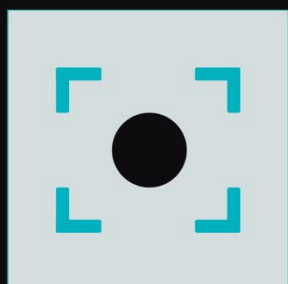


# FilmEU

## Welcome to FilmEU at IADT

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## Introduction

The Institute of Art, Design + Technology (IADT) in Dún Laoghaire, Dublin, is Ireland's only third-level institution dedicated to the creative, cultural, and technological sectors. Established in 1997, IADT evolved from the Dún Laoghaire College of Art and Design, which had been offering art foundation courses since the 1960s. Situated on a 35-acre campus on Kill Avenue, IADT provides a dynamic learning environment for over 2,500 students. A standout feature is the National Film School, launched in 2003, which is renowned for its excellence in film, animation, broadcasting, and digital media education. IADT's commitment to innovation is further demonstrated through its Media Cube, a digital media incubation centre that supports start-up companies and graduate entrepreneurs. With a focus on creativity, entrepreneurship, and digital skills, IADT prepares students to lead and innovate in a changing digital world.

## Location

The IADT Campus is located in South County Dublin, 14km from the City Centre and next to the suburban coastal town of Dún Laoghaire. This fantastic location offers students easy access to all of the facilities that Dublin City and Dún Laoghaire town have to offer. We know that getting to and from college with ease is a priority for students. Public Transport links to IADT are excellent with frequent buses providing connection to Dún Laoghaire (Dart + Main Line) Station, Dublin City and suburbs. Free, secure parking for cars and bicycles is provided for all students. There are recently upgraded cycle lanes throughout Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. Dublin, one of Europe's most vibrant capital cities, is home to 1.29 million people. Known for its rich historical heritage and its vibrant culture, it is a welcoming place for students. Touring the island of Ireland is easy, fun and accessible from IADT. In Dún Laoghaire and nearby locations, students can enjoy water sports, rock-climbing, the beautiful harbour area, eating out, shopping and a lively nightlife. Recent developments in the locality have seen Dún Laoghaire become popular with tourists as well as many people from around Dublin who travel here to enjoy the sea air, the atmosphere and its famous ice cream. Location is also key for the future careers of our students in Business, Media, Technology, Arts, Film and Cultural sectors with high employment rates in Dublin and across Ireland.

## Travel

You can fly into Dublin International Airport, which is located north of Dublin City Centre. There are also regular Ferry Services directly from continental Europe and from the United Kingdom, if you prefer not to fly.

### Bus

From Dublin Airport (or Port), you can take a bus or a taxi to your accommodation.

For example, the Aircoach takes approx. 50 minutes to Dún Laoghaire. You can buy a ticket directly from a company representative at the airport arrivals stop at Dublin airport or alternatively you can purchase one from the driver when boarding the Aircoach at any of

the stops. The Aircoach Dublin Airport stop is located just outside the Arrivals Halls at both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. For further information check out [www.aircoach.ie](http://www.aircoach.ie) [Route 702 Timetables | Aircoach](#)

### Taxi

There is a Taxi rank at the airport. Taxis are also very easy to hail in town or from one of many taxi ranks on main streets or in front of hotels. If you need to pay by card, be sure to ask the driver before you get in whether they accept cards. If you like to use pay-by-phone apps, FREE NOW, Bolt, and Uber are some of the common apps used in Ireland.

### Getting to the IADT campus

The Campus is well served by public transport – of which there are three main kinds in Dublin – the Bus, the Dart (coastal suburban rail) and the Luas (tram). The best public transport App is called [TfL \(Transport for Ireland\)](#). You can also use GoogleMaps.

From Dublin City Centre the following buses connect with Dún Laoghaire.

Buses – 7, 7A, 8, 45A, E2, 59, L27, S8, 111, L25, 7E, 63

Night link – Route L via Blackrock

Night link – Route K via Stillorgan

E2 - Operating 24 hours a day (will drop you directly at IADT)

You will need a [Leap Card](#) to travel on public transport. Available on-line, a student Leap Card will afford you reduced rates.

There is a good network of cycle paths in the vicinity of the college and suitable storage for bicycles, so once you're settled in, cycling to college could be a good option for you to consider.

## Information for International Students

IADT has a dedicated webpage for [International Students](#) where you will find all the information you need including information on Student Visas ([check here if this applies to you](#)).

EU / EEA citizens do not require a visa to study in Ireland.

You can contact our International Office via e-mail at [international@iadt.ie](mailto:international@iadt.ie).

## Accommodation

It is very common for students to rent a room in a family home in the locality or adjacent to a suitable transport link. Once students get to know each other, they sometimes opt to house-share. Appropriate accommodation can be difficult to find in Dublin and is expensive, so you will need to be patient and invest some time in finding the right place for you. (IADT does not have any on-campus student accommodation).

We recommend registering on IADT's official accommodation platform: [IADT Student Pad](#). (If you do not yet have an IADT e-mail address, use your personal e-mail and include your course name).

