Maynooth University, Ireland Summer
Maynooth, Ireland (Europe)

Quick Facts

Maynooth University International Summer School 2023
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Application Deadline: March 15
Costs: TBD

Engineering and Computer Science Summer School 2023
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Apply Now

The Fall 2023 application cycle will open in January 2023 – you can click Apply Now then to get started for those terms.

*Please note there is a $500 non-refundable deposit due two weeks after official acceptance.

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Program Overview

Maynooth University

At Maynooth we understand that students want to build their own adventure as they decide on an exciting summer study abroad experience. We also believe that studying abroad is as much about living and exploring life in a new country as it is about what happens in the classroom. To that end we offer students the best choice, experiences and support in Ireland.

Maynooth University is Ireland's second oldest university institution and traces its origins to the foundation of St. Patrick’s College in 1795. It is located in Ireland's only university town, which combines the historical legacy of its medieval origins with a present day location just outside Dublin city. Maynooth University has a long standing international reputation for learning and academic excellence in the sciences and humanities. In addition, there are several renowned research centers located on campus.

Why Ireland?

- A friendly, safe, beautiful country.
- Vibrant and youthful with over 350 music, arts, film and food festivals annually.
- Rich archaeological heritage: Ireland is home to several UNESCO World Heritage sites. From magical castles to enchanted ruins to ancient tombs, Ireland has it all.
- Rich cultural heritage: the country that gave the world Oscar Wilde, Dracula and Gulliver’s Travels has no end of cultural offerings from museums to art galleries and theatres.
- Breathtaking land, sky and seascapes: countless miles of unexplored unspoiled terrain await you in a country that’s got as many sheep as it has people! Some of Game of Thrones’ most memorable scenes were shot here!
- Fantastic food: from traditional Irish food to chic brunch spots offering an array of local and international cuisine, a delightful culinary experience awaits you in Ireland.
- The perfect gateway to Europe: quick and inexpensive travel to Europe’s capital cities.
- Direct, affordable flights from Ireland to the US.
- Home to the world’s leading tech, pharmaceutical and financial services companies.

Why Maynooth University?

- World-class teaching facilities & small class sizes.
- Diverse, flexible, selective curriculum that enables you to match your study abroad options with your home university program.
- ECTS assessment lends itself to easy conversion into other credit systems.
- High-quality on-campus accommodation and diverse meal plans.
- State-of-the-art library facilities.
- A vibrant social scene: Over 100 Clubs & Societies.
- Comprehensive Student Support Services, including a Buddy Program.
- Ranked by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings among the top 200 most international universities.
- Named in The Princeton Review Best 381 Colleges as one of the world’s top institutions for 2017.
- Ranked 68th among the next-generation of leading universities in the world (Times Higher Ed. Top 150 under 50)
- Outstanding International Student Satisfaction Award (Study Portals)
- ‘Outstanding’ score in the International Student Barometer
Maynooth University International Summer School (MUISS)

The Maynooth University International Summer School has been designed as Ireland’s most flexible summer package. Offering students the chance to build-their-own-adventure, the International Summer School offers classes from 9 academic disciplines. Summer school instructors are experienced and enthusiastic experts in their field and teach 40 contact hours over the 4 weeks, with class 4 days a week, 5 hours per day.

Courses carry either 5 ECTS or 7.5 ECTS.

5 ECTS can equate to 3 US credits but please check with your home advisor.

Eligibility: Students must be sophomores, juniors or seniors with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and IELTS 6.0, TOEFL 545 (paper based) or equivalent is required if English is not your first language.

Students pick two courses to take as part of this summer school programme - one from 'Stream A' and one from 'Stream B'
AN 303/Anthropology: 5 ECTS - Stream A
Introduction to the Anthropology of Ireland
In this class, students explore Ireland’s economic, social and cultural challenges and look at how Ireland’s present-day multiplicity intersects with the traditional image of rural, mono-cultural and Catholicism. The class analyses manifestations of Irish culture such as dance and language, how they are reproduced, and what meanings they hold.

MN 313/Business: 5 ECTS - Stream A
International Marketing
This class focuses on marketing management in global organisations and introduces students to the nature and complexity of international marketing strategy. Students will identify opportunities and challenges associated with expansion into new geographical markets and formulate strategies for product development and promotion.

