Who or what is FIE?

- Not for Profit
- London, **Dublin** and Amman
- 24/7 staff coverage
- 40+ staff across Dublin, London and U.S.
- 40+ U.S. University partners
- 3 Dublin College partners
- And it’s our birthday! [Welcome to Dublin...](#)
Your FIE Dublin Team

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NEW SLA!

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Congratulations on your acceptance to the FIE@DBS Study Programme!

It takes courage and a sense of adventure to make the decision to study abroad and we are thrilled that you have chosen to do so in Dublin!

We’re excited about your arrival in only a few short months and although it may seem like a long time away, they’ll be here before you know it. In the meantime, we want you to know that our Pre-Departure Communication is there to help guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

MyStudyAbroad@FIE | Programme Dates | Dublin Team | Flights
Welcome to Dublin, Ireland!
What to pack?

DO NOT OVERPACK

You should bring

✓ rain jacket and waterproof shoes
✓ a bath towel and washcloth for your first couple of days
✓ necessary prescriptions and medications for the duration of your programme

About small appliances

Irish and American voltages are different. It will be easiest for you to buy a cheap hairdryer or electric shaver while you are here.
Immigration and Visas

You will need to bring the following documentation with you through customs:

1. Your Passport
2. Return flight details
3. Letter of Acceptance
4. Proof of Insurance
5. Proof of Funds
   Evidence of €500 for each month of your programme. This needs to be shown by a bank statement not older than one month.
6. Medical Prescriptions

You will need to go to register within 30 days of when you first landed at Dublin Airport and pay €300 to the authorities.

We’ll make these appointments for you!
What happens at the airport?

- Immigration
- Grab your bag
- Meet us at arrivals
- Bus to residence
- Lunch
- Housing and Neighbourhood tour
- Bed!
- Next day….orientation!
WELCOME TO DUBLIN!
We hope that you are looking forward to beginning your study abroad experience with a week (and a bit more) full of orientation activities!
Our orientation sessions are designed to fully prepare you for your time studying abroad and will help you settle into life in Dublin.

WEDNESDAY 29th AUGUST
ARRIVAL IN DUBLIN
FROM 8AM | AIRPORT TO RESIDENCE
12.00pm Housing Orientation and welcome lunch
1.30pm Local Amenities Walking Tour (bring cash for shopping)

THURSDAY 30th AUGUST
FIE & DBS ORIENTATION
9.15AM-4PM | DBS CASTLE HOUSE
Meet FIE staff @ 9.15am to walk to DBS Castle House
- DBS Registration
- FIE Welcome Orientation
- Lunch at DBS Aungier Street
- DBS Study Abroad Orientation
- Libraries Orientation
- Student Services Orientation
- IT Orientation

FRIDAY 31st AUGUST
WELCOME RECEPTION
5.30PM | MARKET BAR
14A FADE STREET, DUBLIN 2
FIE Welcomes all First Year Forward students to their programme with tapas galore!
Get ready to stuff yourself!

MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER
CLASSES BEGIN
Check your timetables!

SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER
CAUSEY FARM
9.00AM | NAVAN, COUNTY MEATH
Meet downstairs for a bus ride to Causey Farm!
Wear your FIE t-shirt, bottoms you don’t mind getting dirty, and bring lunch, change of clothes and towel!

MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER
FYF CONVOCATION
6.00PM | SMOCK ALLEY THEATRE
6-7 EXCHANGE STREET LOWER, DUBLIN 8
The first meeting of FIE’s First Year Forward programme will be with Irish cultural figures to celebrate your entry into this wonderful country.

SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER
TRIP TO HOWTH
9.30AM | HOWTH, COUNTY DUBLIN
Meet your SLA downstairs where we’ll hitch a ride for a stunning cliff-side walk!
Dress for a hill walk folks!

MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER
CLASSES BEGIN
Check your timetables!
Co & Extra Curricular Calendar
You will be busy and may have mandatory activities on Fridays!

Residential Events
Sports
Culture
Social Events
Co-Curriculars
Study Tour Weekends
IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE REST OF YOUR SEMESTER – ADD TO YOUR CALENDARS!!

