

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME 2023 - 2024

Introduction

The International Foundation Programme is a one-year full-time programme designed to offer international students an alternative route to undergraduate study. This programme is suitable for international students who do not hold qualifications equivalent to the Irish Leaving Certificate or who need a further boost to their English language skills.

Objectives of the Programme

By the end of the course, it is expected that students will:

- have reached the required academic standard to study at UL
- have reached the English language level requirements for entry to UL
- be prepared for the linguistic demands of a degree course
- have demonstrated the necessary study skills for completion of their chosen course

Course Structure

Three streams are currently available, Science and Engineering, Business or Humanities. Students study all the core modules plus the modules for their chosen stream. The programme will provide a solid foundation in the core subjects required to study for a degree in the Faculty of Science and Engineering or the Kemmy Business School.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Core Modules	Core Modules
English Language for Study Purposes 1	English Language for Study Purposes 2
Writing Skills for Academic Study	Applied Communication Skills
Study Strategies and Techniques 1	Study Strategies and Techniques 2
Mathematics 1	Mathematics 2

AND

Business Stream	Business Stream
Introduction to Economics	Irish Marketing Environment
Business Communication 1	Business Communication 2
OR	OR
Science and Engineering Stream	Science and Engineering Stream
Introduction to Engineering	Introduction to Electronic and Computer and Technology Foundation Course 1
Science Foundation 1	Science Foundation 2
OR	OR
Humanities Stream	Humanities Stream
Introduction to Sociology and Politics	History and English Literature
Science Foundation 1	Science Foundation 2

Academic Entry Requirements

Students need to have a Senior High School Diploma or equivalent.

- Students pursuing the Faculty of Science and Engineering Stream are required to have English, mathematics, a laboratory science based subject and one other language.
- Students pursuing the Business Stream are required to have English, mathematics and one other language.

English Language Entry Requirements

All Students must meet the English language requirements. Any one of the following will be accepted:

- IELTS score of 5.0, with no less than a 5.0 in any one component or
- TOEFL score of 200 on the computer-based test
- TOEFL score of 530 on the paper-based test
- TOEFL score of 75 on IBT
- A grade B on the Cambridge First Certificate Examination

Course Dates and Fees

The International Foundation Programme will start on Monday 11 September 2023 and will end on 19 May 2024. **Students must attend the course from Monday 11 September 2023.**

The tuition fee for the course is €12,000 and includes the €50 administration fee.

How to Apply

The first step is to apply for an undergraduate course through the International Education Division of UL, www.ul.ie/international. Suitable candidates will receive an offer letter from IED. ULLC will issue an offer letter shortly afterwards once the student meets the English Language requirements. Students who do not reach the English language requirements for the International Foundation Programme can enroll in a General English class with a view to applying to the IFP at a later stage once IED agree to admission at a later date.

To secure a place on a course, students should pay full fees to the University of Limerick Language Centre. The administration fee of €50 is included in the tuition fee and is non-refundable. If you are in receipt of a scholarship, then a financial guarantee should be provided. The Language Centre Terms and Conditions of Enrolment contain full details regarding payments. If you are in receipt of a scholarship, then a financial guarantee should be provided along with your completed application form.

Please note that it is essential to read and accept the Language Centre Terms and Conditions of Enrolment in full **before** making an application for a course at the University of Limerick Language Centre.