University of Limerick

Location:

Near Limerick City in the southwest of Ireland (25 minutes' drive from Shannon Airport (SNN).

Language Requirements:

Min. TOEFL (iBT) requirement 80 iBT/ IELTS 6.0 overall Minimum score of 6.0 *with no less than 5.5 in any component.

- * Please note some programmes have a higher IELTS requirement.
- * Please note, we can only accept Academic IELTS. General IELTS will not be accepted.

The minimum requirement for Duolingo English Test (DET) is a score of 110.

Nationality

Is enrollment open to students of any nationality including your own country? Yes

GPA Requirements: 2.9

GPA of 2.9 on a 4.0 scale is required for direct entry.

When a student's GPA is between 2.6 and 2.9, we ask for these supporting documents with the application:

- 1. Letter of Recommendation from a professor/advisor.
- 2. Personal Statement: This can be between 300 and 500 words and should outline why you would like to study abroad in Ireland.

Summary:

The University of Limerick (UL) is an independent, internationally focused university. Its mission is to promote and advance learning and knowledge through teaching, research and scholarship in an environment which encourages innovation and upholds the principles of free enquiry and expression. Particular attention is paid to the generation of knowledge which is relevant to the needs of Ireland and global continuing socioeconomic development.UL offers a range of programmes up to doctorate and post doctorate level in the disciplines available in The Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Science, Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, Kemmy Business School, Faculty of Education & Health Sciences and The Faculty of Science & Engineering. International students are welcome to apply for the entire range of courses on offer at UL.

Academic Calendar 2023-24:

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- Airport collections: We generally offer airport collection from Shannon Airport only on limited number of days (one or two). All information on arriving to Ireland can be found <u>here</u> This is updated every semester with new information.
- Orientation Programme Autumn 2023: The University of Limerick 7-day Orientation Programme introduces students to the UL Campus and the various services and systems in operation at University of Limerick, e.g. enrolment, module registration, health services. It also provides a valuable opportunity to meet faculty, staff and other students. You can find more information <u>here</u>.
 - <u>Academic Calendar</u>: The University of Limerick operates a 2-semester academic year. The dates for the academic year **2023-24** are:

2023/24	AUTUMN SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
ORIENTATION	4th September – 8th September 2023	22nd January – 26th January 2024
CLASSES	11th September – 22nd December 2023	29th January – 20th May 2024
EXAMINATIONS	8th December – 22nd December 2023	7th May – 20th May 2024
CHRISTMAS/EASTER BREAK	22nd December 2023 – 29th January 2024	TBD

There are 10 public bank holidays every year in Ireland, where there should be no classes.

Public Holiday dates in Ireland

2023	2024
1 January	1 January
6 February (new from 2023)	5 February
17 March	17 March
10 April	1 April
1 May	6 May
5 June	3 June
7 August	5 August
30 October	28 October

25 December	25 December
26 December	26 December

Application deadlines / Fall Semester & Full Year: 1st June. Application deadlines / Spring Semester: 1st November

Course Enrolment & Registration:

Enrolment

The procedure for enrolment will be explained to students via e-mail a few weeks before they arrive. Students will then be instructed to follow an online enrolment procedure. Student ID cards will be issued during Orientation, completing the enrolment process.

Module Selection

Students have two weeks following enrolment to attend any classes that are available to Study Abroad Students; these will be listed on the 'Autumn or Spring International Module Booklet' (that students choose their 10 pre-selected modules from during their application). Study Abroad students are also free to try out different modules from their list of 10 pre-selected modules during these two weeks. Since visiting Study Abroad students choose their own classes, you create your own timetable. Please note, during orientation, our office holds timetable information sessions along with some Q&A sessions so you will be supported in creating your timetable. The students must then make their final decision of the classes they are going to study, and the module/class selection survey must be completed and submitted to UL Global by Friday Week 3 of the semester.UL Global will have your module selection submitted to with Academic Registry Office. **Study Abroad Students do not register online for their classes**.

Academic Study:

Around 1,200 modules (courses/classes) are offered each semester across the entire range of disciplines taught at UL, and Study Abroad students, including the Waseda ISA students, are free to enroll on their own personal selection of 5 modules each semester. Students will be free to select from the entire range of modules on offer at the University of Limerick, at relevant levels and subject to certain restrictions (e.g. academic prerequisites, limited places in classes). Waseda students must choose at least one ESL (English as a Second Language) module per semester. These modules are offered by our School of Languages, Literature, Culture and Communication and are listed in your Module Booklet.

Housing and Meal Plan:

Waseda Students may take up their on-campus accommodation from the Sunday prior to the beginning or classes. On-campus accommodation is in two styles: (i) houses or (ii) apartments. Each accommodation unit houses 6 to 8 students in single study bedrooms and a communal living and dining area. Houses have two bathrooms between 6 or 8 students; each bedroom in the apartments of Dromroe, Cappavilla and Thomond Village has individual shower and toilet facilities. Each house/apartment has a phone and bedrooms have connections to the university's mainframe computer system and free wifi internetaccess. Rooms will be

offered on a first come first serve basis. Therefore, it is advisable to book accommodation immediately once you are accepted.

See the website: https://studentliving.ul.ie/

Opportunities for Learning through Experience:

Students are fully integrated into the student body, studying the same modules as Irish and other international students. There are numerous opportunities for additional integrationvia the large number of clubs and societies at University of Limerick. Students can also join any of the over 80 clubs and societies at the University including International Society, Skydiving Society, Sailing, Charity, Drama etc. More information <u>here</u>. Clubs and Societies are a great way to have fun and make new friends on UL's beautiful campus and further afield.

University of Limerick's sports facilities are recognized to be of premium standardfacilitating personal recreational activity and team building outside of the classroomenvironment. Complimentary membership to the Arena is provided to Waseda students who are staying in on-campus accommodation https://www.ulsport.ie/

Facilitation Plan:

The Study Abroad Programme (SAP) at UL is an integrated programme. Study Abroad students are fully integrated into the student body, enrolling on the same modules as domestic students, taking the same classes (lectures, seminars, tutorials and laboratory sessions) and assessments as Irish and other international students.

Credits:

The majority of modules in UL are worth 6 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System credits). ECTS recommends 30 credits per semester and 60 for an academic year. Students take on average 5modules/classes per semester. For Waseda students this can include English language modules. UL will issue transcripts to Waseda students on completion of the ISA programme in Limerick. It is a matter for Waseda University to arrange for the transfer of credits from UL onto the transcripts for each individual Waseda student.

Fee:

Estimated Tuition: €15,300 for non-EU students Estimated Accommodation expenses: EUR 650 (per month)

- * Students will need to pay application fee (non-refundable), deposit and 1 month's rent.
- * Accommodation expenses depend on where you live. Please see <u>here</u> for more details. Estimated Food expenses: EUR 350 (per month)
- * Please see additional attached document for the Updated Budget Planner

Web Page:

Virtual Tour: <u>http://www.ul.ie/experience/</u> Web: <u>https://www.ul.ie/global/incoming-students/study-abroad</u> Courses available to study abroad students:

https://www.ul.ie/global/incoming-students/study-abroad/study-abroad-programme/plan-youracademic-experience

Watch videos at: https://www.youtube.com/c/ULGlobal/videosSee

What our students are saying: https://studyireland.ie/

Some photographs of UL and its students: https://www.ul.ie/marcomms/image-gallery