**National Museum**
- 7 SEPT
- Dig deep into the history of Ireland through a guided tour. Golden chalices, bog-bodies, Viking-era instruments await you to draw inspiration from the deep, deep past.

**Study Tour West**
- 14-16 SEPT
- Starting in Galway, heading out to the Aran Islands then through County Clare to The Burren and stunning Cliffs of Moher! Get your camera’s at the ready!

**FYF Workshop 1**
- 25 SEPT
- Project work, guidance, description to come

**Croke Park**
- 28 SEPT
- Take a tour of the iconic Croke Park Stadium and learn all about Ireland’s unique national games of hurling and Gaelic football.

**FYF Workshop 2**
- 16 OCT
- Project work, guidance, description to come

**Glasnevin Cemetery**
- 19 OCT
- Discover the lives of patriots and paupers and the stories of 1.5 million people buried in Ireland’s most famous graveyard. Passionately presented and profoundly interesting.

**FYF Workshop 3**
- 13 NOV
- Project work, guidance, description to come

**FYF Volunteer Event**
- 02 NOV
- YET TO BE CONFIRMED

**Thanksgiving Feast**
- 22 NOV
- Though not a holiday in Ireland, we’ve got your Turkey-fest covered!

**FYF Workshop 2**
- 16 OCT
- Project work, guidance, description to come

**FYF Volunteer Event**
- 20 OCT
- Bram Stoker Festival

**FYF Volunteer Event**
- 25 OCT
- FYF Volunteer Event

**Abbey Theatre – Rathmines Road**
- 25 OCT
- A fraught, funny and ferocious new play that challenges our cultural response to sexual assault. Rathmines Road unleashes a brutal truth that affects us all. SIGN UP for only ??

**Leinster Rugby Game**
- 24 NOV
- A ruffians game played by gentleman! SIGN UP for only ??

**FYF Devocation**
- 30 NOV
- FIE’s 20th Anniversary Celebration and celebration of the completion of FYF.

**Public Holiday Monday**
- 29 OCT

**Reading Week**
- 29 OCT – 2 NOV

**Ghost Bus Tour**
- 4 NOV
- The Ghostbus tour gives you a glimpse of Dublin’s underbelly, the dark side to “Dublin’s Fair City” you’ve never seen or ever knew existed. SIGN UP for only ??

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**Last Day of Classes**
- 14 DEC

**Exam Period**
- 17-18 DEC

**Departure Day 😥**
- 19 DEC
- Remember to donate anything you can’t fit in your suitcase!
Culture Shock

What to keep an eye on:
- Ireland ≠ America!
- Expect to be challenged
- Expect to feel uncomfortable
- Surface level vs deeper

But don’t worry:
- Embrace change
- Be open minded
- Use your sense of humour
- Talk to staff
Banking and Finance

- **Credit cards:** Visa and MasterCard only widely accepted – Limited AmEx.
- **Debit cards:** widely accepted with Visa, MasterCard, Maestro, Cirrus symbol
- **Cash:** primary payment method. Don’t travel with large amount of foreign currency
- **No need to open Irish account**
- **Notify your bank**
- **Start chatting about budgeting**
Transport in Dublin

WALKING!!!

Dublin Bus
www.dublinbus.ie

LUAS
www.luas.ie

Dublin City Bikes
www.dublinbikes.ie
Insurance

- Your programme includes comprehensive travel insurance
- Keep an eye on emails for more information on insurance documents, including where and what to print for immigration purposes
- Details on claim process given on arrival
Cell Phones

- It is mandatory that you have a mobile phone/Irish phone number for the duration of the programme.
- Get your smart phone unlocked to accept Irish SIM card
- Talk to your provider about possible international/study abroad plans
- On arrival in Dublin, you will be directed from first day to get a cellphone/SIM card
Binary Hub

Your home for the 2018 Fall semester
Binary Hub

Suite style living – 4, 5 or 6 bedroom apartments, with bike storage, mail services, laundry facilities, Residence Life staff and centre reception.

Bedrooms are single, private bedrooms. All students will share a flat with 3-5 other students. Apartments will be single sex, floors and buildings will be mixed genders.

