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UL Global Student Handbook

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About Us



UL Global

UL Global is responsible for a range of international programmes and activities for both staff and students including:

- The recruitment, welcoming and support of international students, from non-EU countries on full-time undergraduate and postgraduate programmes
- The organisation and hosting of Summer School Programmes
- Managing and reporting on Federal Loans and private study loans to eligible students from the USA studying at the University of Limerick
- International student exchanges
- The Erasmus+ Programme,the European Programme in education,training, youth and sportfunded by the European Commission

Meet the UL Global Team

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Facebook: UL Global
YouTube: UL Global
Instagram: ulglobal and globe_ul
LinkedIn: UL Global

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We welcome your feedback and input into our activities. Feel free to comment here.

University of Limerick

Established in 1972, the University of Limerick is an independent, internationally focused university with over 16,500 students and approximately 1,700 staff. It is a young, energetic and enterprising university with a proud record of innovation in education and excellence in research and scholarship. The University offers programmes across a wide range of disciplines, including arts, business, engineering and construction, health and medicine, information and communication technology, law, mathematics and natural sciences. UL has many market-leading programmes and several which are unique in Ireland. Programmes such as our BA Arts degree and the Bachelor of Business Studies are amongst the largest in Ireland and some of our Teacher Education programmes are the only ones of their kind. The University's mission is to build on the expertise of our scholars in creating, harnessing and imparting knowledge for the benefit of our students and the enrichment of our community.

The University is recognised as possessing one of the most spectacular and environmentally sympathetic third-level campuses in the world. The campus has unrivalled sports and cultural facilities. These include Ireland's first Olympic-size swimming pool, an indoor sports arena, a boathouse with a state-of-the-art indoor rowing tank, the 1,100-seat University Concert Hall, the Irish Chamber Orchestra Building, the Irish World Academy and an impressive range of visual art, including outdoor sculptures, the National Self-Portrait Collection of Ireland and the Water Colour Society of Ireland Collection. The campus is located 5km from Limerick city and 20km from Shannon International Airport.

The campus is home to the Nexus Innovation Centre, which supports spinout activity in the region, and is central to the UL Enterprise Corridor, which hosts leading R&D companies such as Johnson & Johnson. Adjacent to the University is the National Technology Park (NTP), Ireland's first science/technology park (263 hectares), which is home to over 80 organisations employing over 3,000 people.

Find out more about the four Academic Faculties here.

Awards and Achievements

Irish Education Awards:
Best Erasmus Programme 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
Best Campus 2019 and 2020

Read more facts, figures and achievements

Campus Map















LEGEND - UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING BUILDINGS

Schuman Building
(SG, S1, S2)

Kemmy Business School
(KBG, KB1, KB2, KB3)

Computer Science Building
(CSG, CS1, CS2, CS3)

Glucksman Library and Information Services Building
(GLG, GL0, GL1, GL2)

Foundation Building
(FB, FG, F1, F2)

Engineering Research Building
(ERB, ER0, ER1, ER2)

Languages Building
(LCB, LC0, LC1, LC2)

Lonsdale Building
(LB, LG, L1,L2)

Science and Education Building
(SR1, SR2, SR3)

PESS Building
(PG, PM, P1, P2)

Health Sciences Building
(HSG,HS1,HS2,HS3)

Main Building (Blocks A,B,C,D,E)
Block A: A0,AM, A1, A2, A3
Block B: B0, BM, B1, B2,B3
Block C: CG, C0, CM, C1,C2
Block D: DG, D0, DM, D1,D2
Block E: EG, E0, EM, E1, E2

Analog Building
(AD0, AD1, AD2, AD3)

Irish World Academy Building
(IWG, IW1, IW2)

School of Medecine
(GEMS0, GEMS1, GEMS2, GEMS3)

Campus Tour

Explore our beautiful campus and facilities via a campus tour. Book in advance!

This Virtual Tour brings you through our award winning campus, the impressive Sports Arena and the newly extended Glucksman Library, the student villages across campus and everything in between! Give it a watch and see what UL has to offer!

Ireland, Travel Requirements, and Arrival



Documents to bring

Generally, to open a bank account you require proof of source of funds documentation. This could be 6 months (up to the current month) of bank statements from your home country. These are your parents' accounts if they are funding you or, your own accounts if you are self-funding. The documents you bring will have to be certified/notarised in your home country before you arrive. If you have already arrived, you will have to organise for someone in your home country to help you with this. Statements must be in English or else you must provide a certified translation.

- Check your passport is in date for the duration of your time in Ireland
- Make sure you have all the required documents to support your visa and the documentation for extending your visa to study and for opening a bank account.
- UL offer letter sent via email or hardcopy
- Proof of Funds
- Medical Insurance documentation
- Travel Insurance documentation
- Medical prescriptions and documents you need regularly. If you are travelling with medical equipment such as syringes or Epi Pens, you will need clearance from your airline. Make sure the prescriptions state the chemical names of the active ingredients and not just the brand name. Check with your airline regarding all medications as you may be travelling through more than one country to arrive in Ireland. Check that the medication is legal in Ireland and can be brought into the country. Your doctor can help with this.
- Medical information translated into English should you have a condition where you will need a regular prescription or medical consultations
- Tip: Make sure you leave copies of the documents and your passport with a family member in the event that they are misplaced so they can email copies when you need them

Packing Tips

The essentials for your carry-on bag include:

- Check the airline website for passenger requirements as they may differ from airline to airline
- A towel and a change of clothes for when you arrive at your accommodation.
- Your important documents
- Medications that you will need and original documentation related to the medications such as a certificate from the doctor and a prescription. Make sure medications are in their original packaging.
- Spare pair of glasses or contact lenses and the lens prescription
- Euro currency: Euro notes come in seven denominations 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 Euro. The 5, 10 and 50-euro notes are the most common notes in circulation. It is 100 cents to the Euro and coins are in denominations of 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents and 1 and 2 Euros.
- Some snacks - in case the airline does not have a food service running
- Your phone and charger. A travel adapter is also useful. The standard electricity voltage is between 220 – 240 volts. The frequency is 50 Hertz, the same as in most parts of Europe. If your electrical items are not suited to work under these conditions, you should equip yourself with a transformer. Buildings in Ireland have sockets for 13 amp square pin fused plugs. Adaptors are found in most supermarkets, in order to make your electronics compatible with the three-pin sockets.
- Check out tips and tricks from previous international students that might help you prepare!

