

International Student Handbook



Dundalk Institute
of Technology





A Warm Welcome...



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Welcome to Dundalk Institute of Technology

DkIT is the leading higher education institute in the North East region of Ireland and has earned an international reputation for first-class teaching and learning.

We offer globally-recognised undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across our four Academic Schools of Business & Humanities, Engineering, Health & Science and Informatics & Creative Arts.

All of our programmes are highly practical and are designed in partnership with industry. This ensures that you will develop work-ready skills to help you excel in your future career. You will have access to the latest technology and first-class facilities via our state-of-the-art campus. In 2018, DkIT secured €18.5 million investment for Science, Technology, Engineering and Business Facilities.

With more than 35 nationalities and over 50 student clubs represented on campus, DkIT is an exciting and diverse place to be. Our green-field, park-like campus is located in a thriving and innovative region, with convenient access to beaches, mountains, and endless adventure. We are confident you will have plenty of opportunities to make new friends and create unforgettable memories in DkIT.

We are a very multicultural campus with more than 600 international and Erasmus exchange students on campus. At DkIT we are proud of our links with our international partners and we look forward to welcoming new students to our growing international community.

We recognise that choosing to leave your own country in order to achieve academic qualifications is a life-changing decision. The International Office is here to support you through this experience

We look forward to welcoming you to our diverse and stimulating student community.

DkIT President, Michael Mulvey, PhD

Top Reasons to Think DkIT



Small Class Sizes

No one wants to be stuck at the back of a 200 seat lecture theatre. To make sure you get enough contact hours with tutors we keep our class sizes small to ensure that you never feel lost and can easily get the support you need.



Work Placements

We have internships, work placement, industry and community connections in place to help you gain real-life professional experiences before your graduate. 94% of DkIT graduates progress to either full-time employment or further education.



A Social Campus

Our vibrant Institute community offers you opportunities to participate in 50+ sports and cultural societies which is a great way to make new friends.



Sports Campus

DkIT Sport is one of the best equipped gyms in Ireland and it's open to all DkIT students. It boasts a swimming pool, gym, and high performance strength & conditioning training zone plus 10 indoor pitches.



Research Informed Teaching

DkIT is one of the leading Institutes of Technology in Ireland in terms of research performance. This strong focus on research and discovery enhances and informs our teaching.



Accommodation

DkIT has an array of accommodation options for international students within walking distance to campus, and accommodation in Dundalk is 50% cheaper than in Dublin.



Pathways

We have a unique set of foundation programmes specifically designed to fast-track you into study at degree level.



Diverse Range of Programmes

70+ undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across our 4 academic schools of Business & Humanities, Engineering, Health & Science and Informatics & Creative Arts. There are also Erasmus opportunities for international students.





Meet the Team



The International Office

Hello, Dia Duit, Witaj, Laba Diena, Sveiki, Hola, Namaste, Guten Tag, Bonjour, Ciao, Selamat Datang, Hallo...just some of the languages you hear everyday on campus at DkIT.

The International Office provides information, support and advice to future and current international students and to students wishing to study overseas on exchange programmes. It runs on-campus orientation programmes for new international students including a wide variety of events to assist you in adjusting to life at DkIT.

We aim to support you at each stage of your studies from pre-arrival right through to Graduation. Some of the supports that we offer include:

- Airport collection for scheduled group collection
- Orientation days
- Accommodation support
- Immigration registration
- Setting up bank accounts
- Pastoral care

Connect With Our Team



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Our Location - Ireland



Top 10
in world for
education

Why choose Ireland?

- Ranked in the top 10 in the world for our education system.
- Live in one of Europe's only English-speaking countries.
- Internationally recognised qualifications.
- Work part-time and study - 20/40 hours per week, term/holiday time.
- Minimum wage is €10.50 per hour.
- Connect with career opportunities with leading global companies located in Ireland.
- Experience living in one of the friendliest and safest countries in the world.
- In 2010, Lonely Planet named Ireland the most friendly country in the world.
- The Global Peace Index rates 158 nations worldwide on measures such as conflict, safety and security in society and militarisation. In 2014, it ranked Ireland the 13th most peaceful place on Earth.
- In 2013, the OECD put Ireland in the top ten in its Better Life Index



#DkIT

€10.50

national minimum
wage

Ireland has:

- The Top 5 Global software companies.
- 9 of the top 10 US technology companies.
- All of the world's Top 10 pharmaceutical companies.
- 14 of the top 15 Medical technology companies.

Our Region - Dundalk

Studying at DkIT will give you access to one of the most culturally rich and beautiful areas of the island of Ireland.