MN 329/Business: 5 ECTS - Stream B
Social Media
This class addresses the many issues surrounding the use of social media in business and marketing channels, exploring how individuals and firms navigate social media to gain a competitive edge. It undertakes a practical examination of how to make use of social media for the purposes of customer acquisition, information gathering, the maintenance of business contacts, market design, and decision-making.

MN 215/Business: 5 ECTS - Stream B
International Business
This class focuses on international aspects in management theory and literature. Students will discuss approaches to ethics, negotiation, motivation, and management and leadership across countries, considering the importance of understanding and embracing difference across countries.

EC 217/Economics: 5 ECTS - Stream A
Economics of the European Union
*prerequisite: introductory course in microeconomics
This class provides an overview of EU institutions and policies, including a brief history of the EU and insights into current challenges facing the Union. Students will learn about the economic theory of preferential trade areas, the EU’s key policies, and their impact on the outside world.

EN010/English: 7.5 ECTS - Stream A
Public Speaking and Communication
This course introduces students to the key elements of communication, providing practical experience in the preparation and presentation of speeches. It improves critical learning skills and enables the development of core professional communication skills.

EN 272/English: 5 ECTS - Stream A
Creative Writing
In this class students are introduced to writing, both poetry and prose. The class focuses on the practicalities of writing, editing and giving and taking criticism of work. Students will produce writing for discussion and criticism and work on developing these extracts in response. Students will also look critically at the work of established writers.

EN 254/English: 5 ECTS - Stream B
Modern Irish Literature
In this class, students will discuss a number of exemplary works from the early decades of the twentieth century, a period of remarkable creativity in Irish writing. Students will explore the complex relationship between literature, culture and politics in this formative period of Irish history.
GY 313/Geography: 5 ECTS - Stream A
Climate Change
This physical geography class addresses the causes and consequences of climate change. It examines the various techniques that calculate long-term perspectives, and how climatic fluctuations have social, economic and political consequences. The implications of modelling-based projections are analysed, as are options to mitigate future global warming.

GY357/Geography: 5 ECTS - Stream B
Women, Gender and Society
This class introduces students to historical, sociological, geographical and political perspectives on women and gender, and to contemporary debates about gender and society. Students will learn about the main trends in gender inequality on a global scale.

HY 273/History: 5 ECTS - Stream A
Ireland and the Great Famine
In this class students are introduced to the causes and consequences of the 1845-1853 Great Irish Famine. The class examines the economic, social and political background, as well as public and private reactions, and the changes in Irish society resultant from the famine.

HY 254/History: 5 ECTS - Stream B
Pilgrimage, Travel and Tourism in Ireland
This class examines a range of key historical themes in pilgrimage, travel and tourism, wider social, economic and political contexts, fluctuations in the numbers of people travelling, the significance of travel writing and the mid-nineteenth century development of railways and their role in facilitating greater mobility.

LS20/History/History of Art: 5 ECTS - Stream B
Art and Architecture in Ireland 1600-1900
This class surveys the main artistic and stylistic movements evident in Ireland in the period of 1600-1900. Students will identify key individuals, structures, designs, visual art and artefacts defining Ireland's cultural landscape as it evolved over this 300-year period, within their social contexts.

ID202/Nua Gaeilge: 7.5 ECTS - Stream A
The Cultural Heritage of Medieval Society - cannot be combined with ID201
This class introduces students to early cultural history, with an emphasis on the past as a foundation for the present, as well as the disseminations of cultural heritage. Students will assess the manipulation of history in relation to some of the great Irish prehistoric and early medieval locations.

ID201/Nua Gaeilge: 7.5 ECTS - Stream B
Introducing the Cultural Heritage of Early Ireland - cannot be combined with ID202
In this class students develop a broad understanding of early cultural heritage in the areas of archaeology, history and early Irish literature. Diverse and exciting aspects of Irish cultural history, as well as care, presentation and future development of important heritage sites are assessed.

MC 102/Kennedy Institute: 5 ECTS - Stream B
Understanding Conflict: The Irish Experience
This class helps students understand the nature and impact of violent conflict, with special reference to the Irish situation. It incorporates concepts from Psychology, Sociology and Economics to explain origins, logic and motivations for violence. By looking at the Irish conflict, students will explore how it is possible to move from a situation of violent conflict towards a transformative peace.