Time Zone

Don't forget the change the time-zone before you travel. Ireland is in the same time zone as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). The clocks change twice yearly for summer time. The summer time period starts the last Sunday in March at 1.00am GMT, i.e. the clock goes forward one hour. The summertime period ends the last Sunday in October at 1.00am GMT, i.e. the clock goes back one hour.

Climate

Check out The Irish Meteorological Service for weather and climate information. Winters in Ireland are mild and summers temperate, due to the prevailing south-westerly winds and the influence of the warm water of the North Atlantic Drift. Ireland has a mild climate all year, averaging 2°- 7°C (35°- 45°F) in winter and 18°- 24°C (65°- 75°F) in summer. May and June are the sunniest months.

Emergency Contacts



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Emergency Telephone Numbers	Contact
UL Campus Emergencies (24 hours)	+353 61 213333
UL Campus Security (24 hours)	+353 61 234600
Gardaí (police; non-emergency)	+353 61 212400
UL Campus Medical Centre	+353 61 202534
University Hospital Limerick	+353 61 301111
St. John's Hospital	+353 61 462222
Rape Crisis Centre	1800 311 511 (free)
Adult Counselling Service	+353 61 411900
The Samaritans (Charity providing support for those in emotional distress, struggling to cope or at risk of suicide)	+353 61 412111
Aware (Charity providing support and information for those who experience depression or bipolar disorder and their families)	+353 61 314111
Emergencies (Gardaí, Fire Brigade, Ambulance)	999 / 112

Dates for your diary



Academic Calendar

You can view the academic calendar - past and future - on the website.

Autumn Semester 2025:
08 September to 20 December 2025

- Welcome Week: 01 to 05 September 2025
- Exams: 06 to 20 December 2025
- Results available: 22 January 2026

Spring Semester 2026:
26 January to 18 May 2026

- Welcome Week: 19 to 24 January 2026
- Exams: 05 to 18 May 2026
- Results available 18 June 2026

Celebrations and Holidays

In Ireland, there are ten public holidays each year (dates vary). During these dates, no classes will take place and services will be reduced on campus and across the country.

27 October 2025	October Bank Holiday
25 December 2025	Christmas Day
26 December 2025	St Stephen's Day
01 January 2026	New Year's Day
02 February 2026	St Brigid's Day
17 March 2026	St Patrick's Day
06 April 2026	Easter Monday
04 May 2026	May Bank Holiday
01 June 2026	June Bank Holiday
03 August 2026	August Bank Holiday

Getting Connected



Student Identification (ID) Card

- You will receive an enrolment email with instructions
- Make sure that you log into your student portal and update your contact address to your full address in Limerick
- Follow instructions on how to upload a photo

Note: If your 'Contact Address' does not reflect your Limerick Address or if the Address is incomplete this will delay the process of receiving your Student ID Card. Further information on receiving your UL student card will be distributed to you via email from the UL Global office

Information Technology Division (ITD) Information

ITD is responsible for supporting, maintaining and developing the information and communications technology at the University of Limerick. They manage a suite of enterprise applications and software systems that are critical to the teaching, learning, research and administrative functions of the institution.

ITD Student Services provides a range of information explaining How to set up your student account with step by step instructions for all your software requirements, email access and printing services.

Computer lab access and locations and protocols are available at the following link including a live map of availability.

UL also offers a range of software to students for free.

Brightspace

Brightspace is UL's Virtual Learning Environment. Brightspace is where you will find information and resources relating to your assigned modules. This can include course content such as

- Class Announcements & Notifications.
- Lecture Slides & Materials (PowerPoint/ PDF Slides, etc.)
- Video Material hosted on Panopto.
- Online Assessments & Evaluations.
- Class Discussion Forums.
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You can login to Brightspace here.

Further information can be found on the Brightspace Knowledge Base.

The Glucksman Library and Online Library Services

The Glucksman Library supports the teaching, learning and research activities of the University of Limerick by providing quality information resources, education, support and facilities to students, faculty, staff and researchers. With over one million in-person visits annually and 1.5 million downloads from the digital collections, the Glucksman Library is one of the most popular and heavily used places on campus. The Library is a well-designed, modern building offering a pleasant and comfortable study environment. The Lewis L. and Loretta Brennan Glucksman Library opened in 1998 as a 6,900 square metre facility spread across three floors. Its new wing opened in 2018 and now comprises of

- Seating for 1,100 people
- Study areas for silent, quiet and group work
- Study Rooms available for group bookings
- Wireless internet access throughout the library and wired access at all desks on floors 1 and 2
- Plaza café located adjacent to the library entrance

Library Services

The Library staff aim to provide a high quality, personal and friendly service in a user-centred supportive environment. Services include

- Self-service borrowing and return
- Information desk & Special Collections desk
- Ask Us – Tell Us online query service
- Inter library loans
- Subject-specialist assistance from faculty librarians
- Research support services
- New student support services
- Information skills training
- Referencing skills support
- A fantastic collection of fiction and nonfiction for your reading pleasure on the ground floor

Online Library Services

The library website provides more information on how to access eResources.

