



European Consortium of Innovative Universities – ECIU

DENMARK
SINCE 1974

AALBORG UNIVERSITY

24.000 STUDENTS | 5.000 STAFF

Ranked as the best European university for engineering.

NORWAY
SINCE 2004

UNIVERSITY OF STAVANGER

12.000 STUDENTS | 1.600 STAFF

Produces more business ideas per researcher than any other university in Norway.

FINLAND
SINCE 1965

TAMPERE UNIVERSITY

19.000 STUDENTS | 4.000 STAFF

From the beginning of 2019 Tampere University of Technology and University of Tampere constitute Finland's most diverse university community.

LITHUANIA
SINCE 1922

KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

9.818 STUDENTS | 2.112 STAFF

Return on Investment of business incubator Startup Space is 600 % - Taxes paid by startups in 5 years exceed the investment of the KTU 6 times.

IRELAND
SINCE 1999

DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

17.000 STUDENTS | 3.000 STAFF

Ireland's University of Enterprise, leading for licensing and innovation partnerships with SMEs and multinational companies.

THE 14 UNIVERSITIES OF ECIU

ILLUSTRATIONS
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ITALY
SINCE 1962

UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO

17.000 STUDENTS | 1.320 STAFF

Leading University in Italy for quality of research and education. At the center of the economic and social innovation in the Trentino region.

SWEDEN
SINCE 1975

LINKÖPING UNIVERSITY

27.000 STUDENTS | 4.000 STAFF

Produced the highest number of innovative spinouts in Sweden during the last decade.

FRANCE
SINCE 1957

INSA INSTITUT NATIONAL DES SCIENCES APPLIQUÉES

16.800 STUDENTS | 2.800 STAFF

Since they were created, Groupe INSA and INSA Toulouse have implemented a model based on innovation and diversity, invented by one of its founders, the philosopher Gaston Berger.

POLAND
SINCE 1945

LODZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

11.780 STUDENTS | 2.718 STAFF

The 4th most frequently chosen university in Poland, known for innovative teaching methods, and the 1st one in Europe to have implemented the Mobility Window.

GERMANY
SINCE 1978

HAMBURG UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

7.620 STUDENTS | 708 STAFF

Offers one of the top 5 combined Management and Engineering study degree programs in Germany.

MEXICO
SINCE 1943

TECNOLÓGICO DE MONTERREY

89.641 STUDENTS | 10.117 STAFF

Is in the Top 25 Undergraduate Schools (NO. 14) of the Princeton Review's Top Schools for Entrepreneurship Studies for 2018.

PORTUGAL
SINCE 1973

UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO

15.000 STUDENTS | 1.650 STAFF

Best practice by the National Strategic Reference Framework Observatory, for its close cooperation with the region.

SPAIN
SINCE 1968

UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA

34.080 STUDENTS | 10.314 STAFF

Led the UAB-CIE Sphere, comprising of scientific, technological and business parks, multinational companies, SMEs, foundations and city councils.

NETHERLANDS
SINCE 1964

UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE

11.000 STUDENTS | 2.950 STAFF

Europe's most entrepreneurial university with more than 700 spin-offs.

ECIU was founded in 1997. It is made up of 14 universities who share innovative information to enhance Businesses and Society.

Partner Information

DENMARK

Visa requirements for Denmark

Prior to going to Denmark please look into the visa requirements [HERE](#)

Aalborg University

Aalborg university is based in the city of Aalborg. It has approximately 20,000 students. Students can study courses in Humanities, Engineering and Natural Sciences. The university uses 'contextual knowledge' as its method for learning. This is where the students learn by doing projects and working in groups rather than the traditional lecture hall setting.

Courses

Information on courses available in Aalborg University can be found [HERE](#)

Aalborg The city of Aalborg is situated in the north west of Denmark. It is set along a beautiful waterfront. It is famous for its half timbered homes. Aalborg is also known for it's many museums, food and nightlife. It is just over 400 kilometres from Copenhagen.

Getting to Aalborg from Aalborg Airport

You can get direct flights from Dublin to Aalborg. Information on getting from Aalborg Airport to the city centre is available [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy of Denmark

There is no Irish Embassy in Aalborg. The nearest embassy is in Copenhagen, further information is available [HERE](#)

Danish Embassy of Ireland

Contact information on the Danish Embassy of Ireland is available [HERE](#)

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FINLAND

Visa requirements for Finland

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Tampere University - established in 2019 following the merger of University of Tampere and Tampere University of Technology. It is the second largest university in Finland with almost 22,500 students.

Courses in Tampere University

Information on courses available in Tampere University can be found [HERE](#)

Tampere City is located between 2 lakes that are at different heights. The city has rapids (smaller lakes) that join the 2 lakes, taking into account the height difference. Much of its old industrial buildings have now been converted into coffee shops and offices. Tampere City is often referred to as the "Sauna Capital of the World" because of its large number of public saunas.