Facts about Our Location:

- We are located in Dundalk, Co. Louth, which is in the north east of Ireland positioned halfway between the two largest cities on the island of Ireland, Belfast and Dublin.
- 1 hour by road or rail from Dublin or Belfast
- Access via ferries, trains and buses to mainland UK and Europe.
- Dundalk is served by the Dublin-Belfast train corridor (Dundalk's central train Station is approximately a 20 minute walk from the campus).
- DkIT campus is around 10 minutes' walk from the centre of town.
- Main employment opportunities in Ireland are within an hour of campus.
- Almost one third of Ireland's population resides between the Dublin Belfast corridor
- Internationally recognised clusters in financial services, existing and emerging technologies, engineering, life sciences and food manufacturing
- For more information about Dundalk, visit www.dundalk.ie

**Dundalk
Train Station**

(20 minute walk)
Train to Dublin or
Belfast

(20 minute walk)
Dundalk
Town Centre

(20 minute walk)
Marshes
Shopping Centre

(5 minute walk)
Louth County
Hospital

Bus Stop

(60 minute journey)
Bus to Dublin

Student
Accommodation

Crowne Plaza
Dundalk

(10 minute walk)
DkIT
Sport

(15 minute walk)
Dundalk
Retail Park

(45 minute journey)
Motorway to
Dublin or Belfast

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Our Campus

Our compact campus is in one location and is packed with state-of-the-art facilities to support your learning journey and is filled the brim with character. The campus is within a stone's throw of nature and just one hour's drive from Ireland's two largest cities, Dublin and Belfast.

A Cultured Campus

Our campus is a vibrant, artistic and cultural hotspot. With its very own performance theatre on campus, we regularly host live music, theatre and dance.

A Sustainable Campus

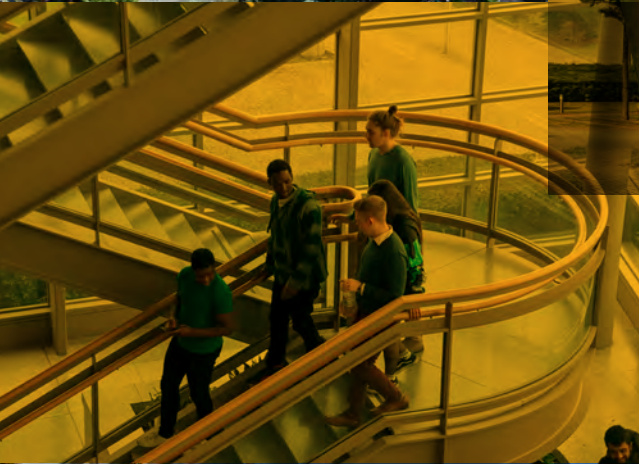
DkIT's iconic wind turbine generates enough electricity to support 50% of the Institute's annual energy requirement.

World Class Campus

DkIT has a state-of-the-art campus with impressive facilities across its 4 academic schools of Business & Humanities, Engineering, Health & Science and Informatics & Creative Arts. In 2018, the Institute received €18.5 million investment to transform its existing science and engineering facilities into a STEM centre of excellence for the region.

A Culinary Campus

DkIT has its own fully equipped training restaurant and hospitality suite on site. Our hospitality students regularly organise pop-up restaurants, artisan cake sales, and coffee mornings – all at super reduced prices!.



Your Learning Journey

We are committed to providing all of our students with as many learning opportunities as possible, both inside and outside the classroom. We have a number of learning supports designed to help you get the best possible results from your time with us.

Teaching Excellence

We use a variety of teaching methods including lectures, tutorials, skills-labs, practical learning and group-work to help you develop the skills required for you to explore your subject through independent study.

Student Learning & Development Centre

This is a friendly and supportive space for students who wish to improve their english academic and study skills. The centre provides supports in relation to IT, study-skills, academic writing and referencing and other related matters that may benefit your academic life. dkit.ie/sldc

Maths Learning Centre

We recognise that students may require additional Mathematics support during their academic journey. Our Maths Learning Centre is open to all students and you can drop-in at any time to request support for any problems you may have. Email: mlc@dkit.ie

DkIT Library

Located at the heart of the campus, the DkIT library gives you access to a rich and diverse collection of scholarly research and learning resources. The library also offers training courses throughout the year to help students make the most effective use of our resources and services. dkit.ie/library

IT Learning Centre

The IT Learning Centre is a tutor-supported study environment available to all Computing students in DkIT. It is an open resource to students covering a wide range of computing topics such as programming, networking, web development and much more. dkit.ie/learningsupports



Supports On Campus

Healthcare

DkIT has a Health Unit on campus, that is free-of-charge to any registered student of the Institute.

