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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' GUIDE



Greetings from the International Office at Mary Immaculate College!

Mary Immaculate College welcomes international students from all over the world. Following the completion of a major capital investment programme, which has enabled the reshaping and development of the campus and construction of award-winning facilities, the College is now in a position to significantly increase the number of international students choosing MIC as a learning destination. MIC has partnership agreements with a number of highly-regarded US institutions, with the Australian Catholic University and with over forty universities across Europe under the European Erasmus Lifelong Learning Programme in Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

International students are fully integrated with Irish students in all aspects of College life. In terms of additional support, tailored orientation programmes are offered to international students to ensure a smooth transition to college life in Ireland and Academic Advisors assist incoming international students with their subject selections. Courses in English as a Foreign Language (EFL), English for Academic Purposes (EAP), Gaeilge (Irish) for Beginners and Irish Heritage Studies are offered to international students. An active International Students' Society ensures that a wide variety of social events and excursions to places of interest are organised for all international students.

The International Office at MIC would be very happy to answer any questions you might have about study at the College.



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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT



Traditionally, Irish people welcomed visitors by saying, 'Céad míle fáilte,' which literally means, 'One hundred thousand welcomes'. I am very pleased that you are considering coming to Mary Immaculate College and wish to assure you of a warm welcome.

Mary Immaculate College is a College of Education and the Liberal Arts, linked to the University of Limerick. There are approximately 3,200 full-time students enrolled in undergraduate programmes in Education, Liberal Arts and Early Childhood Care and Education, as well as a range of postgraduate programmes at Diploma, MA and PhD levels. In each academic year we welcome international students from all over the world, who come to study and enjoy themselves at the College. Because of its size there is a friendly atmosphere, with many opportunities to make new friends.

Since its foundation in 1898, the College has sustained its commitment to academic excellence and the fostering of critical thought, educational inclusion and innovation. The programmes of study in our College are among the most highly sought-after in the country. As Ireland's largest Catholic college, MIC is equally proud of its reputation as a caring institution where there is genuine concern for the individual. It provides the academic, physical and social environment in which not only learning but also personal development are encouraged and facilitated.

May I wish you a most enjoyable and beneficial period of study here.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Professor Michael A. Hayes, BD, MA, Dip Psych, PhD
President

Giving you a voice, helping you to use it, enriching your college experience.

STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union promotes and co-ordinates the activities of clubs and societies and stimulates the growth of new societies. Clubs and societies are a great way of meeting new people in college, providing an opportunity to mix with like-minded individuals. There's a place for anyone who would like to get involved, whether they're a beginner or an expert.

Some of the Clubs and Societies on offer in MIC are Badminton, Dodgeball, Equestrian, Hockey, Taekwon-do, Tennis, Choral, Creative Writing, Drama, German, Geography, International Students, Live Music, One World/Fairtrade, Philosophy, Poker, Psychology, Radio (Wired FM), Set & Irish Dancing and Traditional Music.

Johanna O'Brien

Students' Union President

So why would you choose to study at Mary Immaculate College? Let us explore the several reasons. I have just completed my degree in MIC. I had an amazing time here and I believe that attending such a small, friendly and charming college added majorly to my experience.

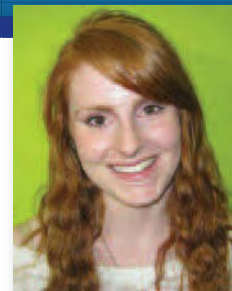
Mary Immaculate College is also just a short stroll from Limerick City Centre. Be it day or night, there is always something to keep a student from being idle. There is a great social life to be enjoyed outside of the College walls. Between art galleries, pubs, clubs, museums, live music, cinemas, theatres and a castle there is something for everyone. It is also one of Ireland's best student cities with over 20,000 students including students from neighbouring colleges.

MIC also has a very active and strong Students' Union. This Union represents the student body of MIC. We care about the students' opinions so we are happy to see students come to us with new ideas, questions and problems (be they big or small!). We are always there to help you.

There is also an amazingly active International Students' Society. This society organises events to help introduce students of other nationalities to Irish culture. The International Soc. go on various outings, including rugby matches, trips all around Ireland's scenic hot spots and "bring a dish" nights.