Getting to Tampere

There are no direct flights from Dublin to Tampere. However, a number of airlines fly to Helsinki which is approximately 2 hours from Tampere. From there you can either get a connecting flight to Tampere-Pirkkala Airport or take a train.

Information on trains from Helsinki to Tampere can be found [HERE](#).

Information on getting from Tampere-Pirkkala Airport to the city centre is available [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy of Finland

There is no embassy in Tampere, however there is an embassy in Helsinki which is about 2 hours away from Tampere. Further information is available [HERE](#)

Finish Embassy of Ireland

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FRANCE

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Institut National Des Sciences Appliquees (INSA) - Lyon

INSA Lyon is an Engineering university situated in the city of Lyon. It is in partnership with 7 other Engineering Universities throughout France. It is the oldest and largest university in the partnership. The majority of the programmes are 5 years. INSA Lyon is among the top 150 universities in the World University Rankings for its teaching in Materials Science and Mechanical Engineering.

Courses in Institut National Des Sciences Appliquees

Information on courses available in Institut National Des Sciences Appliquees - Lyon can be found [HERE](#)

Lyon

The city of Lyon is often referred to as "the gastronomic capital of the world", home to 26 Michelin star restaurants. It is the third largest city in France. Located 390 km southeast of Paris. Lyon is renowned for its universities and higher education schools. It is the second largest student city in France with a student population of approximately 200,000 across the city and surrounding districts.

Getting there

You can get direct flights from Dublin to Lyon. Information on getting from Lyon airport to the city centre can be found [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy of France

There is no Irish Embassy in Lyon, however there is a Consulate, contact information can be found [HERE](#)

French Embassy of Ireland

Contact information on the French Embassy of Ireland is available [HERE](#)

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GERMANY

Visa requirements for Germany

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UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG

Universität Hamburg consists of 180 buildings located throughout the city of Hamburg. It is one of the largest universities in Germany with close to 50,000 students, approximately 6,000 of which are doctoral students.

Courses

Information on courses available in Universität Hamburg can be found [HERE](#)

Hamburg

Hamburg is located in northern Germany. It is the second largest city in Germany next to Berlin. Their population in 2024 is just over 1.7 million, half that of Berlin. Hamburg is home to the largest shipping port in Germany and the third largest in Europe.

Getting to Hamburg

There are direct flights from Dublin to Hamburg. Information on getting from Hamburg airport to the city centre is available [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy Hamburg

There is no Irish Embassy in Hamburg. However, they have an Honorary Consular in Hamburg, click [HERE](#) for contact information.

German Embassy Ireland

Contact information for the German Embassy of Ireland can be found [HERE](#)

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IRELAND

Visa requirements for Ireland

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Dublin City University (DCU) - established as National Institute of Higher Education in 1975 it then went on to gain university status in 1989. It consists of 5 campuses all within a 2 km radius. In 2016 DCU incorporated 4 other educational institutions bringing the current DCU student population to over 20,000.

Courses in Dublin City University

Information on courses available in Dublin City University can be found [HERE](#)

Dublin

Dublin is the capital of Ireland, situated on the east coast of the country. Although it is one of the smaller counties in Ireland it is largest city. Dublin has the largest city park in Europe, Phoenix Park which is spread over 1,750 acres. It is home to the President of Ireland and the American Ambassador to Ireland. It is also the location of Dublin Zoo and other significant monuments, houses and gardens.

Getting to Dublin

Several airlines operate flights in and out of Dublin. The airport is approximately 10 km from the city centre. It is accessible by bus or taxi, further information is available [HERE](#)

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ITALY

Visa requirements for Italy

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University of Trento - established in 1962 as an Institute for Sociology. Over the following 20 years Faculties of Science, Economics, Arts & Humanities, Law and Engineering were added. Currently they have approximately 16,500 students. It is one of the most prestigious medium universities in Italy. It has strong connections with universities in Asia, America, the Middle East and Oceania.

Courses in University of Trento

Information on courses available in University of Trento can be found [HERE](#)

Trento

Trento is the third largest Alpine city after Grenoble in France and Innsbruck in Austria. It is a picturesque city with lots of Medieval and Renaissance architecture. It is one of the wealthiest and most prosperous cities in Italy. Located in the Adige Valley and surrounded by mountains. Close by are some of the best ski resorts in the world.

Getting to Trento

There are no direct flights from Dublin to Trento. However, you can fly from Dublin to Verona and take the shuttle bus at Verona Airport to the train station in Verona and there get a train from Verona to Trento.