If you have a condition for which you need ongoing medical care, you will need to register with a Doctor's Surgery in Dundalk. The Institute requires you to tell us at application stage the details of any medical conditions that you have, in order that we can plan for your care needs.

You must have health insurance for your entire stay in Ireland. Immigration officers may ask you for proof of this when you arrive.

Non-EU students must obtain private health insurance. You can purchase insurance in your home country, however you will need to ensure that it is valid in Ireland and in any other countries you plan to travel to. There are different levels of private health insurance available. Students are advised to read their policy documents carefully. Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) requires that, if you have health insurance from your own country it must cover you up to €25,000 for in-hospital treatment.

If you are coming to Ireland to study on an academic course of more than one year, you are deemed 'ordinary resident' from the moment you arrive in Ireland, and therefore require more comprehensive health insurance.

Further details on health insurance plans available to students are available via the Study and Protect website

Comprehensive plans are also available from one of the three main private health insurance companies in Ireland: VHI, Irish Life or Laya Healthcare. Please note that in order to apply for a policy from one of these companies you will need to provide an address in Ireland and you may also require a PPS number. We recommend that you check the waiting periods on these policies. Further information on health insurance in Ireland is available through the Health Insurance Authority website.

Counselling

DkIT operates a free and confidential counselling service to students. Counsellors provide encouragement and support on academic issues, coping with stress and other issues affecting student life. Email: counsellor@dkit.ie

Careers and Employability

The Careers and Employability Service at DkIT provides you with the support needed to plan your career. The Service incorporates the Careers Service and Student Placement Service.

2 out of 3 DkIT programmes offer work placement, and/or study-abroad opportunities. The Student Placement Services coordinates the work-placements at DkIT and it can support you in the following ways:

- Professional skills profiling, CV and Interview Preparation
- One-to-one and group support in researching and sourcing placement, and providing support during placement
- Placement resource pack
- Placement Feedback

Email: careers@dkit.ie

The ERASMUS+ Programme

DkIT offers opportunities to students on most of its programmes to participate in a Study-semester, or Placement-semester abroad at one of the Institute's 70+ European ERASMUS partner universities. Erasmus grant-support is provided when abroad. If you wish to apply for an Erasmus Study, or Placement semester in Europe during your programme, please contact DkIT International Office for an Expression of Interest form at: erasmus@dkit.ie

Disability Service

The Disability office provides supports and advocates on behalf of any student with a physical, sensory or learning difficulty, or who has a mental health condition that interferes with the learning process.

Services include:

- Specific exam arrangement
- Assistive Technology
- Learning Support
- Personal Assistants

You are encouraged to make contact with the service as early as possible in order to discuss in confidence any facilities and supports you may require during the course of your study. For more information email: disability@dkit.ie

Pastoral Care

The DkIT Pastoral Care is available to all students and provides pastoral and holistic care within the college community. Our on-site pastoral care staff organise a variety of events and services and are always on hand to provide a friendly face, a smile and words of welcome to students of all faiths. For more information visit: dkit.ie/chaplaincy



Life at DkIT

Students Union (SU)

When you come to DkIT, you will have the chance to become a member of the SU – one of the most active students' unions in the country. The Union's vision is to make sure you love your time at DkIT and it offers an enviable range of help, advice, supports, events, activities and entertainment. The DkIT SU is run by students for students and ensures the 5,200-strong student community is represented. The DkIT Students' Union is famed for its eclectic events programme, designed to make your time at college truly unforgettable. Email: president@dkitsu.ie

DkIT Clubs and Societies

The DkIT Sports & Societies Office runs over 50 student-led clubs and societies, bringing together like-minded students. Whether you want to pursue an existing interest or try something completely new, there is something for everyone – from football to politics, photography to horseriding, dance to fashion and even circus arts.

Many of our academic departments also have their own society, which is a great way of getting to know people from your course and from other courses and year groups. As well as organising social events, many also arrange interesting talks and careers events, giving you the opportunity to network with industry professionals. For a full list of sport and societies on campus, please visit dkit.ie/sports-&-societies

International Student Society ESN

As an international student at DkIT, you are encouraged to become a member of the ESN (Erasmus Student Network) Society. This society offers you an excellent opportunity to get to know new international and Erasmus students from all over the world at DkIT. The society organises regular social excursions and meet-ups. See www.facebook.com/ESNDKIT/

Volunteering

We encourage our international students to get involved in Volunteering activities. During your studies at DkIT, there are lots of exciting ways in which you can get involved as a Volunteer, supporting fellow-students while at DkIT, and/or getting involved in community projects off-campus.

DkIT is proud to advertise its annual ELEVATE Awards celebrating active citizenship at the Institute. Students of the Institute who have contributed hugely to the DkIT community in many ways as Student Ambassadors, Clubs and Societies Officers, Student Reps, Volunteers etc are encouraged to apply for an ELEVATE award.