Library Jargon Buster

Bibliography A list of books or a list of sources on a particular topic.
Catalogue An online database, which lists the library's collection of print and audio-visual resources.
Citation A brief description of a publication referring to a specific passage, text, author etc. It appears as a Reference or Footnote and contains sufficient details to enable you to locale the publication. Please refer to the library's booklet Cite It Right for help with referencing.
Database or an index. It often includes details of individual articles within journals and sometimes chapters in books. It is searchable.
Dewey decimal Shelf Mark A code that appears on a label on the spine of each item in the Library numbering subject from 000 to 999.
E-book or E-Journal A book or journal that is in electronic format and can be read in full online.
Inter-Library Loan(ILL) A loan made between libraries which you may need to request if items you want are not held by the Library in print or online.
Journal (also called periodical or serial) A publication containing scholarly articles and published at regular intervals.
Journal Article A piece of research written by an academic or other expert, to communicate new ideas or findings to the wider research community. Several articles are published together or within journal issue.
Reference collection This describes items that you may use in the Library but may not borrow such as dictionaries and atlases.
Short loan 3 hour and 24-hour short loan items are located on the ground floor of the Library behind the Information Desk. 3 day and 7 day short loan items can be found with standard loan items on floors 1 and 2.
Special Collections A collection of old and rare books, manuscripts and other archive materials. Special Collections can be consulted on the second floor of the Library.
Store Level This is a store room on the garden level of the Library, CLC-003, where lesser used items such as books, journals, reference material and back runs of newspapers are held.
Summon This is the Library's search engine. It allows you to find items that are in the library catalogue in addition to other electronic material that the Library own

Telephones

There are several different providers, all with 'pre-pay' or 'pay-as-you-go' plans. Most give you free calls and texts for one month with data. Vodafone SIM cards available at UL Global.

Television

Ireland has a free national digital television service called Saorview. Television channels available in the Republic of Ireland are RTÉ One, RTÉ2, Virgin Media One, TG4, Virgin Media Two, Virgin Media Three and Virgin Media Sport. British TV channels can be picked up in most parts of Ireland on Cable TV and satellite.

You can download the RTE player app on your device to watch RTE player while you are here.

Radio

There are six national radio stations and many local ones. A full list and links are available from the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, make sure to check out the local Limerick radio stations.

Newspapers and Magazines

Popular national daily newspapers include both online and print versions:

- Irish Independent
- Irish Times
- Examiner
- Limerick Voice

Local Newspapers include both online and print versions and are free in local shops and supermarkets

- Limerick Leader (both paid and free editions).
- Limerick Post
- An Focal

A full list of Irish print media can be found on the Press Council Website.
They are a good source of information for services and entertainment. All good newsagents sell a wide variety of special interest magazines, from sport to business. Publications can also be found in O'Mahony's bookstore, on Campus.

Public Libraries

Ireland also offers membership to public libraries as free to everyone. You can join the Irish public library online. Online services include ebooks, audiobooks. Rb Digital for access to free international magazines and comics, Press reader for access to online newspapers world wide, transparent languages for language learning and universal classes for online courses.

Student Health, Safety and Wellbeing



Student Affairs Division

The Student Affairs Division provides practical, physical, emotional, and academic support to empower students and the wider community to achieve their full potential. We do this by providing a range of professional services that support student participation, inclusion, engagement, and success in UL across the entire student lifecycle. We also do this by working with our local communities, education partners and schools to support prospective student access and progression to UL and to support broader university-community engagement.

The Student Health Centre

Please visit International Students | University of Limerick for further information for international students including information on frequently asked questions.

The Student Health Centre is located in block C, level M, in the main building and provides a service for University of Limerick registered students only.
The Student Health Centre is an urgent care/advisory service and deals with all general health issues as they present. Our services include access to: doctor (GP), nurse, contraceptive clinic, sexual health clinic and physiotherapy. This is not a free service and fees apply.

Pre-Travel Checklist for students who have a medical condition/are taking regular medication:

- I have discussed the pros and cons of living in a foreign country with my medical condition/s with my medical provider in my own country.
- I have a letter confirming my diagnosis and treatment plan from my medical provider.
- Regarding any medication:
- I am bringing my medication with me, OR
- I have checked that my medication is readily available in Ireland, OR
- If my treatment is not available in Ireland, I have discussed an alternative treatment with my provider that is available, and I am happy to proceed with my travel plans.
- I understand that my treatment may need specialist supervision whilst I am studying in Ireland and that there may be delays getting an appointment with a specialist.
- If my particular condition is high risk and requires continuity specialist treatment without interruption, my medical provider has organised this prior to my travel.

Please refer to the Student Health Centre website for further information on medical care prior to travelling to Ireland.

Student Counselling Services

Student Counselling and Wellbeing Service provides support during normal working hours (9am-5pm) throughout the semester. This is a free and confidential service. They are a first point of contact for mental health needs.

Access to the service begins with "Drop-In" (a screening session).
No appointment is necessary.
Drop-in hours are Monday to Friday between 10:00am - 11.40am in room CM-073 in the main building.
For remote drop-in email counselling@ul.ie to arrange 24 hrs in advance.
Outside Semester: Drop-In outside of semester is typically Tuesday and Thursdays 10am-12pm.

Find out more about the Stepped Care Model provided.

Disability Support Services

The Disability Service (DSS) are committed to the provision of educational opportunities to students with a disability, significant ongoing illness or specific learning difficulty in UL. We offer a dedicated support service to students who choose to register with the service. International students who require Reasonable Accommodations and/or Teaching and Learning supports during their time at UL can apply to register with the DSS.