For information on getting to Verona train station please click [HERE](#) . The train from Verona to Trento takes approximately 1.5 hours. For information on trains from Verona to Trento please click [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy in Italy

There is no Irish Embassy in Trento. The closest embassy is in Milan which is 2 hours away, further information can be found [HERE](#)

Italian Embassy in Ireland

Contact information for the Italian Embassy in Ireland is available [HERE](#)

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LITHUANIA

Visa requirements for Lithuania

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KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY - originally established as the University of Lithuania in the city of Kaunas in 1922. Following many years of conflict, economic challenges and name changes' the university was given its current name, Kaunas University of Technology in 1991. It has over 9,000 students, with 6.5% coming from outside Lithuania. Since 2009 diplomas from the university have become recognised across Europe.

Courses in Kaunas University of Technology

Information on courses available in Kaunas University of Technology can be found [HERE](#)

Kaunas

Kaunas is the second largest city in Lithuania next to Vilnius. It has a population of 393,000 including its suburbs. There are many museums covering its detailed history. It is in the centre of Lithuania so you can easily access other parts of the country. The city is beautifully surrounded by forests and 2 large rivers.

Getting to Kaunas

You can get direct flights from Dublin to Kaunas. Information on getting from Kaunas Airport to the city centre is available [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy of Lithuania

There is no Embassy in Kaunas. The nearest embassy is in Vilnius, contact information is available [HERE](#)

Lithuanian Embassy of Ireland

Contact information for the Lithuanian Embassy of Ireland is available [HERE](#)

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MEXICO

Visa requirements for Mexico

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Tecnologico De Monterrey - originally a private university that was established in 1943. It has approximately 90,000 students this includes 29,000 high school students. The university is spread across 25 cities with a total of 31 campuses.

Courses in Tecnologico De Monterrey

Information on courses available in Tecnologico De Monterrey can be found [HERE](#)

Monterrey

Monterrey is the capital and largest city of the northeastern state of Nuevo Leon in Mexico. It is a major industrial and business hub and is one of the most populated cities in northern Mexico. It is surrounded by mountains making it an ideal city for hiking. The city is known for its music, art and local cuisine including its famous roast kid goat.

Getting to Monterrey

There are no direct flights from Dublin to Monterrey. Most flights go via North Carolina and or Miami with American Airlines.

Information on getting to Monterrey can be found [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy in Monterrey

There is no Irish Embassy in Monterrey. Information on the nearest Irish Embassy can be found [HERE](#)

Mexican Embassy in Ireland

Contact information on the Mexican Embassy in Ireland is available [HERE](#)

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NETHERLANDS

Visa requirements for Netherlands

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University of Twente - located in the city of Enschede. It was originally set up as Twente Polytechnical College in 1961. It was renamed University of Twente in 1984 following changes to the Dutch Academic Education Act. The location was chosen based on the large manufacturing industry in the area and the decline in the textile industry at the time. University of Twente is one of the top 200 most prestigious universities in the world according to the Times Higher Education Ranking.

Courses in University of Twente

Information on courses available in University of Twente can be found [HERE](#)

Enschede

Enschede is the largest city in the east of The Netherlands with a population of over 160,000. It is just a few kilometers from the border with Germany so many of the people living in Enschede also speak fluent German. The airport in Enschede only operates a very limited number of charter flights and private planes. The airport has a very interesting history which you can read more about [HERE](#)

Getting to Enschede

There are no direct flights from Dublin to Enschede. You can get a flight from Dublin to Amsterdam airport. You can then get a train from Amsterdam airport to Enschede which takes about 2 hours. Further information can be found [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy of Netherlands

There is no Irish Embassy in Enschede. Information on the nearest Irish Embassy can be found [HERE](#)

Dutch Embassy of Ireland

Contact information for the Dutch Embassy of Ireland is available [HERE](#)

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NORWAY

Visa Requirements for Norway

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University of Stavanger - previously known as Stavanger University College was created following the merging of several smaller colleges. In 2005 it received university status and was renamed University of Stavanger. It has approximately 12,000 students and 2,000 staff. It is located in the city of Stavanger.

Courses in University of Stavanger

Information on courses available in University of Stavanger can be found [HERE](#)

Stavanger

Stavanger is one of the oldest cities in Norway. Located in the southwest of Norway, approximately 7 hours from Oslo. Often listed as one of the most expensive cities in the world to live in. It is the base for many domestic and international military organisations, including the NATO Warfare Centre. For many years Stavanger's main industry was shipping, ship building and fish canning.