Some of the things our international students said to us about volunteering:
"Through Volunteering I got to practice my English, outside of class-time"



Sport at DkIT

At DkIT we believe sport is for all, from absolute beginners to top-class athlete, there are opportunities for everyone to get involved, keep healthy and get active.

DkIT Sports and Societies

The Sports and Societies office in DkIT offers a range of student based activities and assists in the development of more than 50 clubs and societies. The office employs a GAA Co-ordinator, part-time Soccer Co-ordinator, Rugby Development Officer and a number of other coaches.

DkIT Sport Centre

DkIT Sport, our flagship multimillion euro indoor facility, provides a variety of fitness, sport and wellbeing opportunities including: a fully equipped gym, 8 indoor 5 aside football pitches, 65m x 35m training area, team strength and conditioning area, 20-metre swimming pool and steam room & jacuzzi. The facility is a short 10 minutes' walk from campus and all students receive free membership with their student fee. For more information about DkIT Sport visit: dkitsport.ie

Additional Sports Facilities:

DkIT Sport 5 aside soccer pitches

A limited number of pitches can be booked for free by contacting DkIT Sports and Societies office.

Faulkner Hall (MPC)

The Faulkner Hall is a multi-purpose centre used for indoor activities. It is used for both class activities and also for many of the sports clubs and societies within DkIT.

Outdoor Playing Fields

The multi-functional playing fields cater for all the main sports, Gaelic Football, Hurling, Soccer, Rugby and Athletics.

Jogging lane

The jogging facility is widely used by both staff and students alike and runs along the perimeter of the playing fields and is approximately 1 mile in distance.



Accommodation

Accommodation in the Dundalk area is approximately 50% cheaper than the Dublin region.

Accommodation-types available for international students at DkIT include:

- Hall-of-residence accommodation (Rental costs vary, depending on the hall-of-residence and room-type. Halls-of-residences will give priority to students, seeking to reside for an academic year (2 semesters).
- Private house rental (indicative cost: €100 per week. Excludes utilities). For suggested private accommodation rental options, check www.daft.ie/lettings/ or www.myhome.ie/rentals
- You are advised to exercise caution in paying a deposit on accommodation you have not yet seen. It is advisable that the rented house you select has a functioning security alarm and is fitted with smoke-and carbon-monoxide detectors.
- Family homestays (indicative cost: €180 - €200 per week. Includes all meals, utilities and facilities)

DkIT International Office has an Accommodations Officer to support you with your accommodation-search, depending on your accommodation preference. Most international students elect to stay in halls-of-residence in their first year of study, in order to meet new students and be located within walking-distance of college.

Please note that DkIT does not own, or manage halls-of-residence. Your rental agreement with your accommodation-provider is legally-binding. It is important that you make yourself aware of the terms and conditions when signing a rental agreement.

We advise that you select your accommodation, prior to arriving in Dundalk. Payment should be made in full for the accommodation (including Deposit and Utilities, where utilities are charged in advance.

For further information on any aspect of accommodation, contact the DkIT International Office to international@dkit.ie



21st Century Graduates

DkIT graduates are in high demand by both employers and institutes of higher education across Ireland and beyond.

Our emphasis on hands-on learning through work-placements, student projects, practical assessment, and our close links with industry means that DkIT graduates are job ready when they complete their studies.

In 2016, global OECD recognised DkIT as a 'highly performing institution in respect of entrepreneurial behaviours and mindsets amongst staff and students.' All academic courses have embedded elements of entrepreneurship within them with the aim of producing desirable graduate attributes such as creativity, critical thinking problem solving and teamwork.

The Institute's annual conferring of Awards takes place at the beginning of November. Conferring ceremonies are joyful occasions in the life of the Institute, when the community at DkIT comes together to honour its new graduates, and their family and friends.

About last year's graduates

- 94% employed or in further study within 9 months of graduation
- 82% earned greater than 20k at entry level positions
- 73% have permanent contract within 9 months of graduation
- 71% of graduates said that their qualification helped them secure their current position
- 75% said that their area of study was relevant to their careers now



Research and Development

We are passionate about research and innovation and believe strongly in its ability to transform society. Our research makes a vital contribution to the economic, social and cultural life of the North Leinster, South Ulster Region of Ireland and beyond. That is why it is such an important part of our learning and teaching.

Since 2016 DkIT has secured over €10 million in research funding, making it one of the leading Institutes of Technology in Ireland in terms of research performance. Our success in research has also opened up a variety of exciting postgraduate opportunities for our students in ground-breaking areas of research.

