



WIT International Office

Partner University Information Form

For Prospective Erasmus Incoming students

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Ireland

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Erasmus Code: IRLWATERFO01
Erasmus Charter No: EUC Number(Charter) : 244575

Application Deadline

Please note the WIT academic calendar is subject to change.

	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Duration of Semester/Term</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Deadline for Applications	Winter Semester	From late August to late December	31 st of May
	Spring Semester	From early January to May	31 st of May
	Full Academic Year	From late August to May	31 st of May

Application Procedure

Prospective Incoming Students

The partner university is required to conduct a selection process to choose potential exchange students, the selection criteria are based on performance, language skills, and commitment. Following the selection process, nominations are then made to WIT via e-mail to: studentexchange@wit.ie

After acknowledgement email from WIT, the student is then required to complete our Erasmus online application form which asks the student to specify their intended area of study and length of time to plan to stay at the Waterford Institute of Technology.

Online Erasmus application form is available on our website:
<http://www.wit.ie/International/Exchanges/IncomingErasmusStudents>

Following submission of the online Erasmus application form students will receive an application confirmation email. Selected students are required to submit the following documents to - Erasmus Admissions, International Office, Waterford Institute of Technology, Cork Road, Waterford, Ireland. :

- (1) Fully completed, printed online application form which has been signed by the applicant and bears the official partner university stamp and signature of International officer from home university.**
- (2) Completed Learning agreement which has been signed by the applicant and bears the official partner university stamp and signature of International officer from home university.**
- (3) A copy of your Passport.**
- (4) A passport size photo.**

Please note we cannot accept incomplete applications. Once your application has been accepted we will send you full details regarding accommodation and your start date.



Course Registration and Academic Information

Language proficiency	Students are required to have sufficient command of English to be able to follow lectures without difficulty.
Language of Instruction	Irish (<i>Gaeilge</i>) is the national language of Ireland however this is spoken as a first language only by a small minority of the Irish population, and is not required to study in Ireland. All lecturers/classes/exams/assignments are conducted through English with the exception of foreign language classes such as French, German, Spanish and Italian.
Maximum credits gained	Students are permitted to gain a maximum of 30 Credits per semester of study, eg: a student can choose 6 modules each to the value of 5 credits, adding up to a maximum of 30 credits.
Additional English	Students whose first language is not English have the opportunity to study English during their time at WIT. They can gain 5 credits per semester for successful completion of their English language module. Students wishing to study English must attend an English assessment upon arrival; they must choose this as one of six chosen subjects. A minimal fee is charged to cover correction of English Assessments.
Transcripts	Upon completion of end of semester examinations/ assessments, WIT will forward a transcript of results to the home address of the student given on their online application form and a copy will also be sent to the home/partner university.
ECTS Credits	Modules they plan to follow at Waterford Institute of Technology, under the framework of the Socrates/Erasmus programme. All modules are worth 5 credits. <i>(Modules may not be offered in both Semester 1 & Semester 2)</i> Erasmus students must only select Modules from this list, in order to complete their Learning Agreements.

Accommodation

Accommodation The Erasmus application form does not include an application for accommodation, students are required to organise their own accommodation while studying here at WIT. The following are weblinks for accommodation in Waterford.

<http://www.witcampusservices.ie/accommodation>

<http://www.riverwalkwaterford.com/>

<http://www.collegecribs.ie/>

<http://www.myhome.ie/lettings/search/colleges>



Registration Programme

Registration/Welcome

WIT organises a registration/orientation programme to help exchange students settle in to student life here in Waterford. Registration normally takes place in early September each year, (exact date will be confirmed shortly after the online application is submitted).

The programme generally covers the following aspects.

Day 1

- Student Support Talks – opportunity to meet support staff on campus
- Campus Tour – guided campus tour
- Library Tour – guided library tour
- English language assessment – for students interested in studying English as one of the chosen subjects.
- Registration as a WIT student
- Attaining WIT student card. – **student is required to pay €50.00**
- Official Reception and welcome from the Mayor of Waterford city.

Day 2

International Student Welcome Party Night – Students are encouraged to bring something from home to represent their country, ie: costume/flag

Estimated Living costs

Accommodation	Approx €70/80 per week – (student accommodation)
Food/meals	Approx €600 per month for eating out – no home cooking/ €380 per month for making own meals at residence.
Local Transport	Bus – approx €1.45 from WIT to Waterford city centre
Socialising	Average evening meal:€25.00 Average cinema ticket:€9.80 Average glass of wine:€5.00 Average pint of Beer:€4.50 Non alcoholic drink:€1.70

Visa Requirements

EU Students

Students from EU nations do not need a visa to study in Ireland.

Some Non-EU applicants do not require an entry visa for Ireland, Please contact the Embassy of Ireland or the Consulate in their home country. It is the responsibility of the applicant to organise a study visa prior to arrival in Ireland.

Useful weblinks: www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=35

Working in Ireland

EU/EEA Nationals EU/EEA nationals have the same entitlement to take up employment as that of an Irish person with the exception of Bulgarian and Romanian citizens, who need work permits. You will need to apply for a PPS number (see below)

Although you may be entitled to work you should not rely on having to work while you are here. EU students should contact their home international office for information on attaining an Erasmus study grant. Pursuing a course of study is very demanding and part-time work might affect your studies.

Non EU Nationals Students from outside Europe are not permitted to working during their exchange at WIT

More information on your rights to work in Ireland can be found here www.deti.ie

PPS Number A PPS Number is your Personal Public Service Number. It's a unique reference number that all employees in Ireland are required to have. Applications for a PPS number should be made through the local social welfare office in Waterford. The address is: Cork Road, Waterford. Tel: (051) 356000

Health Insurance

Health Insurance All International Exchange students are responsible for obtaining individual health insurance which is mandatory, to cover them during their study period here at WIT.

Health Insurance is available in Ireland from the following Insurance companies.

<http://www.vhi.ie/index.jsp> <http://www.quinn-healthcare.com> <http://www.avivahealth.ie>

EU Students Students from EU nations are also required to obtain an International Health Insurance Certificate/ EHIC card before leaving their home country.

Website: <http://www.ehic.ie/>

Useful website

<http://www2.wit.ie/About%20WIT/AboutWaterford/>

<http://www.discoverwaterfordcity.ie/>

<http://www.vocalproject.eu/>

<http://www.esn.org/>

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/>

<http://www.justlanded.com/english/Ireland>

<http://www.educationireland.ie/>

http://www.icosirl.ie/eng/student_information/erasmus_in_ireland

<http://translate.google.ie/>



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