Here are some of our top tips about accommodation:

- Do not pay for long term accommodation without seeing it in person. There are many scams and fake advertisements so this is really important!
- Some accommodation is offered on a Monday to Friday basis. 5 - day accommodation is not suitable for international students.
- If you can't get anywhere in the locality of IADT we suggest you try to find somewhere on the DART line (suburban rail) or on the E2 bus route.
- Use the [Transport for Ireland Journey Planner](#) to help you work out how to get to the campus.
- The following websites can also be helpful when looking for accommodation:  
[collegecribs.ie](#)  
[isaccommodation.com](#)  
[homestay.com](#) ( living with families)  
[rent.ie](#)  
[daft.ie](#)  
[Accommodation Guide | ICOS \(internationalstudents.ie\)](#)

## Joining FilmEU at IADT

In advance of arrival, you will receive the information you need to get started, such as, how and when to register, your timetable and induction events. On arrival – go to main reception where an Information Officer will be able to provide you with assistance.

The Information Desk is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and is located directly inside main reception.

### IADT Orientation

IADT run a comprehensive orientation programme for all incoming undergraduate students, called [First Year Focus](#). This will provide you with the opportunity to meet other students and get to know your way around. It will also introduce you to the range of services available to students including student support services and our wonderful library. If you have any additional needs that we don't already know about, this is a good opportunity to engage with us on that topic, so that we can provide appropriate support and make any necessary accommodations. You can also find out about the various Clubs and Societies you might like to join.

## Connecting with the IADT Student Community

We recommend downloading an App called [Goin](#) which allows you to connect with other IADT students. There are lots of interest groups on there (including housing / accommodation) or you might like to connect with individuals and chat with them. You will be able to see which courses they are doing, so for example other Film or TV students.

## Health Insurance

It is recommended that students take out Health Insurance. If you have health insurance in an EU country, you can ask your insurer for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), free of charge. Sometimes you can find it on the reverse side of your national insurance card. The card is proof that you are insured in an EU country. EHIC cards are issued by your [national health insurance provider](#).

If you don't have your EHIC, or you can't use it (for instance, for private health care), you can't be refused treatment but you might have to pay the full amount for your treatment and [claim reimbursement](#) once you get home. Read more detailed information about the [European Health Insurance Card](#).

## Living in Ireland

Whether you're arriving for a semester or a full degree, studying in Ireland is an exciting adventure filled with academic growth, cultural enrichment, and unforgettable experiences.

### Technology

Remember to plan ahead with regard to mobile phone plans, suitable adapters etc.

### Money Matters

It's a good idea to have a multicurrency card or have access to a Euro bank account and to bring some cash for the first few days (around €200–€300). The Cost of Living (Monthly Estimate) is: Rent: €400–€900, Groceries: €150–€250, Transport: €50–€100, Social & leisure: €100–€200

### Getting Out and About

Some popular sites for finding out what's on in Dublin are:

[What's on in Dublin – Dublin Events](#)  
[Things to Do in Dublin This Weekend | Eventbrite](#)

In addition to the vibrant nightlife and pub culture locally and across most towns and cities in Ireland, there are loads of active and fun things you can do on a student

budget. Outdoor pursuits of all kinds are very popular in Ireland. With 7,500 kilometers of coastline to explore, you are never far from the sea. There are also numerous sports clubs and facilities within the local area (check out [Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown Sports Partnership](#) for more details).

You can use the [International Student Identity Card \(ISIC\)](#) for discounts when you are out and about.

## Climate

The weather in Ireland is mild, rainy, and changeable with average temperatures: 4–10°C in winter, 15–20°C in summer.

Whilst the west of the country gets more rain than the east coast, it can be quite wet in Dublin. We recommend that you pack smart and consider bringing the following:

Layers: Ireland's weather can be unpredictable, so pack layers of clothing for warmth and flexibility.

Comfortable Shoes: You'll likely be doing a lot of walking, so choose comfortable and durable shoes.

Weather Protection: Include a raincoat and waterproof gear to stay dry, especially during outdoor activities.

## Language

There are two official languages in Ireland – Irish and English. English is the most commonly used language.

## Exploring Ireland

**Beyond the Cities:** Go beyond Dublin and explore the country's diverse landscapes, historical sites, and coastal beauty.

**Local Experiences:** Engage with the local culture, try traditional Irish music, and learn some basic Irish language phrases.

**Day Trips:** Take day trips to nearby attractions like Galway, the Cliffs of Moher, or Cork.

**Spontaneous Adventures:** Embrace spontaneous adventures and explore off-the-beaten-path locations.

**Respectful Travel:** Be mindful of local customs and traditions, particularly when visiting historic sites or religious institutions.

**Stay Safe:** Be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded tourist areas, and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

**Enjoy the Local Food:** Sample traditional Irish dishes and local delicacies.

### Emergency Contacts

Save important emergency numbers on your phone.

Emergency Services: 112 or 999

Embassy/Consulate: Keep your embassy's contact information handy

## IADT Contact Details

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