

studying in...

Ireland



THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG
Ministry of Research and Higher Education



HIGHER EDUCATION

3 TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ universities
- ▶ institutes of technology
- ▶ other colleges





DEGREES

SHORT CYCLE

- ▶ Higher Certificate (2 years, 120 ECTS)

FIRST CYCLE

- ▶ Ordinary Bachelor degree (3 years, 180 ECTS)
- ▶ Honours Bachelor degree (3-4 years, 180-240 ECTS)
- ▶ Higher Diploma (1 year, 60 ECTS)

Entry to a programme leading to a Higher Diploma is typically for holders of Honours Bachelor Degrees, but can also be for holders of Ordinary Bachelor Degrees. Note that the Higher Diploma is typically in a different field of learning than the initial Diploma.

SECOND CYCLE

- ▶ Taught Master's degree (1-2 years, 60-120 ECTS)
- ▶ Research Master's degree (2 years, 120 ECTS)
- ▶ Postgraduate Diploma (1 year, 60 ECTS)

THIRD CYCLE

- ▶ Doctoral degree
- ▶ Higher Doctorate





APPLICATION

With a secondary school leaving diploma (*diplôme de fin d'études secondaires*) you can apply for the following courses:

- ▶ Higher Certificate
- ▶ Ordinary Bachelor degree
- ▶ Honours Bachelor degree

Please note that, in most cases, you only can apply to a Master's degree with a Bachelor of Honours or you need to do one extra year after an Ordinary Bachelor to continue with a Master's degree.

APPLYING THROUGH CAO.IE

All applications must be made through the Central Applications Office www.cao.ie.

Applications can be made online

Application fees:

- ▶ before 20th January: 30 €
- ▶ before 1st February: 45 €
- ▶ before 1st May: 60 €

Offers to applicants issued in mid-August.

You can choose up to

- ▶ 10 Honours Bachelor degree courses and
- ▶ 10 Ordinary Bachelor degree and/or
Higher Certificate courses

Place your choices in a strict order of personal preference.

You can change your choices easily from the beginning of May until 1st July.

www.cao.ie

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ secondary school leaving diploma
(*diplôme de fin d'études secondaires*)
- ▶ good school results
(entry based on *bac* results; minimum of 40/60 in mathematics, English, and another language)

Always check for special requirements:

- ▶ pass grades in mathematics
- ▶ additional assessments
- ▶ supplementary information (portfolio, statement, ...)
- ▶ interview
- ▶ HPAT test (Health Professions Admission Test) for medicine – HPAT Ireland (acer.org)

Check the websites of the higher education institutions for complete details!

For some programmes, you must apply for an exemption from Irish language requirements!

www.nui.ie

English tests

All applicants must present an English language qualification:

- ▶ IELTS test: www.ielts.org
 - > *Institut national des langues* www.inll.lu
- ▶ TOEFL test: www.toefl.org

www.cao.ie



TUITION FEES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Free Fees Initiative

- ▶ The Free Fees Initiative assures no tuition fees for eligible students.
- ▶ A contribution fee of up to 3.000 € is required for all students to cover student services and examinations.

Tuition fees will be paid by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) for Irish/EU nationals entering higher education (third level) for the first time and who have been ordinarily resident in the EU for at least 3 of the 5 years preceding entry to third level unless they fall into one of the following categories:

- ▶ Students repeating a semester/year
- ▶ Students pursuing a second undergraduate course

www.educationinireland.com

<https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/>





SEARCH ENGINES

- ▶ Central Applications Office: www.cao.ie
- ▶ Qualifax: <https://qualifax.ie>

USEFUL LINKS

- ▶ Education in Ireland: <https://educationinireland.com>
- ▶ HEA – Higher Education Institutions: <https://hea.ie>
- ▶ IUA - Irish Universities Association : www.iua.ie
- ▶ NUI – National University of Ireland (exemption from presenting Irish or a third language in the Leaving Certificate) : <https://exemptions.nui.ie>



STUDENT LIFE

The following websites provide information on:

- ▶ housing
- ▶ social security
- ▶ student jobs
- ▶ internships

<https://mengstudien.public.lu/fr/etudier-etranger/irlande.html>

www.acel.lu





FINANCIAL AID

STATE FINANCIAL AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION – AideFi

- ▶ The Ministry of Research and Higher Education offers grants and loans to students enrolled in higher education and meeting certain conditions.
- ▶ Financial aid is awarded only for recognised degree courses!
- ▶ Check the eligibility of your courses in the section “eligible study courses” on our website www.mengstudien.lu and contact the Financial Aid Department of the Ministry of Research and Higher Education in case of doubt.
aide-fi@mesr.etat.lu

Application deadlines

- ▶ from 1st August to 30th November (winter semester)
- ▶ from 1st January to 30th April (summer semester)

More information on the financial aid application procedure, the amounts and the eligibility criteria at www.mengstudien.lu



Apply online via www.guichet.lu!

MyGuichet.lu

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Contact the Higher Education Information Service of the Ministry of Research and Higher Education to ensure that the higher education qualification you are aiming for is recognised!
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