Getting to Stavanger

There are no direct flights from Dublin to Stavanger. But you can fly from Dublin to Heathrow, Amsterdam, Copenhagen or Oslo and then get a connecting flight to Stavanger. Information on getting from Stavanger airport to the city centre is available [HERE](#)

You could alternatively fly Dublin to Oslo and then take a very scenic 7 hour train journey to Stavanger. If you travel overnight on the train you can book a sleeping compartment. Further information on the trains is available [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy of Norway

There is no Irish Embassy in Stavanger. Contact information on the nearest Irish Embassy is available [HERE](#)

Norwegian Embassy of Ireland

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POLAND

Visa requirements for Poland

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Lodz University of Technology - originally established in May 1945 consisting of Chemistry, Mechanical, Electrical and Textile Engineering programmes. There were 525 students in the first year the college opened. In 2024 there were approximately 18,000 students.

Courses in Lodz University of Technology

Information on courses available in Lodz University of Technology can be found [HERE](#)

Lodz

Lodz is in the centre of Poland approximately 120 km southwest of Warsaw. It is known internationally for its National Film School. In 2017 it was inducted into the UNESCO Creative Cities Network and is often referred to as UNESCO City of Film. Piotrkowska Street located in Lodz is one of the longest streets in Europe measuring 4.6 km.

Getting to Lodz

You can get direct flights from Dublin to Lodz. The airport is approximately 6 km from the city centre. You can get there by bus or taxi - further information is available [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy of Poland

There is no Embassy in Lodz. The nearest embassy is in Warsaw, further information can be found [HERE](#)

Polish Embassy of Ireland

Contact information for the Polish Embassy of Ireland can be found [HERE](#)

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PORTUGAL

Visa requirements for Portugal

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University of Aveiro - originally established in 1973. It currently has a student population of over 17,000 and more than 2,000 staff. The university is split over 3 campuses, the main campus being in Aveiro. The other 2 campuses are in the cities of Águeda and Oliveira de Azeméis, both are only 30 minutes by bus or train from Aveiro.

Courses

Information on courses available in University of Aveiro can be found [HERE](#)

AVEIRO

Aveiro coastline is along the Atlantic Ocean. Like Venice it has many canals and boats so is often referred to as 'The Venice of Portugal'. Aveiro was for many years known for its salt production. The boats that they now use for transporting passengers had previously been used for harvesting salt from sea water.

Getting to Aveiro

There are no direct flights from Dublin to Aveiro. The best way to get there is to fly from Dublin to Porto which is just over an hour from Aveiro. You can take the bus, metro or taxi from Porto Airport to the city centre which is approximately 11 km away, further information is available [HERE](#). Then take a train from Porto city to Aveiro, further information is available [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy of Portugal

There is no Irish Embassy in Aveiro. For information on the nearest embassy is available [HERE](#)

Portuguese Embassy of Ireland

Contact information on the Portuguese Embassy of Ireland can be found [HERE](#)

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SPAIN

Visa requirements for Spain

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Universitate Autonoma De Barcelona - established in 1968, it currently has 56,000 students. Its QS World University Rankings have grown over the last number of years. It is currently ranked 149th of 300. Most of the teaching takes place on their campus in Cerdanyola del Vallès which is approximately 30 minutes from the centre of Barcelona.

Courses in Universitate Autonoma De Barcelona

Information on courses available in Universitate Autonoma De Barcelona can be found [HERE](#)

Barcelona

Barcelona City has a population of 1.6 million and a suburban population of over 5 million. It has 9 UNESCO sites, 7 of which are designed by Catalan architect and designer Antoni Gaudi. It is home to the busiest passenger port in Europe. Approximately 3 million passengers visit the city each year by sea alone.

Getting to Barcelona

There are several airlines that operate direct flights from Dublin to Barcelona

For information on getting to Barcelona city centre click [HERE](#)

Information on how to get to Universitate Autonoma De Barcelona from the city centre can be found [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy to Spain

There is no Irish Embassy in Barcelona. Contact information on the nearest Irish Embassy can be found [HERE](#)

Spanish Embassy to Ireland

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SWEDEN

Visa requirements for Sweden

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Linköping University - one of the largest academic institutions in Sweden. It earned its university status in 1975. It has 4 campuses across 3 cities – Stockholm, Linköping and Norröping. There are over 40,000 students in Linköping University. It is ranked among the top universities in the world.

Courses in Linköping University

Information on courses available in Linköping University can be found [HERE](#)

Linköping

The city of Linköping is located in Southern Sweden. It is about 2 hours away from Stockholm. Linköping is known for its high-tech industry. It has a population of approximately 165,000.

Getting to Linköping

There are no direct flights to Linköping but it is just 2 hours from Stockholm. The best way to get to Linköping is to fly to Stockholm and take the train from Stockholm airport to Stockholm Central Station. There you can get a train to Linköping. Information on train services can be found [HERE](#)

Irish Embassy of Sweden

There is no Irish Embassy in Linköping. The nearest embassy is in Stockholm, further information is available [HERE](#)

Swedish Embassy of Ireland

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