

Academics: Course and Credit Information
Dublin Institute of Technology
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Choosing the Right Subjects

- The DIT School of Business has developed a listing of modules specifically for EuroLearn students through www.eurolearn.org/Subject/ProgramID466/. There are over 300 modules listed with the Year level of the course, the semester available, the number of credits and a course description.
- Semester 1 is the fall semester and Semester 2 is the Spring semester. The Years correspond to similar years in the U.S. or Canada with 1 = Freshmen, 2=Sophomore, 3=Junior and 4=Senior.
- Credits are listed in ECTS. Typically 2 ECTS credits are equal to 1 U.S. Semester credit. Please verify your Home University policies on the equivalencies of ECT for transfer credit at your institution. The majority of course units at The Dublin Institute of Technology are worth either 5 or 10 ECTS credits. Your final course registration will equal 25-30 ECT credits.
- You may find the same course title listed more than once with different course codes depending on the semester or “year”. Human Resource Management, for example, is worth 10 ECTS at the Junior (Year 3) level while it is worth 5 ECTS at the Sophomore (Year 2) level.
- To see a full description of a particular class, click on the “Module Title.”
- It is important to apply for modules for which you have the appropriate academic background. For example, don’t plan to take a Third Year Business course if you have only taken one business course prior to study abroad at DIT.

Prerequisites and Course Approval

- When you have been accepted to the EuroLearn program you will be asked to submit an Intended Subject Plan (ISP) listing 8-10 modules that you would be interested in taking at DIT in order of priority.
- DIT academic departments will review your course selections and tentative approval will be provided by the School of Business International Office.
- Some subjects may indicate prerequisites. Be sure to read through the full module description to determine if you have the appropriate academic background as documented by your transcript.
- During the pre-approval process done by the DIT Business Department, academic departments will review your transcripts to ensure that you have met these prerequisites with equivalent classes. They will not, in most cases, require that you have taken their exact class but one with similar content.
- Be sure that you have submitted updated transcripts to EuroLearn so that your prerequisites can be properly evaluated. If your current semester courses are not listed on the transcript you submitted with your EuroLearn application you will need to provide a list of courses underway as one may represent the prerequisite.

Course Scheduling and Enrollment

- During your first two weeks in Dublin there will be an add/drop period for final registration based on the class schedule and any timetable conflicts. The specific semester timetable of courses is not available until your arrival. DIT will be required to document your final registration and provide proof of full time status when you have finalized your courses post-arrival.
- It is important that students (and Study Abroad advisors) understand that there is no guarantee on the availability of modules. This is why it is crucial that students submit multiple choices in order of priority.
- Within the module descriptions you will find assessment methods listed. This will indicate whether exams, papers or other assessment methods are used for that module. Students attending for the academic year or spring semester MUST complete all coursework and take final examinations (held in May/June). Specific exam schedules are not available until mid-Spring.

Academic Differences between Ireland and the U.S./Canada

DIT degrees are based on 3 or 4 year programs of study. Local and international Degree seeking students take a planned set of core and optional modules on a year by year basis as part of their program. Unlike in many countries, an Irish student has defined courses of study set out from the start. Each program is managed as a coherent offering by a School/Department within the Faculty. Unlike the degree students, study abroad students are able to take modules from varied disciplines, business areas (i.e marketing, finance, management, etc.).

The academic system places a lot of emphasis on independent study. This can be quite different from that experienced in the US/Canada. It is expected that students will research and write essay type papers even from their first year. Written papers and presentations will make up parts of the overall assessment, together with or as part of the final exams.

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D.I.T. % mark	Grade
70-100	A
60-69	B
50-59	C
40-49	D
0-39	Fail

The credit system used by the Dublin Institute of Technology is the ECTS (European Credits Transfer System). A full academic year load is 60 ECTS and one semester is 30 ECTS. Most DIT courses are either worth 5 or 10 ECTS. Students must take a minimum of 25 ECTS to remain full time. The recommended value of 2 ECTS credits is 1 U.S. semester credit hour although this must be verified by each Home University policies on the equivalencies of ECT for transfer credit. Official Transcripts will be issued by DIT approximately 4 weeks after the completion of the exam period.

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