If you choose to go to MIC, call in to the Students' Union even if it's just to say hello and we will be happy to see you!

Johanna



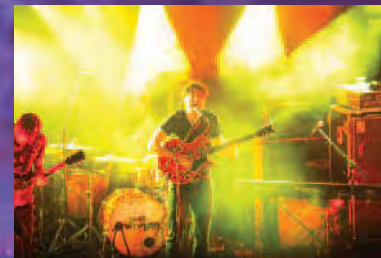
WHERE WE ARE:

LIMERICK CITY & MID-WEST REGION

Mary Immaculate College is situated in the leafy southern suburbs of Limerick City, the third largest city in the Republic of Ireland, with a population of around 60,000. The College is within ten minutes' walking distance of the city centre, providing easy access to all cultural and social amenities, as well as the main rail and bus terminals. Situated minutes from the Southern Link Road and access to all major national routes, MIC is a wonderful base from which to visit all of Ireland's most beautiful scenic tourist destinations - Bunratty Castle, the Cliffs of Moher, the Burren, Galway/Connemara/the Aran Islands, the Ring of Kerry, West Cork, etc. The College's location, just a very short drive (20 minutes) from Shannon Airport, not only makes travel for international students to and from home very convenient but it also brings short trips to the UK and Europe within easy reach.

Limerick City offers a variety of historical, artistic and theatrical activities. There is a lively pub music scene catering for all musical tastes, from traditional music to pop, rock or jazz. The magnificent Lime Tree Theatre at Mary Immaculate College hosts a range of performances from national and international theatre, dance, opera and ballet companies, to live musical and comedy performances. With all the city has to offer, it is no wonder that Limerick has been designated as Ireland's 'National City of Culture' for 2014.

www.limerick.ie





Limerick was founded as a Viking fortress in the 10th Century. Those interested in history can visit the beautiful 11th Century St Mary's Cathedral, explore the 13th Century King John's Castle in the heart of the medieval district, or trace Frank McCourt's footsteps on an Angela's Ashes walking tour.

Limerick is the sporting capital of Munster and is unique in having a strong tradition and success in both rugby and Gaelic games. Fans can tour the spectacular Thomond Park Stadium, which includes an interactive museum that showcases the proud history and heritage of Munster rugby.

With three institutions of higher education, and a combined student population of almost 20,000, Limerick is a bustling, vibrant and exciting city. There are cinemas, nightclubs, and a range of bars and restaurants to enjoy with friends. Limerick will provide you with plenty of opportunities for a great social life.

Michelle McCabe (USA)

Deciding to come to Mary Immaculate College was the best thing I could have done for myself. MIC is a great college, filled with kind and welcoming people. The reason I picked MIC is because of its size. The College is small but that is the best part. Students and lecturers all know your face and it is so easy to talk to your lecturers about anything. I wanted to come to Ireland because it is such a beautiful country and Limerick was the perfect place to come because everything you need is so close. The city centre is a ten minute walk, and the bus station is even closer!



Campus Life

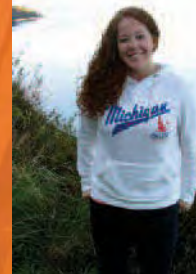
MIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES AT A GLANCE

- Access and Disability Service
- Access Resource Room
- Accommodation Office
- Art Studios
- Banking Facility Mon-Fri and ATM Machine
- Chaplaincy Service
- Computer Centres
- Counselling Service
- Curriculum Development Unit
- French-German House
- Health Promotion
- Language Laboratories
- Learner Support Unit
- Library and Resource Centre
- Lime Tree Theatre
- Medical Centre
- Microteaching Laboratories
- Music Studios
- Music Technology Laboratory
- Postgraduate Research Centre
- Radio and Recording Studios
- Restaurant and Cafeteria
- Seomra Caidrimh/Irish language room
- Shop
- Sports Centre and Playing Fields
- Student Parent Support Service
- Video Production Studios