Pre arrival
We advise all prospective students to contact DSS in advance of their arrival to UL, particularly if they require transport, sight guide, technology or personal assistant supports. These types of supports may take more time to arrange, and some services may not be available to all students. Prospective students can contact DSS directly at Disabilityservices@ul.ie or +353 (0)61 234847/202965 to discuss these requirements. We can also facilitate an online pre-arrival meeting if applicable.

Registering with DSS
Once a student has confirmed their place with UL, they can apply to register with Disability Support Services (DSS). All students must submit documentation evidencing their disability/condition to support their application. This must be provided in English, however, documentation which has been completed in a language other than English can be submitted once accompanied by an English translation conducted by a legitimate translation service. For further information please see our section for International Students Current Students | University of Limerick.

Chaplaincy

The chaplains provide a listening service, offer a welcoming space and supportive presence to students and staff. They promote an open and caring environment where diversity is respected. The key activities of the UL Chaplaincy team fall into 3 categories:

- Support
- Worship/Spirituality
- Outreach / Volunteering

The Chaplaincy operates from its office CM071 in the main building (where a waiting room is shared with Counselling), a Chaplaincy Centre 'Teach Fáilte' (beside the bookshop) and the Contemplative Centre.

Safety when Out and About

- When travelling on foot, use busy routes and well-lit walkways. Avoid isolated and dark areas.
- When travelling alone, inform another trusted party of your intended destination, mode of transport and expected time of arrival. Walk facing traffic so that vehicles can see you and you can see what is coming.
- Do not display obvious valuables on your person (jewelry, handbags, etc.) unless completely necessary.
- Only carry the amount of cash that you require. Credit cards and bank cards should be kept securely out of sight and not in back pockets.
- If you think you are being followed, go to the nearest place where there are people, even a private house, and ring the Gardaí. If you are assaulted contact the Gardai (Irish Police) immediately by dialing 999 or 112
- Avoid situations where you are travelling alone at night-time. There is safety in numbers. However, if you must travel on your own, plan your journey by scheduling your journey to coincide with bus and train times or use a taxi if no other convenient transport is available.
- Personal Security Alarms are a convenient safeguard – and are available in the Students' Union shop.
- There are 6 E-beacons placed throughout campus for emergency services.

Safety at Home

- Ensure that your apartment and house doors are locked at all times. When leaving your apartment, check that all windows and doors are locked.
- Never give your apartment keys to anyone else, and do not leave your keys where others could have access to them.
- Before you admit any callers to your apartment, verify their identity – ask for identification if you are in doubt.
- Inform a trusted neighbour if you are going away. Ensure that you do not have obvious signs of a vacant apartment – curtains drawn during daylight hours, etc.
- Make sure all your property is marked with your own personal identification code. Items of value should be securely locked away.

Lost and Found

The official Lost and Found for the University of Limerick is located in the Main Building at the main reception. Any found or unclaimed property can be given to the lost and found and kept in a secure location for up to 60 days until they are claimed.
Email: reception@ul.ie

University Learning Support Services



Centre for Transformative Learning

The Centre for Transformative Learning exists to encourage and facilitate excellence in teaching and learning within and beyond the University of Limerick.

Its role is to encourage scholarship and research in teaching and learning, to help ensure that effective teaching is valued, supported and developed and to encourage innovation in teaching and learning activities. Enhancing the learning and development experience for both teachers and students is pivotal to the role of the centre.

Dedicated to heightening the profile and value of teaching activities, collaboratively engaging in evidence-based research and enabling key teaching innovations, the Centre works to provide support, to advise, to recognise and to facilitate all those involved in teaching and learning at UL.

Regional Writing Centre

The UL Regional Writing Centre (RWC) offers a free and friendly place for all students (undergraduate and postgraduate) to come and address any aspect of their writing. This resource is dedicated to helping students develop strategies to become more confident, critical and autonomous writers.

The Regional Writing Centre practices a non-invasive, inductive approach to writing development, utilising peer-tutors who work with both undergraduate and postgraduate students to identify and evaluate their writing situation and practices so that they can evaluate and improve the effectiveness of their research and writing strategies.

When a student who has English as a second or other language runs into difficulties while writing their papers, it may be a language problem or it may be a writing problem or it may be both. Peer tutors are not language specialists, but good writers who understand what it's like to worry about a paper, to panic over deadlines, to wonder if an assignment is proceeding on the right track or if they have hit a writing wall. If there are language issues, peer tutors can suggest some strategies that good writers might use to access the appropriate language or suggest some language-learning resources that you could use to improve your use of English.

In addition to peer tutors, the RWC offers workshops on writing in academic contexts, writing-related events and access to a number of online writing resources on the homepage

Mathematics Learning Centre (MLC)

The purpose of the Mathematics Learning Centre is to support students' mathematics learning across all courses in UL by:

- Providing a dedicated area with supervised access to help and resources. This area is based online and/or in-person, as appropriate.
- Delivering appropriate support services for students on service mathematics courses
- Addressing the mathematics needs of special groups e.g. mature students, adult returners, transfer students, international students
- Researching the needs of learners in terms of materials, pedagogy, delivery systems and other supports

It is well known that many capable students, for a variety of reasons, may find it difficult to achieve the required standards in mathematics to support their degree studies.

All UL students studying courses that have a mathematics or statistics module can avail of the Mathematics Learning Centre's (MLC) services free of charge.

Information and Communication Technology Learning Centre

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Learning Centre aims to support and promote active learning among the students in ICT related programmes at UL, via the use of proven learner support approaches, tutoring innovation, research and evaluation, with the goal of developing learners who are confident and effective ICT practitioners.

Science Learning Centre (SLC)

The Science Learning Centre provides support to UL students whose degree includes a science or engineering component. The Science Learning Centre provides support to students by two main routes

- A dedicated Drop-in Centre
- Support tutorials for specific modules

The Science Learning Centre aims primarily to support undergraduate students taking first year and some second year science modules, although help is given whenever possible to other years also.

