2017 Fall
iCharleston FIE@DBS

Dublin Pre-Departure Orientation
Who or what is FIE?

- The Foundation for International Education, a London-based non-profit organisation, supports international universities and colleges, and their faculty and staff, in facilitating a complete study abroad experience.
- FIE achieves a high level of quality student support by supplying an innovative curriculum, excellent facilities, and high-quality student life services.
- FIE staff are on hand to help you in every way they can, with friendly student life and residential staff to guide students throughout their experience.
Your FIE Dublin Team

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Welcome to Dublin, Ireland!
Ireland at a glance

- Population of Dublin: 1.27 million
- There are over 100,000 students in Dublin
- National languages: Irish and English
- Culturally, socially, politically and economically influenced by the UK and USA
- Dublin is ranked #3 in Lonely Planets Top 10 cities to visit list 2016
- Temperate climate: fall (crisp & comparable to East Coast US) and winter (mild and wet)
Prepare now!

- You may think you have a long way to go before departure...but it's sooner than you think!
- Before you travel to Dublin, write down what you hope to accomplish and learn during your programme
- Make copies of your important documents to bring with you – passport photo page, insurance, medical information and DBS Acceptance Letter
Culture Shock

Definition: Anxiety and disorientation felt when people have to operate within a different cultural or social environment.

- Just because you are going to an English-speaking country does NOT mean you won’t experience culture shock.
- There are cultural differences between your home country and Ireland.
- Expect to be challenged. Expect to also feel uncomfortable at times.
You’ll be grand!

- Remember your goals for the semester!
- Expect differences, embrace them, learn from them
- Utilize your sense of humour
- Be open-minded: it’s not wrong, it’s different!
- Have tolerance for ambiguity
- Talk to FIE or iCharleston staff if you feel that you are really having difficulties adjusting
Get to know Dublin and Ireland before you arrive

Read local news and start learning about current events

THE IRISH TIMES

thejournal.ie

Lovin Dublin

GAA
Transport in Dublin

WALKING!!!

Dublin Bus
www.dublinbus.ie

LUAS
www.luas.ie

Dublin City Bikes
www.dublinbikes.ie
What to pack?

**DO NOT OVERPACK**

Storage space is limited in residence, you will have to move your luggage to and from your residence…over packing will not make this process easy!

You should bring

✓ rain jacket and water proof 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 and return flight details
2. Letter of Acceptance from Dublin Business School
3. Proof of Insurance
4. 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.
5. 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.
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
Banking and Finance

- **Credit cards:** Visa and MasterCard only widely accepted – NO AmEx. Understand your transaction fees. Always pay in local currency

- **Debit cards:** widely accepted with Visa, MasterCard, Maestro, Cirrus symbol

- **Cash:** primary payment method. Don’t travel with large amount of foreign currency – travel with no more than a couple of hundred Euro

- **CANNOT OPEN IRISH BANK ACCOUNT**

- You must notify your bank that you’re going to be in Ireland for the semester

- Start thinking about budgets

- Financial evidence for immigration

- Immigration registration €300
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
- It is important you are contactable throughout the semester – day one through departure
- On arrival in Dublin, you will be directed from first day to get a cellphone/SIM card
Orientation

Upon Arrival, you will have:

- Housing and Neighbourhood orientation
- FIE Welcome & Health and Safety Orientation
- DBS Orientation
- Welcome Reception
- Group Excursions
  - Howth
  - Causey Farm
Co & Extra Curricular Calendar

You will be busy and your may have mandatory activities on Fridays!

Residential Events
Sports
Culture
Social Events
Co-Curriculars
Study Tour Weekends
Binary Hub

Your home for the 2017 Fall semester
Binary Hub

Suite style living – 4, 5 or 6 bedroom apartments between two buildings, 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. The programme provides some meals.
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

- Lock your doors—use common sense!
- Big city - petty crime happens!
- Register with the US State Department Web site
- Stay in touch – online travel forms
- Reporting incidents to iCharleston, FIE and the Gardaí
- Emergency Incident Response available via FIE Website
Medical Services

- Hospitals: St. James Hospital, Mater Hospital, clinics and GPs
- Aungier Street Medical Centre
- Allergies/medical conditions
- 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.
Where will you study?

Michael Kielty
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Academics in Ireland

- Punctuality
- Attendance
- Participation
- Study & assignments
- Ask for help if needed
- Respect – students and staff
Study Facilities

- Computer Lab
- Libraries
- Study Spaces in residence
Accessibility services

- All known disabilities must be declared and documented in advance
- All information on disabilities will be kept confidential
- DBS have a resident Disability Officer
- Counselling Services available.
- Each support package will differ according to the declared and documented disability and will be based on a student’s individual needs
Irish Life and Cultures (IL&C)
Questions?

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