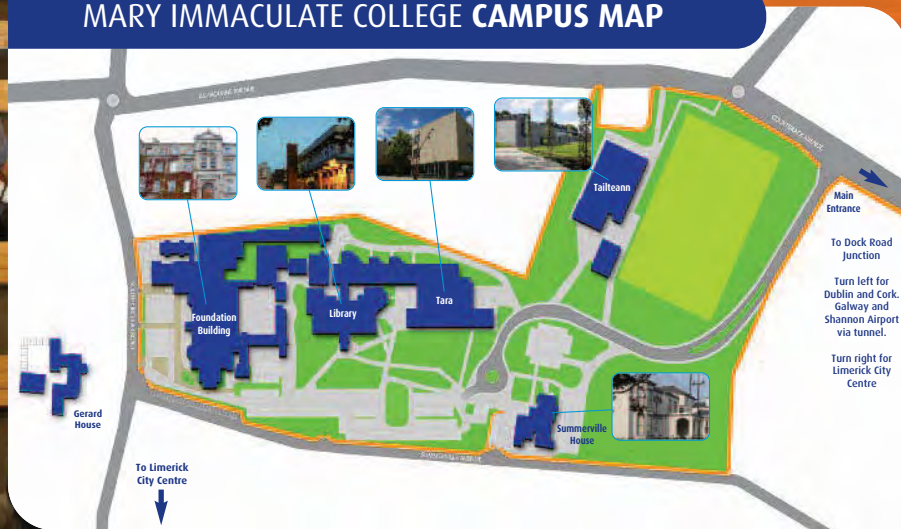


Caitlin Birge (USA)

While I was at MIC, I learned a lot about myself as well as Ireland. I met some amazing people who made my journey that much better. I was involved in clubs and societies such as the Live Music Society and the International Students' Society. The classes I took made my experiences more enjoyable because when I would travel through the country, I would recognise landmarks I learned about in my Early Modern Ireland class, or see signs in Gaelic that I could read thanks to my Gaelige ab initio class. All in all, through the classes and experiences that MIC helped me to engage in, I fell in love with the country and would recommend going abroad to anyone who has even the smallest interest.



MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE CAMPUS MAP



The College has a vibrant tradition in the performance and visual arts. There are fantastic opportunities to participate in informal production and public performance. The College has a particularly active drama society (MIDAS) which produces plays and musicals as well as organising workshops, cabarets and social events. The Mary Immaculate College Choral Society presents an annual Spring Concert and often performs with the Limerick Choral Union. Students also participate in the Irish Student Drama Awards (ISDA).

Arts and Culture



Situated right here on the College campus, the Lime Tree Theatre is Limerick's and Ireland's newest venue for performing arts. This brand new 510-seat theatre plays host to the best in local, national and international performing arts. All you have to do is be sure to sign up and come along!

www.limetreetheatre.ie



Wired FM

The campus radio station, Wired FM, serves the student population of Limerick city. It is fully licenced and broadcasts in the city and suburban areas for 48 hours a week during term time. It offers a real alternative for fans of great music and talk-based radio in the city. Besides eclectic music choices, the station broadcasts weekly film, literature, sports, Irish language and arts programmes, as well as student current affairs output to let students know what's going on and how it will affect them.

During each academic year, over 150 volunteers avail of a free comprehensive training course in all aspects of radio broadcasting and students on any course can become a radio station volunteer and student broadcaster! If you don't want to speak on air, there are also plenty of jobs for researchers and technicians. Past volunteers now work with the likes of the BBC, RTÉ (radio and television), local commercial stations and other media outlets scattered around the globe. A number of international students volunteer with the station every year and it is a fantastic way to meet new people and have some fun. Over the years, Wired FM has also broadcast shows in a number of languages and shows showcasing music from around the world. So if you have an idea for a show or you would like to find out more about how you can get involved, get in touch today!

Contact studio@wiredfm.ie or see www.wiredfm.ie



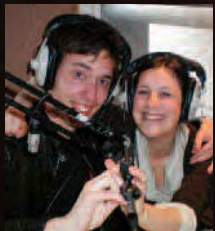
Dan Mooney

Air Traffic Controller, Journalist and Blogger
MIC Graduate - BA in English & Philosophy

Since graduating, I have worked fulltime as a journalist at Newstalk (a national news radio station). I have worked as a talk show presenter with Spin South West and as a news presenter for 95FM. All of this was possible because of my work with Wired FM, whilst in MIC.