First Seven Weeks

F7W@UL is here to support you as you adjust to university life, helping you feel welcomed, informed, and ready to succeed both personally and academically. F7W@UL kicks off in Week 1 following orientation week and offers activities, workshops, and resources to help you belong, study well, and feel supported. You'll explore campus with virtual maps, check out Clubs and Societies, and meet new people to grow your UL community. You'll also learn about the Glucksman Library, Brightspace (UL's virtual learning environment), and attend workshops on academic writing, study techniques, and more. Support is available through Learning Support Centres, Peer Supports, and Student Engagement and Success Officers (SESOs). You'll also prioritize your well-being with sessions on mental health, fitness, and financial support. Whether you're commuting, studying internationally, or learning remotely, F7W@UL is here to guide you. Visit the F7W@UL Physical Hub in the Student Courtyard or the Virtual Hub on Instagram, TikTok, and Brightspace. Check the F7W@UL Calendar for events and workshops. Remember, you belong here, and UL is here to support you every step of the way! Email First.Seven.Weeks@ul.ie for more info.

Academic Literacies Module

The University of Limerick offers an Academic Literacy Module to International Postgraduate Students. This module aims to raise students' awareness of the academic support systems, cultures and protocols within UL. It will also provide students with information sourcing and management skills, as well as strategies for successful integration and learning in UL. This module allows an opportunity to prac tice skills such as academic reading, writing and presenting.

This module runs in both autumn and spring semesters.

Autumn Module Guide AW6001 Academic Literacies for International Postgraduate Students 1
Spring Module Guide AW6012 Academic Literacies for International Postgraduate Students 2
Contact Academic Literacies Catherine.Martin@ul.ie

Language Centre

The University of Limerick Language Centre is located on campus in the purpose-built Languages Building located in the Millstream Courtyard. The Centre offers state-of-the-art language learning facilities including multi-media labs and a digital language lab. The Language Centre offers a wide variety of English language programmes including Preparation for University programmes, International Foundation programme, CELTA teacher training courses, summer programmes, custom- designed courses and in-sessional support for international students. For more information visit the website or email language.centre@ul.ie

Student Life



Student Centre

Student Life is the independent voice of the students of UL. They represent your interests and solve your problems on campus and beyond. As a member of the Union, you can avail of such services as:

- Representation at local and national level
- Online Grinds Register and Second Hand Books
- Student Leap Card agent
- Assistance and guidance in matters of finance, accommodation, academic problems, personal safety and mental well being
- Lab Coats, goggles & UL Wolves apparel for sale.
- An Focal newspaper
- ULFM Student Radio station
- Clubs and Societies

You may have noticed the new big building by the library on the way in from the flag poles? That's your new student centre! It is the hub of student activity and an open space where all students can socialise, chill, and fully embrace student life.

- New hub for UL Students
- Home for involvement outside the classroom
- A place for Clubs & Societies to grow
- State-of-the-art meeting / event space
- 230 seat auditorium for events & performances
- Games room with pool tables, gaming consoles & interactive multi-ball wall
- New coffee shop and UL Wolves merch store
- Giant multimedia wall for movies & sporting events
- Outdoor terrace & garden
- Radio / multimedia / podcast rooms
- New student employment opportunities

Clubs and Societies

UL Wolves, which is part of UL Student Life, is the home of all the student-run clubs and societies at the University of Limerick. UL Wolves is a thriving network of over 80 different clubs and more than 6,000 members!

Clubs & societies are a great place to have fun, make friends, meet like-minded people, get out and about, and try something new.

The beauty and strength of clubs & socieites is that they are voluntary organisations, run by students and for students. With a range of different clubs and societies to choose from, there is something there for everyone.

Find your own wolf pack today!

International Society

A Welcome Message from the International Society - a great starting point to make friends:
“Welcome to the UL International Society! Our goal is to provide students with a platform to connect with each other, irrespective of their background, cultural differences, and walks of life. We want UL students to have the opportunity to meet and interact with their colleagues and help them foster a diverse community for themselves during their time at UL. Join the Society for a year of fun events, vibrant experiences, and memories that will define your time here at UL!”

Instagram: ul_internationalsociety

UL Postgraduate Students’ Union (ULPSU)

The UL Postgraduate Students’ Union is also an independent voice of postgraduate students at the University of Limerick. It represents postgraduate interests and provides support across academic, social, and personal aspects of student life. The ULPSU Student Common Room is located right beside The Stables Club.

This space is designed for postgraduates to relax, meet new people, and feel part of the UL community. It offers a comfortable environment where students can enjoy free all-day breakfast, connect with ULPSU officers, and seek support and guidance on academic, financial, and wellbeing matters.

The common room is also a hub for events and activities that bring postgraduate students together, creating opportunities to network and engage beyond the classroom.
For more information and resources, https://ulpsu.ie/

Buddy Programme

The programme provides each international student with a Buddy – a volunteer student. The purpose of the programme is to give the local, and the international students at UL an opportunity to create new friendships through social events and parties, arranged exclusively for the Buddies and the international students.

There is a host of advantages to participating in the Buddy Programme while here in UL, such as

- Practice your language skills
- Gaining insight into a new culture and lifestyle
- Start or expand your international network
- Having someone to rely on for basic information about the local area
- Free tickets to events
- Free Events organised by UL Global
- A fun way to meet and socialise with your peers

Ambassador Programme

This programme allows current international students to connect and share their UL experience with prospective students, so if you are creative, enthusiastic and enjoy blogging and photography, we would love to hear from you! A UL Ambassador:

- Provides three blogs per semester
- Represents and promote UL in a positive manner
- Assists UL Global with events, webinars, campus visits and videography
- Communicates with prospective students online and via email

Participants will receive a Certificate of Participation and a letter of recognition. Hours count towards the President's Volunteer Award and you will gain valuable experience, which will look great on your CV. You will have the chance to meet new people from all overthe world and enhance your student experience.

