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Study Abroad

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Global Direct Program

Maynooth, Ireland

National University of Ireland Maynooth

USC's direct enrollment program in Ireland is designed to expose students to the life and culture of the Irish people. This international opportunity is located in Maynooth, a Ireland's only college town. Located just 15 miles west of the Dublin city centre, makes Maynooth town an ideal location for travel into the country's largest city and also to other international destinations.

Students will attend the National University of Ireland Maynooth. A hybrid of three centuries, Maynooth University boasts an old campus, South Campus as well as a new campus, North Campus. Maynooth town is home to a large variety of restaurants and enjoys a great social atmosphere. Maynooth Castle and Carton House are close by and offer an incredible look into Ireland's past. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.



The program in Maynooth offers a variety of courses in the humanities, music, education, social sciences and STEM. Students attend classes with Irish students and other students from around the world. All classes are taught in English with the exception of foreign language courses. This university is particularly suited to music students as required courses have been pre-approved for degree transfer.

Courses and Credits

Students typically earn between 12-15 credit hours per semester. Listed below are a few examples of subjects offered. For a detailed list of courses, please visit : <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/international/study-maynooth/available-courses>

Sample Subject Offerings

English	European Studies	Accounting
History	Irish Studies	Management/Marketing
Languages	Literature	Geography
Media Studies	Politics	Mathematics
Economics	Sociology	Psychology

Living Arrangements

Students can apply to live on campus in student accommodation or seek off campus housing in shared houses or apartments. On-campus housing is not guaranteed. Most off campus accommodation is located within walking distance of the University campus or on a direct bus line. Room and board costs range from \$3,000 to \$3,500 a semester. For more information on housing, please visit https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/Incoming%20International%20%26%20Erasmus%20Student%20Guide_0.pdf

Budgeting

Students pay all current tuition, housing and technology fees directly to National University of Ireland Maynooth. The current tuition is €5750, as of September 2014. Students will be responsible for accommodation and living expenses in addition to tuition: an estimated cost of living including accommodation, entertainment, food, bills, etc. calculates to around \$6,000– \$7,000 per semester. For a more detailed budget, please visit: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/international/current-international-students/cost-living>

Master Calendar

Classes begin in September and end in December for the fall semester, with first semester exams taking place in January. In the spring, classes begin in February and end in late May. A detailed schedule can be found at <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/international/current-international-students/important-dates>

Insurance

Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad. This fee of \$180 per semester will appear on the students' USC accounts. Contact the Study Abroad Office for more details.

Orientation

All new students must attend the orientation program that is scheduled at the beginning of each semester. During orientation students will be given information about the campus and community of National University of Ireland Maynooth. Services available to international students will be explained as well as locations of important places on campus. The National University of Ireland Maynooth offers ongoing support services as well as opportunities for international students to get involved in the campus community.

Excursions

The International Office at National University of Ireland Maynooth offers limited organized excursions, but the Maynooth Student Union hosts many programs and trips throughout the year. Students do have opportunities for individual travel.

Visa

Citizens of the USA do not require a visa to study in Ireland. It is, however, a requirement that all students register with the Immigration officer in Leixlip or Dublin within one month of arrival in Ireland. The immigration fee is currently 300 Euro. You will need to be enrolled and registered as a student at MU before you can register with the Immigration officer. Full details will be given to students during orientation.

Footnotes

For more information on the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, please visit <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/> or <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/>