Engineering & Computer Science International Summer School

This program lasts 6 weeks during the summer. Students will choose 2 courses in Engineering & Computer science.
Students must take 1 course from Stream A and 1 course from Stream B.

Week 1 & 2 - STREAM A
Stream A Class Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Stream A Courses

- Computer Science: Software Design (5 ECTS credits)
- Computer Science: Algorithms & Data Structures (5 ECTS credits)
- Electronic Engineering: System Dynamics (5 ECTS credits)
- Electronic Engineering: Electrical Circuits (5 ECTS credits)

Week 3- to 6
Stream A Class Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Stream B Class Monday & Wednesday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Stream B Courses

- Climate Change (5 ECTS credits)
- Ireland & the Great Famine (5 ECTS credits)
- Public Speaking (5 ECTS credits)
- Anthropology of Ireland (5 ECTS credits)
- Cultural Heritage of Medieval Ireland (7.5 ECTS credits)

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CREDIT TRANSCRIPTS AND CERTIFICATES
Transcripts are issued in mid-September once assessments have been corrected and the external examination board has met.

ATTENDANCE
Attendance is obligatory. Credits will only be awarded to students with full attendance at the end of the program.

Student Life & Housing

Activities and Field Trips

As part of the summer school students can enjoy participating in events on campus and beyond. Events hosted last summer included: Ceili night: Gaelic Football: Archery: Trampolining: Ultimate Frisbee: Pub Trivia nights.

In addition, day trips are included such as:

Dublin orientation – includes visits to Dublinia and either Kilmainham Gaol or Dublin Castle, as well as a chance to explore one of Europe’s most vibrant capital cities

Glendalough and Bray – soak up the beauty of one of Ireland’s most popular tourist attractions and its lakes and valleys before enjoying time at the beach!

Kilkenny – a charming medieval town, this day trip includes the chance to tour Kilkenny castle and explore Kilkenny’s winding medieval lanes, crammed with shops and cafes

The MUISS program offers students the chance to truly build-their-own-adventures by selecting whether or not to
Student Life

Over fifty clubs and societies are active in Maynooth, providing many opportunities for students to get involved in social, cultural, and sporting activities. Student-run clubs form the core of the sports and recreation programmes. The clubs and societies bring the campus to life in the evenings with events to suit everyone. The indoor sports hall and fully-equipped gymnasium accommodate a wide variety of indoor sporting activities including badminton, basketball, fencing, karate and racquet-ball. The sports hall is also the venue for the weekly aerobics and circuit training sessions.

Maynooth has a swimming pool as well as numerous playing fields which cater to outdoor sports such as hurling, soccer, camogie and rugby. The Canoe & Kayak Club make good use of the nearby River Liffey. There are a wide range of societies managed by students such as political parties, art, craft and design, comedy, music, drama, games and history. There is also a very active international student society that arranges social evenings and events for students.

Housing

Summer school students all stay in Maynooth’s on-campus Village apartment-style residence. Students will enjoy a single room with shared washrooms, 2 per 5-room apartment. The apartments come with a shared living-kitchen space, stocked with key appliances and utensils. Bedrooms are supplied with towels and bed linen which is changed weekly. Laundry is available on site for a small charge.

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Costs Included: Single room, on-campus accommodation, tuition, CCIS and sponsor fees, linens and towels, meal plan, two MU academic courses, Maynooth University transcripts, Maynooth University student card, cultural and sightseeing trips to famous locations in Ireland, MU Clubs and Society events, schedule Workshops in Irish music, dance, sports, and culture

All costs, fees, and dates are subject to change without notification. Contact the program sponsor to verify all costs, fees, and dates for this program.
Please refer to your acceptance materials for information on arrival, orientation, and academic calendar. The refund policy is program specific and non-transferable. Refer to your acceptance materials for the comprehensive refund policy or contact the program sponsor.

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**Eligibility & Deadlines**

**Eligibility Requirements**
- Minimum of 12 college credits at time of application - 2.5 GPA or higher
- Official transcripts
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows the applicant from a classroom setting
- Statement of purpose
- Students must be at least 18 years of age

**Application Deadlines**

Summer 2021 | March 15, 2021

Have you talked with your study abroad advisor about your home institution's application process? Your institution's deadline might be earlier than the CCIS program application deadline. Check now to make sure all of your material is submitted on time!