University of Limerick Alumni Programme

The University of Limerick has an Alumni Programme inclusive of all past students including Erasmus, Study Abroad and Non EU Exchange. Once a UL student, always a UL student! Being a member of UL Alumni offers you the opportunity to stay in contact with the University, your former classmates and the wider graduate body. With 81,000 graduates working around the world, UL Alumni provides a unique social and business network. UL has international chapters in London, New York, Boston, California, Europe and East Asia.

Check out the UL Global Alumni Ambassador Programme!

Life on Campus



UL Arena and Sports Facilities

The UL Sport Arena home to the National 50m swimming pool base for the high performance swim unit, the 25m diving pool, the national strength & conditioning centre, fitness studio, multipurpose sports halls, indoor 3-lane jogging track, sprint track and various other ancillary and associated services. The University's sport pitches development consists of synthetic all weather pitches and a natural turf pitch. The site for the sports pitches development is 'Maguires Field' located on the University of Limerick South Campus, adjacent to the existing UL Arena and all-weather running track.

UL Sport is keen to ensure a great student experience for all students who seek to engage in extracurricular activity during the academic year. As a student, you can avail of the following amenities booked in advance (subject to some booking charges. Further details will be available to guide and assist you with the booking process via phone, website and on the UL Sport app.

- 4 Outdoor Tennis Courts
- Outdoor 400m Track
- Maguires All-Weather Pitches (Monday – Friday 09.00 – 17.00)
- Cardio Fitness Area in the Main Arena building
- 3 Ball Walls (adjacent to Maguires)
- 18m Climbing Wall
- Extensive timetabled programme of indoor and outdoor fitness classes
- UL Sport Adventure Centre (Killaloe)

Students living full time on campus have UL Sport membership included in the residences fees. For other students charges will apply as usual for the above listed facilities. Please note, as Maguires Pitches is a UL student-funded development there is no charge and you may book a zone for soccer or such activity in which you wish to engage. Check availability and make a booking pitchbookings@ul.ie. The outdoor track is also free of charge; however, you will be required to produce your UL Student ID card in order to gain access. For all general queries, please contact info@ulsport.ul.ie.

Student Rates

- Academic Year (8 Months)€295
- Term (4 Months) €165
- National 50m Swimming Pool Casual (Pay as you go) €6.50
- Health & Performance Centre Casual (Pay as you go) €7.50
- Students staying in on-campus accommodation will receive free access to the UL Arena Pool and Gym

*Valid UL ID required for all the above prices

University Concert Hall

University Concert Hall (UCH) is a 1,038-seat auditorium situated on the University of Limerick campus. Opened on September 18, 1993, it was the first purpose built concert hall in Ireland. It has a variable acoustic, which can be tailored to suit the needs of all genres of performance including everything from Classical to Comedy and Panto to Pop. Keep an eye on the website and sign up to the mailing list for streaming of previous events.

Irish World Academy of Music

The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance is the centre of academic and performance excellence. The Academy has a strong International presence with students from over 40 countries studying there. With a faculty of excellent performers, academics and industry professionals, the experience of studying at the Irish World Academy is second to none. It offers a suite of taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses in music and dance related subject areas. The Irish World Academy's research is at the forefront of these fields of enquiry, worldwide. For further information check out the website.

University of Limerick Orchestra

The University of Limerick orchestra (ULO) is a community orchestra, funded by the University of Limerick. The members are students, staff and graduates from the University of Limerick, Mary immaculate college, the Limerick Municipal School of music and other music schools from across the region.
Contact: universityoflimerickorchestra@gmail.com

On-Campus Restaurants

When you live on campus at University of Limerick, you will have a great choice of restaurants/cafés within walking distance of the residences. The university offers a wide choice of venues offering high quality home cooked food at budget conscious prices in a variety of small restaurants, stylish cafés and bar/restaurants which serve food late into the evening. There are 17 places to eat on campus ranging from large self-service restaurants offering good value hot food to trendy cafés offering gourmet sandwiches, great cakes, specialty coffees and juices. The on campus food outlets also offer a wide variety of healthy and affordable food options.

Check out all places to eat on campus.

On Campus Spar Shop

A Spar Shop is conveniently located in the Student Life Courtyard. Daily essentials like bread, milk and sweet treats can be purchased, along with healthy sandwiches and salads from the deli.

Banking

All Full Degree Students are required to have an Irish back account when they register with Immigration services. Visiting students coming to Ireland for less than six months cannot open an Irish bank account.
There are a number of banks in the Castletroy area including Bank of Ireland, Allied Irish Bank and Permanent TSB. Banking for students is free. You will need to provide your passport and a letter indicating your Limerick address when you open the account. Some banks may require other documentation.
Alternatively, you can open a digital current account remotely using Revolut or Money Jar.
Disclaimer: The University of Limerick is not endorsing any particular provider and there is no partnership arrangements in place. UL will provide students with a list of banks and the services available only.

UL Sport Adventure Centre

UL Sport Adventure Centre is one of Munster's leading Adventure Sports operators. We provide a range of Adventure Sport packages for schools, sports teams, corporate days out, summer camps and family groups. We pride ourselves on our tried and tested year round excellent services. Our purpose-built facility makes it possible for all our clients to enjoy the great outdoors from both land and water once they arrive.
Ideally situated between the shores of Lough Derg and Ballycuggaran Forest Park, we are only two miles from the famous heritage town of Killaloe and a 20-minute drive from Limerick City.

