University Partner Case Studies

The Language Centre works with many university partners, receiving both groups of students and individuals who come for English language study for periods of time ranging from four weeks to stays of a full academic year. We also deliver courses remotely online to partner universities and in-person in their home countries.

Read more about these offerings to partner universities.

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan

One of our long-standing relationships is with the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS). In 2012, the first cohort of TUFS students came from Japan to our Centre for English language courses in our annual Summer School.

The students can choose from the different <u>English language courses</u> our Centre offers, with our Academic English programmes being most popular. TUFS students receive credits for the completion of English language study with us.

Since 2012 we have welcomed groups of TUFS students twice a year, with their students coming in periods ranging from 4 to 8 weeks in the months of February and March, and in the summer months of July and August. Over the years, we have had several students who have returned for further English language courses, and also those who have returned to take academic courses within our University.

While here with us in Cork, TUFS students generally choose to stay with local families for full immersion in the language and also to experience more deeply Irish life and culture.

We are very proud of the fact that since 2014, our Language Centre has been the number one destination for TUFS students who choose take English language courses in English-speaking countries.



A TUFS student, Yusuke Bent, who returned to take further English language courses

Universidad Nacional de Colombia Sede Manizales

Another partner university is the National University of Colombia Manizales. During the COVID-19 pandemic when it was not possible to travel, the Language Centre designed and delivered a fully-online bespoke English for academic purposes language course for their academic staff.

Prior to the course commencement, diagnostic analysis was completed to establish in detail the requirements and expectations of participants.

Subsequently, the intensive course met these specific needs of those wishing to improve their overall competence in academic English and also equipped the participants with strategies for ongoing independent and personalised learning post-course. The sessions targeted particular areas of academic language use allowing for increased confidence to participate in international academic conferences where English is the language used.

In March, 2022, a further intensive course was delivered to their staff, but this time in-person on their campus in Manizales, Colombia.



National University of Colombia Manizales

For more information on what our Language Centre can offer your institution's staff and students, contact our Head of Development and Professional Courses – Brendan Ó Sé via email – <u>bose@ucc.ie</u>

Also, it can help us to meet your specific needs by completing this questionnaire here.