



Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Confirm your DCU placement offer
- Pay fees (at least 60%)
- Book accommodation
- Arrange health and/or travel insurance
- Make travel arrangements (buy tickets, plan your journey)
- Apply for and collect your visa
- Read through the [International Student Handbook](#)
- Engage with pre-departure events / watch webinar recordings
- Explore the [Orientation Hub](#)
- Prepare your immigration / travel documents (in your carry-on)
- Pack your suitcases
 - Clothes - waterproof jacket and shoes, jumpers, etc. (to layer)
 - Medication - enough prescription medication to last you until you register with a doctor (GP) in Ireland
 - Something that reminds you of home
 - Chargers, electrical adapters
 - Snacks for the journey
 - Passport, immigration documents, important contact numbers
- Read up about Ireland, its culture and customs, watch films / TV series
- Register at DCU and sign up for modules (online)
- Complete Online Orientation on [Loop](#) (My DCU)

Post-Arrival Checklist



- Unpack
- Go on a short walk to explore the immediate surroundings
- Get an Irish SIM card
- Get a Leap Card
- Collect your Student Card
- Explore the city centre or walk on the beach, locate your embassy
- If you live off campus, take different routes to DCU and see which one is the best for you
- Call your family
- Do a campus + library tours (and walk around on your own as well)
- Attend Orientation events and your Programme Orientation
- Read materials available to you about your programme +
- Academic Integrity, Student Charter, Academic Calendar, locate support services
- Attend Student Union events (join some Clubs & Societies!)
- Make your GNIB appointment
- Open a bank account
- Make a shopping list and get everything you need for your room and studies
- Make a list of things you would like to do and see (in the next 3/6/12 months) in Ireland
- Work on your healthy habits (drinking enough water, eating balanced diet, exercising, getting enough sleep)
- Apply for PPSN
- Register with a General Practitioner (GP)