Flora and Fauna Walking Trails

The University of Limerick has developed around the original “open parkland” landscape associated with Plassey House. A network of over 14km of Interconnecting pathways and trails provides the leisure walker a sample opportunity to engage with and experience the landscape of the campus. Find out more.

Roof Garden and Apiary

UL Community Roof Garden was initiated by the Environmental Committee and designed and constructed by Buildings & Estates. The roof garden is for everyone and is open to all. It is a space designed for people to learn and teach about gardening as well as a place for relaxation.

Following on from the success of the UL Community Roof Garden, an Apiary was established. UL currently has three thriving hives with approximately 20,000 residents in each. Seventeen staff and students have trained as beginner beekeepers. Students are invited to become involved in this project.

Visual Arts

Visual Arts is charged with the care, custody, and placement of the art collections on the University Campus and the development and implementation of associated policies and procedures. It is also responsible for a programme of exhibitions/lectures in the Bourn Vincent Gallery.

View the collections and watch the video guide to plan your visual arts tour of the University of Limerick.

Immigration



Registering with Immigration and Visa requirements

Students from EU countries do not need a visa to study in Ireland.

If you are from a non-EU/EEA country, you need to check here if you need a visa to study.

Students from visa-required countries should apply for a study visa up to 3 months prior to departure. Guidelines on applying for an Irish visa are available here and here on the Irish Immigration Service website.

Please note, all students from non-EU/EEA countries, including those from non-visa required countries are required to register with immigration within 90 days of arrival in Ireland. The UL Global office team will guide you through this immigration registration process during Orientation.

Please read the Visa and Immigration information on the UL Global website in detail to find answers to most common questions.

Please note that the Immigration Registration process is covered in detail during the mandatory Immigration Information session during Orientation week.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is €300 (per adult person) if applicable, which can be paid by credit or debit card only. They are unable to accept cash, cheques, or contactless payments.

Living in Limerick



Events and activities in Limerick

Visitors to Limerick City will have no problems finding things to see and things to do. The historic nature of Ireland's third largest city, and indeed the beautiful nature of its environs, provides many areas of interest. Keep an eye on Limerick.ie and I love Limerick for up to date events and activities taking place in the city. A few of the main attractions are listed below but there are many more to discover.

Read about some of the things other international students have done.

King John's Castle

King John's Castle, on the south side of Thomond Bridge, built in 1210 "to dominate the bridge and watch towards Thomond," is one of the finest examples of fortified Norman architecture in Ireland. The castle is roughly square on plan. Its 60-metre frontage along the river is flanked by two massive round towers, each over 15m in diameter, with walls 3m thick. The tower nearest the Bridge, the first portion of the castle to be erected, still bears the scars of the besieging cannon of 1691. Eastwards of this tower in the north wall, is the castle gate entrance. On the three landsides, the castle was protected by a deep, broad moat, fed with water from the Shannon. Only the narrow drawbridge to the castle gate allowed entry. Work is continuing to improve their conditions of the remaining walls and towers.

For more information, please visit the website.

St Mary's Cathedral

At the junction of Nicholas Street and Bridge Street stands St. Mary's cathedral, the ecclesiastical centre of the fortress for hundreds of years. The full title of this cathedral is the "Cathedral and Parochial church of the Blessed Virgin Mary." It was built in 1172 by Donal Mór O'Brien, the last king of Munster. Tourists will find excellent documentation of historical remains within the ancient cathedral itself. The most noteworthy relics of the past are the ancient altar stone used when mass was celebrated in the cathedral, and the splendidly carved misericords in the choir. The misericords are unique in Ireland as the only surviving pre-Elizabethan carvings that date from 1480.

For more information, please visit the website.

Grocery Stores

The closest grocery stores to UL are Aldi, Dunnes Store (Parkway Shopping Centre or Childers Road) and Lidl and Supervalue (Castletroy Shopping Centre).
Tesco and Dunnes also offer a delivery service which needs to be booked well in advance.

International Shops:

- Wisla Fine Foods, 3-4 Groody Shopping Centre
- Cheong Heng Hong Oriental Supermarket, 97 Henry Street
- Carnival Asia Store, 15 Upper William Street
- India Foods, 2 High Street
- East End Foods, 2 Upper Gerald Griffin Street
- Link Brazil, 20 Henry Street
- Limerick Food Store, 17 Davis Street

Public Transport to Limerick City from UL

The 304 and 304A bus depart from the main university bus stop at The Stables, every 15 minutes.

The bus costs €1.90 for adults for a single ticket and can be paid in cash on the bus or in advance on the app. You can also get a leap card and pay with it. As a student/young adult, the fare is €0.65 with the leap card.

The bus returns to UL from William Street in Limerick City Centre.