It is self-catering, with fully equipped kitchens in each apartment complete with stove, oven, fridge, storage space, toaster, electric kettle and microwave.
Please note towels and bedlinens are not provided at Binary Hub. Comforters and a pillow are. Your residence staff will show you where you can buy some on your first day.

- **Bedrooms:** small double (4ft) bed, large desk, pin board, bookshelves, wardrobe and under bed storage
- **Bathroom:** individual bathrooms within each bedroom: sink, toilet and shower
- **Common Area:** shared between the bedrooms in the suite, two/three sofas, coffee table and dining room table
- **Kitchen:** shared between the bedrooms in the suite, fully equipped
- **End of semester check out:** All residents must leave their apartments better than they found them. If a certain standard is not met/fines not paid, FIE will hold semester transcripts.
Binary Hub - Building Facilities

- 24 hour reception area with post handling system
- Common Room with books, board games, table top games, Playstation and vending machines
- Small Gym on site (open 6am-midnight)
- Spacious study area with printing facilities
- Secured courtyards (accessible via key holders only)
- Residential social calendar
- FIE Staff office on site
Dinner Time

There are no meal plans!

- Eat healthy!

- Local butchers, grocers, supermarkets – bring shopping bags

- Learn some recipes now!

- Eating out – Pub dinner (€12), Fast food (€8), Sandwich (€5), early bird specials between 5-7pm
Conduct

Things that will not be tolerated

- Abuse of others (violent, sexual, verbal or electronically).
- Property destruction, vandalism
- Substance abuse/ excessive consumption
- Academic dishonesty
- Theft, disorderly conduct, tampering with fire safety
- Criminality in any form
- Behaviour that puts yourself or others at risk
- No smoking indoors
- No parties

Consequences

- Loss of access/guest privileges
- Letter of warning
- Probation
- Expulsion
Health and Safety

- Individualized fobs for bedroom
- Big city - petty crime happens!
- Register with the US State Department Web site
- Stay in touch – online travel forms
- Emergency Incident Response Plan available via FIE Website
Medical Services near DBS/Binary Hub

- Hospitals: St. James Hospital, Mater Hospital, clinics and GPs
- Aungier Street Medical Centre, Thomas Street Medical Centre
- Allergies/medical conditions – prepare before you leave!
- Preventative care: maintain good habits and stay healthy!
Prescriptions

- You may carry a **3 month supply** of your medication with you to Ireland.
- You must have your prescription on your person when entering Dublin Airport.
- You must have a photocopy of the prescription in your suitcase with the medication.

If you can only bring one month supply and need some mailed to you?

Your parents **must** email the Health Products Regulatory Authority (**HPRA**)

They will need to state:

- Your name
- The courier company name
- The tracking number
- The type and amount of medication
- Your address and phone number in Dublin (to contact with any questions)

The package itself **must** include a photocopy of the prescription and/or letter from prescribing doctor on the outside of the box.
Dublin Business School

- Not just a business school!
- 9,000 Students
- City centre campus
- Class sizes
- Student services
- Learning accommodations
- Counselling support

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Academic Plan

• Irish Life and Cultures
• First Year Forward
• College Writing
• 3 further electives from:
  ❑ Event Planning and Operations,
  ❑ Intro to Drama and Theatre
  ❑ Intro to Sociology
  ❑ Ireland’s Media
  ❑ Maths and Stats for Business
  ❑ Psychological Foundations
  ❑ War and Peace in the 20th Century
  ❑ Intro to Literature (Poetry and Fiction)
Irish Life and Cultures (IL&C)
Course:
An opportunity to contextualise your study abroad experience and create a formative, experiential and valuable opportunity for growth and development.

Objectives:
Develop your range of experiences and opportunities in Dublin in keeping with FIE’s key values: knowledge and inclusivity, ethics and human rights, social and cultural reflection and action and commitment to the environment.

Learning Outcomes:
- A greater understanding of Ireland’s culture and people
- Community development via volunteering
- Built a creative portfolio of reflections, images and journals
- Developed confidence and self-reflective skills
Questions?

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