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**LANGUAGE
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Language and Academic Skills Semester Abroad programme

For University Partners



Our Language Centre

Established in 1994, the [University Language Centre](#) team works with partners from around the world to deliver a range of English language and academic skills programmes.

Our courses are designed to meet the academic requirements of your institution and to enable your students to gain English language, academic skills and knowledge to progress in their chosen fields of study and to equip them for success in their subsequent professional careers.

Our university wants our [Graduates](#) to be recognized as well-rounded, curious, self-aware individuals who continually learn new skills, are open to new ideas, and make things happen. When you send your students to UCC Language Centre, your students join a dynamic and diverse community with people from across the university supporting them on their learning journeys.



About this course

TITLE	Language and Academic Skills Semester Abroad Programme
CODE	LCSA
DURATION	12-20 weeks Over 25 weeks (requires study visa)
TEACHING MODE	Full-time on campus
TEACHING TIMETABLE	Monday to Thursday/Friday 9-13:00, plus Wednesdays 14-16.00 and occasional afternoon lectures.
CERTIFICATION	University certification and transcript – credits awarded by home institution
FEES	On application by sending institution
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	A2 – C2 English All applicants complete a Language Centre assessment
START DATE	Various academic year patterns can be accommodated



Course outline

This course is designed to enhance students' overall English language ability while also developing their academic skills and knowledge as students in an English-speaking university in Ireland. It is designed for university credit transfer based on equivalencies to ECTS.

Each sending institution has a high degree of input into the formation of the programme for their cohort, with the following modules available.

LCSA101 English language development (A2-C2)

LCSA102 Academic English skills development (B1+ to C2 only)

LCSA103 Project work (A2-C2)

LCSA104 Cultural, university and community work (A2-C2)

LCSA105 English language exam preparation (*Elective* A2-C2)

The course is designed using UCC's [connected curriculum](#) to create links between disciplines and to foster real-world usage of the English language in contexts relevant to the students' interests and personal aims.



Course assessment

Assessment is both formative and summative. On registration, students are assessed to establish their language starting points and are placed into an appropriate level learning group.

Students' progress and performance are monitored and individual tutorials are provided at four-weekly intervals throughout the programme. Combined with this continual assessment, a final language test is administered to establish the exit level of students.

Students are required to have a minimum of 85% attendance to pass the course.

Final transcripts are forwarded to the sending institution for validation within two weeks of the completion of the programme.

Should a partner have specific requirements related to attendance or assessment, we will do our best to meet these.



How we help students study

We know that progress in English for students is a priority and throughout their time with us we will make sure they are in the appropriate level for their English language ability. Together with their teachers we will create a personalized study plan, which we will track during their stay to ensure they are meeting their learning objectives.

Our Language Centre has its own resource room and self-study facilities, and all students have full access to the University Library.

Our highly-qualified teachers come from all over the world and are experienced and skilled in the design and delivery of engaging and effective teaching. We pride ourselves on our teachers' dedication to providing our students with the very best in the classroom and ensuring that their time outside the classroom allows them to make the most of their stay in our University and city.



Helping students settle in

We place students in suitable accommodation and assist them to adapt and thrive in university life and Irish culture in their time with us.

From the point of application for our courses to the time to return to your home country, we pride ourselves on the personal attention we offer our students.

Prior to arrival we ensure they are placed in the right accommodation; either with one of our carefully-selected host families or in one of our campus-based accommodation centres.

Our [student support tree](#) shows all the services available to your students as members of the university community

Our facilities



We understand that students' time with us is not just about being in the classroom. Student life is much more than this. At our university, students have access to our state-of-the-art leisure complex, the Mardyke Arena. On campus, we also have the Glucksman Gallery with its striking architecture. There are many cafes, bars and the student centre within the grounds of the university. All students receive an ID card which allows them to avail of the University's facilities.

With over 22,000 students, the University has a dynamic and rich-in-range variety of clubs and societies for all interests and tastes. This is a wonderful way for visiting students to immerse themselves fully into student life and to practise their English with the new friends they make.

Cork city, only a ten-minute walk from campus, is a small and safe city. There is a large student community in Cork and the town is a vibrant place with student-friendly nightlife.

How we work with our partner institutions

For the sending institution there is the reassurance that your students are coming to an award-winning university of high-standing where they will receive quality tuition to allow them to reach their specific goals, and that your students' well-being is always of the utmost importance to us.

We work closely with you to ensure we understand the particular needs of your students. Together with you, we can create a Memorandum of Understanding to establish arrangements for our programmes, short or long-term.

We provide you with named individuals in our centre who will respond quickly to both your institution's and your students' requirements as they emerge.

You can be sure when your students come to us for their semester abroad programme, we will provide them with the highest quality teaching. From the point of application to return to their home country we will be with them at each step of the journey as we create together a truly memorable learning experience.

To help us understand your particular needs, please complete [this short questionnaire](#).

What our partners and students say



From 2013, Koeki University has been sending students every summer to the UCC Language Centre on a short-term study abroad programme. Our students can benefit from the excellent English language teaching at UCC, as well as learning about Irish culture through the university lessons and field trips, and also via the homestay programme. In order to strengthen our links with UCC we signed a Memorandum of Understanding in February, 2020, and it is our hope that we can send students in future for longer-term English study. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were unable to visit in 2020, but the UCC Language Centre instead provided a wonderful online course for some of our International course students. We are very happy that the UCC Language Centre continues to support the learning of our students whether virtually or face-to-face, and we hope to continue our relationship for many years to come.

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Vice Director, International Exchange Center

Tohoku University of Community Service & Science ("Koeki University")

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Yusuke Henry Bent

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies



Yusuke Henry Bent came to the Language Centre as part of our partner institution Tokyo University of Foreign Studies' well-established study-abroad programme. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Arts (Language and Area Studies) in 2021 and has now gone on to a Master's in Weseda University's Graduate School of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

Yusuke came to our Centre first in February, 2017 for a six-week English language course and then returned in September 2018 for four months. Yusuke says he admires the way the Irish have respect for their own culture and he returned to Cork for a second visit, staying again with the same local host family. He loved Ireland and the Rebel City and still considers himself part of the Rebel Army as a big supporter of Cork City Football Club.



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