I now work as an Air Traffic Controller, as well as a freelance journalist and blogger. Last year, Limerick Filmmaker, Mike Quinn and I started 'Mo Cinema,' short film screenings showcasing local and international filmmaking talent. My career is only possible because of the college life I had in MIC. With everything from the Students' Union, my work as the editor of the College paper (The Lip), stage life with the Drama Society and pondering the big questions with the Philosophy Society, MIC was the college life to die for! It is a place to make friends and grow within yourself. I am eternally grateful for my time there.

AIR



Sport

Sport and recreation play an important role in the lives of students. MIC caters for a wide variety of sports and has an award-winning, state-of-the-art, multi-purpose sports complex, *Tailteann*.

Shane McGrath

MIC Graduate

Primary School Teacher

Recipient of MIC Award for Outstanding Achievement
All-Ireland Senior Hurling Finalist

It's not all work, work, work in Mary Immaculate College; the clubs and societies offer a great release from this. I really enjoyed representing MIC on the sports field and one of the best days had to have been when we won the Ryan Cup.

There is a real community environment within MIC where everybody helps each other and nobody will be left in trouble. I will always remember the wonderful reception we received from all the students and staff members when we brought the Liam McCarthy Cup [for winning the All-Ireland Hurling Final] to our graduation ceremony. It really emphasized just how everyone in Mary Immaculate College is part of the one community, striving for success in everything they do.

Facilities include:

- Weights room
- 2 indoor soccer courts
- IBA approved basketball court
- 3 volleyball courts
- 6 badminton courts
- Table tennis facilities
- 2 teaching gyms/dance studios

Outdoors, Mary Immaculate College provides:

- Full size GAA pitch
- Training pitch
- Astro turf tennis court
- 480 metre astro turf running track



Academic Information



The academic programme is semesterised and modularised.

Each semester comprises fifteen weeks: twelve weeks of lectures, followed by one study week and two weeks of examinations.

Each course module lasts one semester and usually involves 3 hours of lectures / tutorials per week.

Each course module is equal to six ECTS credits/ 3 US credits. Depending on the home institution's requirements, students take four or five modules per semester. Therefore, one semester's academic programme is assigned either 24 or 30 ECTS credits and a full year's academic programme is assigned 48 or 60 ECTS credits in total.

Registration

Registration takes place at Mary Immaculate College during the first week of semester.
Please visit: <http://bit.ly/IntCalendar> for important dates in the academic calendar.

Did you know...?

Many studies show that a time spent abroad not only enriches students' lives in the academic and professional fields, but can also improve language learning, intercultural skills, self-reliance and self-awareness. In addition, many employers highly value such a period abroad, which increases students' employability and job prospects.

For Study Abroad/International Exchange/Erasmus Students:

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Study Abroad/International Exchange/ Erasmus students may take modules from the following programmes at any level, subject to the fulfilment of any pre-requisites and/or departmental requirements. For a full list of the modules available in each of these programmes, please see: <http://bit.ly/ModuleContent>

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts (BA)

The main subjects available in the Liberal Arts [BA] programme are: English; French Studies; Geography; German Studies; History; Irish; Mathematics; Media & Communication Studies; Music; Philosophy; Psychology and Theology and Religious Studies. For more information on the Liberal Arts programme, please visit <http://bit.ly/BALibArts>



Patrick Vallence (Australia)

I had a most enjoyable time studying at Mary Immaculate College and have the fondest memories of my experience in Limerick. Being my first journey out of

Australia, the whole experience was quite mind-blowing actually. I found the lecturers and culture at Mary Immaculate really engaging and was fascinated to attend classes in Ireland. I ended up studying romantic literature and some Irish History units, which contributed to my Bachelor of Arts. I must say I found it difficult upon my return to Melbourne to step back into the groove of things here, after such a stimulating and enlightening adventure abroad and was quite despondent for some time. I will definitely be planning a return to Ireland as I feel I only scratched the surface of such a beautiful and inspiring place, with a rich history and wonderful people.



**Laurie Bolger
(United Kingdom)**

My main goal in studying at Mary Immaculate College was to get in touch with my Irish heritage. Subjects such as *Léann Dúchais* (Irish Heritage Studies) and *Gaeilge ab initio* (Irish language for beginners) have helped me to do just this. The standard of lecturing is exceptional and my involvement at Wired FM, the campus radio station, has been invaluable. I know I will be taking some wonderful memories and some great friendships back to England.