DkIT has been granted the HR Excellence in Research award in recognition of its commitment to creating an attractive, supportive and stimulating environment in which to carry out research. This allows us to attract some of the best researchers worldwide to come and work with us.

DkIT conducts research of an international standing in its three prioritised established research themes:

- Energy & Environment
- ICT, Health and Ageing
- Creative Arts

Postgraduate Research

DkIT offers a variety of exciting postgraduate research opportunities at doctoral and masters level. To find out more about the opportunities in this area please visit:

dkit.ie/postgraduateresearch

Fees & Visas



*Health insurance is a requirement for all international students registered at the Institute. A copy of your health insurance policy can be provided to you on request. Please note that your policy provides cover for new illnesses, or accidents arising in Ireland during the period of cover. It does not provide for pre-existing conditions requiring ongoing treatment, for which you will need to register with a local Doctor in Ireland. Please check with DkIT International Office for further details on your cover.

Visas

Citizens from some countries require a study-visa for Ireland. All visa queries should be directed to your Education Agent, or to the Irish Embassy in your home-country. A list of the Irish Embassies can be found at www.dfa.ie/embassies/irish-embassies-abroad/

For up-to-date information on visa-regulations, please check www.inis.gov.ie

Ireland is **not** a member of the Schengen Agreement. If you have obtained a visa for a Schengen country, you will need to apply for a separate visa for Ireland.

Dundalk Institute of Technology supports new international students on arrival with application for the **Irish Residence Permit** (formerly known as GNIB Card).

On arrival in Dublin you will receive a landing stamp on your passport, permitting you to stay in Ireland for (typically) 90 days.

You are required to make an appointment with the Immigration authority, **before** the date on your landing stamp expires, in order to extend your study-visa, and apply for an Irish Residence Permit (IRP).



Supporting Your Arrival

1. Airport-Collection

DkIT International Office will arrange an airport collection service if your accommodation has been arranged by DkIT International Office.

2. Money and Cost-of-Living

Once your accommodation and deposit have been paid in advance, you are advised not to carry large amounts of cash with you on your arrival to Ireland. A guide amount of €500 should be sufficient. Bring your ATM and Credit Card. Check that your ATM Card can be used in Ireland to withdraw money. This will limit risks of carrying cash, but will incur charges for withdrawals, or purchases.

Additional money (minimum €3,000) can be sent by TT, after you have opened an Irish bank account.

DkIT International Office will assist you with basic shopping on arrival in Dundalk, e.g purchase of a phone-card SIM, so that you have an Irish contact mobile number. The monthly phone-cost is typically €20 (includes unlimited data).

Monthly spending costs*:

- Accommodation: €550/month
- Food, Hobbies, Travel and Entertainment: €300/month.

**These are guide-rates only and will vary according to your personal budget and expectations.*

Some international students choose to find part-time jobs while studying at DkIT. The minimum hourly wage is currently €10.10. If you secure a part-time job, you will be required to apply for a PPS Number (Personal Public Service Number). Enquire at DkIT International Office for further details on getting a PPS number.

Your study-visa allows you to work up to 20 hours per week during the academic term, and up to 40 hours per week in the holidays. Your programme of study at DkIT is full-time and the demands of study need to be balanced with your free-time. You are required to attend at a minimum of 80% - 85% of your classes each semester, for the purposes of Irish Residence Permit (IRP) renewal. For that reason, we advise you to keep part-time working to a minimum.

You will need to open a Bank Account after your arrival in Dundalk, as a condition of your study-visa. DkIT International Office will assist you with bank-account opening. Bank account is opened in EURO. Once you have opened a bank-account, you will be issued with a bank statement (as verification of your Irish postal address) and a bank-card with a PIN number. You can then arrange a TT transfer from your home country.

3. International Welcome Days

DkIT International Office coordinates International Welcome Days. It is very important that you attend at International Welcome Days. The purpose of International Welcome Days is to:

- Welcome you to DkIT and introduce you to the Campus
- Meet new International Students
- Meet Academic- and Student-Services Staff
- Get registered
- Learn more about Ireland and some of the Cultural Differences you can expect to find
- Learn about important facilities and supports available to you
- Socialise with other new international students

4. Irish Residence Permit

DkIT International Office will assist you with your application for an Irish Residence Permit (IRP) – formerly known as GNIB card. As a new student you will be accompanied by DkIT International Office to the local Immigration Office – by appointment - to complete this process. The IRP process may take a few weeks to complete, as you will need to have opened a bank-account first. You will need the following documents to apply for the IRP card:

- Your passport
- A Letter from Dundalk Institute of Technology, verifying that you are a registered student of the Institute and that

you have paid your tuition fees and charges in full for the current academic year.

