



# International Foundation Programme



# University of Limerick

University of Limerick has a student population of 18,000 of which 3,000 are international. UL welcomes students from over 100 countries each year and recognises the importance of achieving balance in both the experience of education and life.

## Incredible student support

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Voted best international support in Ireland



Library Services



Full student support services

## A Community Where You Belong

110+

student clubs & societies



Active buddy programme

Student volunteering

opportunities on and off campus



On campus cultural events and festivals

## The Perfect Campus Environment

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Best Student Campus

– 2023 Education Awards

148

hectares of distinctive riverside parkland campus

17

restaurants/cafes on campus

A great location near Limerick City and is Ireland's most beautiful campus on the banks of the River Shannon.

30-minute drive from Shannon International Airport and a 2.5-hour drive to Dublin Airport

## UL Rankings and Awards

- Won **Overall Excellence** in Education Awards 2023
- **Top 2%** of universities in the world
- UL ranked **86th** in Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023
- **Best Student Campus 2023** The Education Awards
- **5th in the World for Suburban Campus** UI Green Metric World University Ranking 2022
- Awarded a **Green Campus Status** for energy, travel, transport, biodiversity Foundation for Environmental Education
- **Best Student Engagement & Communications 2023** The Education Awards
- **426 in QS World University Ranking 2023** climbing 150 spots.

# The International Foundation Programme

The International Foundation Programme is 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.

This programme is managed by the University of Limerick Language Centre. It is a one-year full-time programme that offers international high school students an alternative route to undergraduate study. It is suitable for international students who do not hold qualifications equivalent to the Irish Leaving Certificate or A-Level, or who need a further boost to their English language skills. Students who have already reached a moderate level of English proficiency may be offered a place in 'Foundation Plus', which focuses less on developing English language skills and more on academic modules. Students are invited to apply for one of three streams of Science and Engineering, Business or Humanities.

## Objectives of the Programme

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

- Reach the required academic standard to study a Bachelor degree programme at UL
- Reach the required English language level for entry to a Bachelor degree at UL
- Prepare for the linguistic demands of a Bachelor degree programme
- Acquire the study skills required for a Bachelor degree programme



# Programme Content

## Core Modules

### Semester 1

English Language for Study Purposes 1  
Writing Skills for Academic Study  
Study Strategies and Techniques 1  
Mathematics 1

### Semester 2

English Language for Study Purposes 2  
Applied Communication Skills  
Study Strategies and Techniques 2  
Mathematics 2

## Business Stream

### Semester 1

Introduction to Economics  
Business Communication 1

### Semester 2

Irish Marketing Environment  
Business Communication 2

## Science and Engineering Stream

### Semester 1

Introduction to Engineering  
Science Foundation 1

### Semester 2

Introduction to Electronic  
and Computer Technology  
Foundation Course  
Science Foundation 2

## Humanities Stream

### Semester 1

Introduction to Sociology and Politics  
Humanities Foundation 1

### Semester 2

History and English Literature  
Humanities Foundation 2

## Entry Requirements

Students must hold 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 or Humanities stream are required to have English, Mathematics, and one other language

The following English language qualifications are accepted:

- IELTS score of 5.0 overall with no less than 5.0 in any one component
- TOEFL score of 530 on the paper-based test
- TOEFL score of 75 on IBT
- A grade B on the Cambridge First Certificate Examination
- A Grade D1 on the University of Limerick Language Centre English Language Test

## Making an Application

In order to apply to our Foundation Programme, you will first need to apply for a University of Limerick undergraduate course through [www.ul.ie/courses](http://www.ul.ie/courses). A fee is needed to make an online application. Suitable candidates will then receive an offer letter from both UL Global and then the UL Language Centre Foundation programme.

If you are in receipt of a scholarship, a financial guarantee letter should be provided with the application.

## On-Campus Accommodation

UL has fantastic on-campus accommodation options available for international students. There are 8 residential villages on campus offering 3,000 rooms. Each Village has a resident Village Manager with 4/6/8 single study bedrooms per house and students receive free internet connection. On-campus accommodation is an excellent option for international students as it offers an opportunity to meet Irish students and other nationalities, and to enjoy all our superb campus has to offer.

## Host Family Accommodation Option

Host families are carefully selected, individually inspected and continually monitored. They offer accommodation in comfortable and friendly homes. A homestay experience can provide an insight into Irish life and culture with lots of opportunities to practice English. Only one student of each nationality is placed in a family unless students request otherwise. Single rooms are arranged unless otherwise requested and laundry is taken care of by the host family. Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner will be provided.





## Hanan Alquraish

Nationality: Saudi Arabia

International Foundation Programme Graduate

I did the Science and Engineering stream of the International Foundation Programme. I studied various modules that prepared me perfectly for my future majors. As a student who was aiming to study Engineering, I held a UL offer for my Bachelor programme prior to enrolling on the Foundation.

There were two modules each semester which were Engineering focused, Introduction to Engineering and Introduction to Electronic and Computer and Technology. In addition to these, we studied general Science and Mathematics modules. This gave us all of the basics needed to prepare for entry to my Engineering Bachelor programme.

There were three modules dedicated to improving English language. I found these really helpful as they prepared me for future academic essays, presentations and research projects. Moreover, the English modules helped me to learn the various technical Engineering terminology needed for my degree.

As an international foundation student, I was able to use all of the UL facilities such as the library, which was a truly amazing and quite space to do homework and assignments. I made plenty of time to explore the UL campus which is full of nature, trees and the large river that runs through the campus makes it one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen!





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