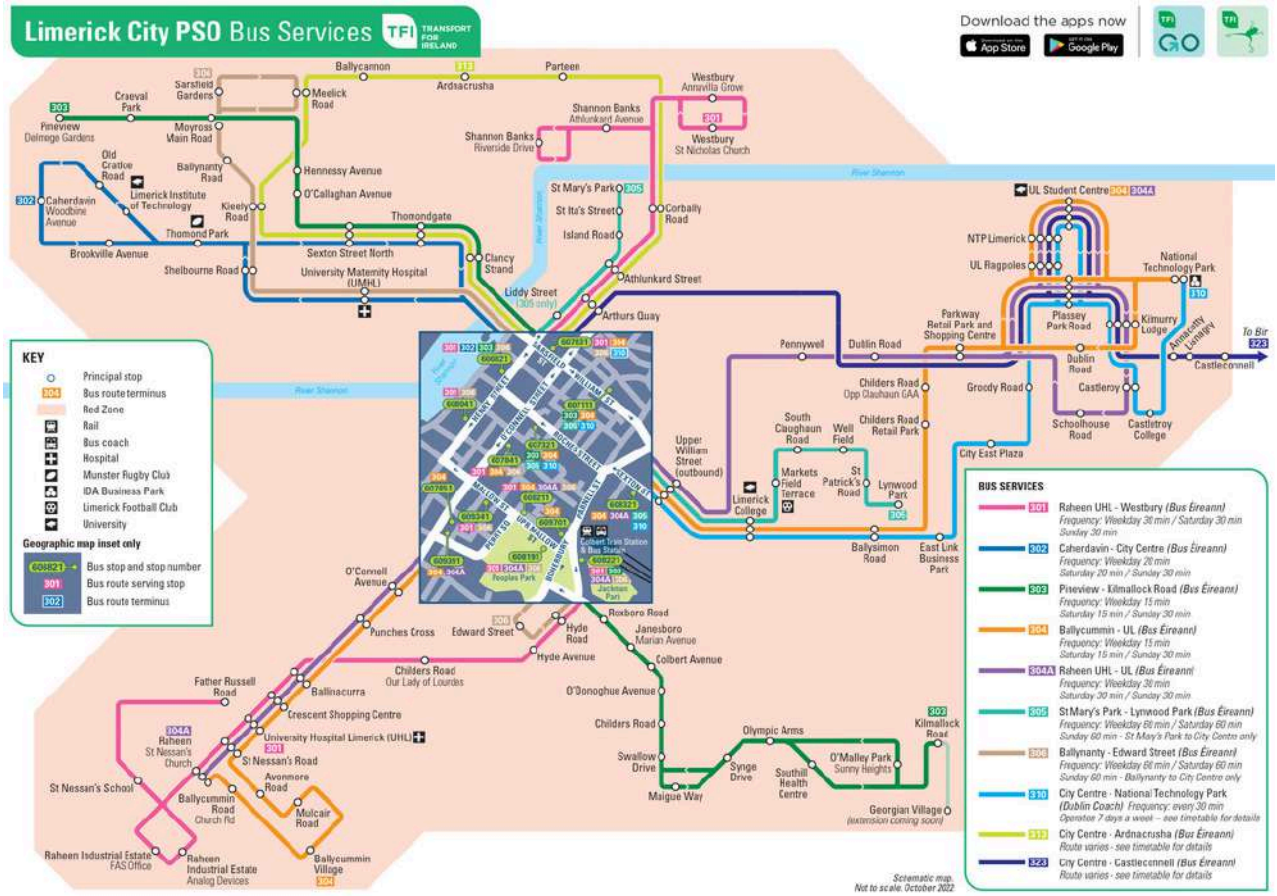
Travel and Transport

It is easy to get around Limerick on foot or bike. To walk across town from St. Mary's Cathedral to the train station takes about 15 minutes. Taxis are outside the tourist office, bus station, train station, O'Connell Street, William Street and Sarsfield Street. Bus Eireann public buses 304, 304A and 310 service the University of Limerick.

Private buses run from Arthur's Quay in the city and from the main bus stop on campus. TheM7 express can take you to Dublin for €10 one way. See dublincoach.ie for more details. For buses directly to the airport check out CityLink and Flightlink.

Students can apply for a Leap Card. This card allows you to pay for transport as a pay as you go; you can use prepaid tickets and use as student ID to buy discounted paper tickets for areas outside major cities. You can also apply online. The card can be topped up in the app. More information on the Leapcard website.

Limerick City Bus Routes



Colbert Station Limerick

Services operate from the bus and train station, a short walk south of the city centre. There are regular connections to Dublin (€19.50 return, 2 hours and 30 minutes), Tralee (€17.50 return, 2 hours), Cork (€17.50, 1 hour and 50 minutes), Galway (€17.50 return, 1 hour and 30 minutes), Killarney, Rosslare, Donegal, Sligo, Shannon, Derry and most other centres. For more information visit or contact Bus Eireann.

Trains

There are regular trains to all the main cities from Colbert Station, Parnell Street. Eight trains depart daily to Dublin, two daily to Rosslare Harbour, Tipperary and Cork. Other routes involve changing trains at Limerick Junction, 20km southeast of Limerick. For more information visit Irish Rail.

Cycling

Access to and around the University is easy on a bicycle. Cycling facilities outside and inside the campus have been constructed as a response to the recent increase in the number of cyclists travelling to the campus. The University of Limerick is a Smarter Travel campus: with the support of Limerick Smarter Travel, the University is committed to the promotion of sustainable modes of travel.



Smarter Travel - Tips for Cyclists

- Plan your route and use Google Maps to plan your journey.
- Do a test cycle on a free day
- Irish Weather conditions can change quickly Prepare by packing some waterproof clothing.
- Don't be afraid to take a day off. You don't have to cycle every day. It's good to have a backup lift from a friend or take the bus.
- Cycle with a Bike Buddy. It is fun to explore with a friend.
- Cycle in a straight line and signal your intentions!
- Cycle with the traffic on the left-hand side of the road
- Be prepared! Cyclists should always look around for vehicles performing sudden lane changes or doors opening on parked cars.
- Do not wear earphones while cycling!
- Never assume a driver sees you.

For more information, visit the UL Cycling webpage.

Driving

In Ireland, people drive on the left-hand side of the road. In towns and cities, the speed limit is normally 20 to 50 kilometres per hour depending on the part of the town. On certain roads, higher limits may apply. A general speed limit of 80 to 100 kilometres per hour applies on all roads except for motorways where a speed limit of 120 kilometres per hour applies.

The laws regarding speeding, drink-driving and wearing seatbelts in Ireland are very strict.

There is a penalty point system in operation, whereby points will be added to your driving license for road safety offences. Full details on all road safety offences can be found on the RSA website.

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