- Class-attendance record (for continuing students at the Institute). For IRP renewal-application, you are required to have a minimum of 85% class-attendance from the previous academic year. Poor class-attendance may result in your IRP application being rejected, or being issued on a temporary basis only.
- €300 IRP registration fee payable by credit/debit card.
- Proof of your address in Ireland (utility bill, or equivalent).
- Evidence that you can support yourself financially while studying in Ireland (€3,000 in your bank-account if you are staying for 6+ months), or equivalent of €500 per month, if you are staying for 6 months, or less.

If you are residing in the Dublin area, you can apply for the Irish Residence Permit to the INIS Office, 13/14, Burgh Quay, Dublin 2. You must book an appointment first online.

Immigration Arrangements for Third-level Graduate Programme

If you graduate with an award at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications, you will be granted a **one-year** (twelve month) permission to remain in Ireland to seek employment (up to a maximum of seven years student permission overall), i.e time spent on Stamp 2 as a student and on Stamp 1G under this programme cannot exceed an aggregate time of seven years in total.

If you graduate with an award at Level 9, or 10 on the National Framework of Qualifications you will be granted a **two-year** (twenty-four months) permission to remain in Ireland to seek employment (up to a maximum of eight years student permission overall), i.e time spent on Stamp 2 as a student and on Stamp 1G under this programme cannot exceed an aggregate time of eight years in total.

Class-Start

Typical class contact hours weekly is approximately 20 hours, depending on the programme of study.

The programme typically consists of lectures, tutorials and/or lab practicals. It is your responsibility to maintain regular class-attendance.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances that may necessitate you being absent from your programme temporarily, or needing to apply to defer your exams due to absence, it is important that you communicate with your Head of Department on this matter.

In the event of you needing to withdraw from your programme please familiarize yourself with the International Refund Policy at www.dkit.ie/international-office/international-students/fees/refund-policy

Examinations

Semester examinations typically consist of scheduled examinations and continuous assessment. Continuous assessment may account for up to 50% of a module-weighting, so regular class-attendance is very important. Continuous assessments may be oral, written, presentation based, group projects or lab practicals.

Scheduled Semester 1

examinations take place in January. **Scheduled**

Semester 2

examinations take place in May.

Repeat examinations take place in August.

Examination timetables are published one month before the start of exams. Check your examination timetable before you book your flights home. Details of examinations can be found at www.dkit.ie/exams



Institute Calendar 2022/2023

The Academic Year runs from September to August. Most programs are organised on a semester basis, there being two semesters in the academic year. Apprenticeship programs may run on a different timetable. In certain cases, where work placement is involved, these dates may vary. If in doubt students should contact their department.

Semester 1 – 2022

05 September	Monday
12 September	Monday
19 September	Monday
26-27 September	Monday-Tuesday
28 September	Wednesday
31 October	Monday-Friday
09 November	Wednesday
16 December	Friday

Semester 1 starts for 3rd and 4th Year Nursing and Midwifery students and Higher Diploma in Midwifery Students.
Semester 1 starts for all other continuing students
Start Date for Apprentice Block
1st Year Induction
Class1st years of Semester
Study/Reading Week/Conferring
Open Evening
Semester 1 ends

Institute Closed 24th December 2022. Institute Re-Opens 3rd January 2023

03 January	Tuesday	Start Date for Apprentice Block
04 January	Wednesday	Start Date for Winter Examinations
21 January	Saturday	Open Morning

Semester 2 – 2023

23 January	Monday	Semester 2 beginsStart Date for
29 March	Wednesday	Open Evening
31 March	Friday	Classes finish for Easter
03 April	Monday	Start Date for Apprentice Block

Institute Closed 7th April 2023. Institute Re-Opens 11th April 2023.

17 April	Monday	Classes recommence after Easter
05 May	Friday	Semester 2 Ends
08 May	Monday	Study Week
15-26 May	Monday-Friday (inclusive)	Summer Examinations

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information in this calendar, the Institute reserves the right to make reasonable amendments to details and cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies or omissions.





