support helpline

For further information, please consult this page:

 <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/89da6-how-to-contact-emergency-services-in-ireland/>

## Indonesian Embassy in London

 <https://consular.indonesianembassy.org.uk/darurat>

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