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Language Centre



Certificate in International Foundation Studies

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The University of Limerick Language Centre Certificate in International Foundation Studies is a Special Purpose Award, Level 6, worth 60 ECTS, recognised within the National Framework of Qualifications.

It is a one-year full-time programme that offers international high school students a pathway to undergraduate study. It is suitable for international students who do not hold qualifications equivalent to the Irish Leaving Certificate or A-Level, and provides a comprehensive academic and English language foundation for undergraduate study.

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

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 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 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, the Kemmy Business School or the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. All of the modules are worth 6 credits each.

Core Modules for Certificate in International Foundation Studies

Semester 1	Semester 2
English Language for Study Purposes 1	English Language for Study Purposes 2
Writing Skills and Study Strategies	Applied Communications Skills, Study Strategies and Techniques
Mathematics 1	Mathematics 2

Business Stream

Semester 1	Semester 2
Introduction to Economics	Irish Marketing Environment
Business Communication 1	Business Communication 2

Science and Engineering Stream

Semester 1	Semester 2
Introduction to Engineering	Introduction to Electronic Technology
Science Foundation 1	Science Foundation 2

Humanities Stream

Semester 1	Semester 2
Introduction to Sociology and Politics	Irish History and Literature
Business Communication 1	Business Communication 2

Making an Application

Step 1: Apply for your preferred undergraduate course at the University of Limerick.

Step 2: If you are a suitable candidate, you will receive an offer letter from the University of Limerick.

Step 3: The University of Limerick Language Centre will then issue a separate offer letter.

Step 4: To enroll in the Certificate in International Foundation Studies, you must pay the full tuition fees to the University of Limerick Language Centre.

- This payment includes a non-refundable administration fee of €50.
- Full details regarding payments are available in the Language Centre Terms and Conditions of Enrolment.

Step 5: If you have been awarded a scholarship, you must provide a financial guarantee along with your completed application form.

Important: Before applying for a course at the University of Limerick Language Centre, you must read and accept the Language Centre Terms and Conditions of Enrolment in full.