Additional Information

Who to Contact in DkIT

- **Queries prior to arrival:** Your education agent or email international@dkit.ie
- **On Arrival:** International Office – Located on 1st floor of Whittaker Building (main building)
- **Accommodation:** International Office – Ms.Tanya Rice (Accommodation Officer)
- **Pastoral Care:** International Office – Ms. Summer Wu
- **Change of Address:** Admissions Office
- **Academic Issues:** Head of Department
- **Timetables:** School Office or online at timetables.dkit.ie
- **Examinations:** Department Office
- **Examination Results:** Department Office
- **Absences:** School Office
- **Health and Medical Matters:** Health Unit (Student Services Office)
- **Sports Clubs and Societies:** Student Services Office

Useful links

Asian Food Shops

Asian Valley Noodle Box and Market
Asian Supplies Ltd

Halal Shops

Dundalk Halal Shop
Marhaba Food Store & Halal Meat

Dundalk Islamic Culture Centre

www.dicc.ie/

Muslim Community Mosque

Rampart Court, 3 The Ramparts, Townparks,
Dundalk, Co. Louth - (042) 932 0687

Prayer Room

Located in the Carrolls building in DkIT

Part-time work

www.jobs.ie
www.indeed.ie
www.simplyhired.ie
www.gumtree.ie

Bus

www.matthews.ie
www.buseireann.ie

Train

www.irishrail.ie

Air

www.ryanair.ie
aerlingus.com

Banking

Allied Irish Bank - www.aib.ie

Bank of Ireland - www.boi.ie

Public Hospitals

Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda

www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/acutehospitals/hospitals/lourdes/

Doctors

General Practitioners in Louth

www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/louth/gps,-out-of-hours-gp-service,-medical-card/general-practitioners-in-louth.html

Shopping Centres

www.dundalkretailpark.ie

www.marsheshopping.ie

www.longwalksc.com

Shops

www.penneys.ie

www.dunnes.ie

Supermarkets

www.tesco.ie – close to DkIT campus

www.dunnes.ie – close to DkIT campus

www.aldi.ie

www.lidl.ie

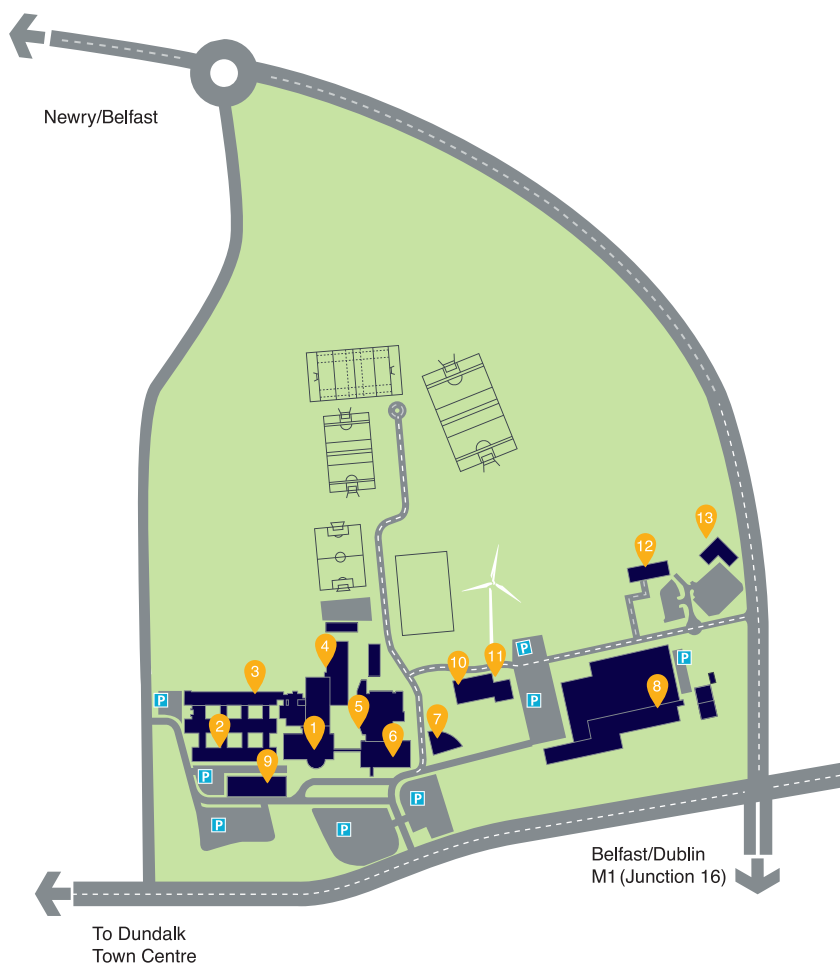
www.supervalue.ie

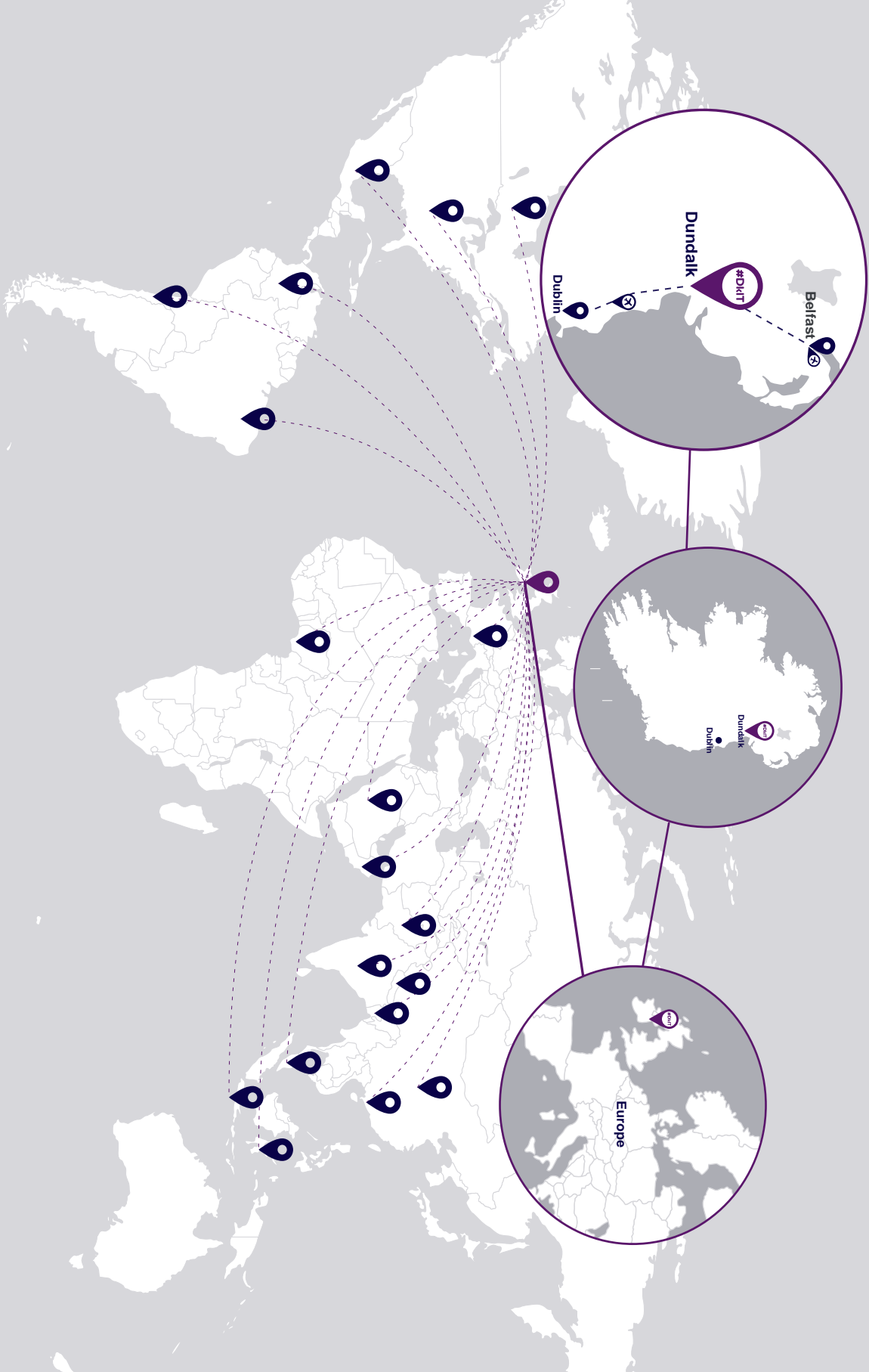
Things to do in Dundalk

- Cinema - for cinema listings see www.imc.ie
- Theatre - for theatre listings in Dundalk see www.aintaintheatre.com
- Live Music - www.spiritstore.ie
- Outdoor activity centre - www.carlingfordadventure.com
- Water sports centre - www.carlingfordadventure.com
- Night Clubs
- Shopping Malls
- Numerous restaurants
- Museums, art galleries etc.
- DkIT Sports – swimming pool, gym, indoor & outdoor training pitches, sauna, jacuzzi
- Festivals happening throughout the year locally and elsewhere in Ireland
- For entertainment listings check the local weekly newspapers, The Argus and The Dundalk Democrat

Campus Map

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| 1 Dr. T.K. Whitaker Building
(Reception, Lifelong Learning
Centre, Library) | 5 Faulkner Building (Student
Services and Multi-Purpose
Centre) | 9 Regional Development Centre |
| 2 School of Engineering | 6 Hospitality Training Building | 10 Campus Restaurant |
| 3 Department of Applied
Science | 7 Muirhevna Building: Nursing
and Health | 11 MacAnna Theatre |
| 4 School of Business
and Humanities | 8 The Carroll Building (School
of Informatics and Creative
Arts) | 12 Student Accommodation |
| | | 13 Crowne Plaza Hotel |





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