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Care & Education (BA ECCE)

The BA degree programme in Early Childhood Care and Education is designed to provide an exciting and challenging programme for those interested in working with young children in a range of educational settings. Study Abroad/ International Exchange/ Erasmus students may take modules on this programme provided that their home university has a dedicated ECCE link with Mary Immaculate College. For more about the BA ECCE programme, please see <http://bit.ly/BAECCE>



Isabel Vega Mondéjar (Spain)

When I arrived at Mary Immaculate College, I knew that I had made the right choice deciding to study the last semester of my degree here. Since the first moment I felt like I was part of a big family; lecturers and students were so close to me and made me feel so comfortable here, helping me with everything they could. I also had the opportunity of doing my placement in a local school, which helped me to apply everything that I had learned at Mary Immaculate College in a way that I would never have imagined.

These experiences that I had here in Ireland only make me want to come back.

Marte Trana (Norway)



I study to become a preschool teacher, and went to Ireland to gain practical experience as an ERASMUS student on the BA ECCE programme at Mary Immaculate College. I took classes in Management and the Role of Play in Development, and I also got to gain practical experience in a Kindergarten during my stay in Limerick. I had a lovely time at MIC while I was there. The College has so much to offer the students, and I recommend everyone to take part in everything if it's possible. The teachers I had while I studied at MIC were exceptional in every way, so they were a big part of making my stay worthwhile. Thank you! Moreover, Ireland has much to offer a tourist. When you're staying in Limerick, you have the opportunity to visit a lot of other cities by taking a short bus-ride. I went to Cork and Dublin, which I recommend highly for everyone else to visit as well. I also got to see the Cliffs of Moher, which is a memory I'll never forget! While staying in Ireland, it's also important to visit a real Irish pub, and have a real Irish stew along with a real Irish Guinness.

Bachelor of Education (BEd)

The Bachelor of Education (BEd) programme seeks to equip participants with the competence to teach all levels of primary school (4-12 year olds). Study Abroad/ International Exchange/ Erasmus students may take modules from the Bachelor of Education (BEd) programme provided that their home university has a dedicated Education link with Mary Immaculate College. For further information on the BEd programme, please go to <http://bit.ly/MICBEd>



Amber Geiger (USA)

I have great memories from my time at Mary Immaculate College. I still keep in touch with a few of those I lived with from the US and Wales. The best memories were

on the trips the international club would take. We saw great sights and I loved hearing different languages and accents spoken on the same bus (not something most experience in the States). I also remember the three leg race/pub crawl we went on to the local pubs in Limerick (I hope they still do this - it was hilarious). My time made me fall in love with not only a beautiful country but a happy and accepting people.

The experiences I had while studying in Ireland continue to impact my life. I am currently in my 7th year of teaching 7th grade Medieval History. I still share stories and pictures of castles and historical sites in Ireland with my students. I have made lifetime friendships and I continue to travel.

How to Apply:

You must be nominated by your University coordinator. You then simply complete the Study Abroad/ International Exchange/ Erasmus Student Application Form electronically and e-mail it to Holly.Cowman@mic.ul.ie or Ger.Cahillane@mic.ul.ie (Erasmus)

At the end of your studies at MIC, the College will provide you with a transcript to certify your results, which will mean that the academic credit you earn will be fully recognised by your home university. The transcript is normally obtained by attending classes for the full semester and by passing continuous assessment and/or examinations.

Closing Dates for Receipt of Study Abroad/ International Exchange/Erasmus Student Applications

Third week in September for students arriving in the spring.

Third week in May for students arriving in the autumn.

Undergraduate Full Programme Applicants:

International students may apply to take the following full-time undergraduate programmes:

- **BA in Liberal Arts (BA)**

This four-year honours degree programme offers a wide range of Arts subjects: English, French Studies, Irish Language, Geography, German Studies, History, Irish Heritage Studies, Mathematics, Media and Communication Studies, Music, Philosophy, Psychology and Theology and Religious Studies. For more information about this programme, please see <http://bit.ly/BALibArts>

- **BA in Early Childhood Care & Education (BA ECCE)**

This four-year honours degree programme is designed to provide an exciting and challenging programme for those interested in working with young children, from birth to six years of age, in a range of educational settings. For more information on this programme, please visit <http://bit.ly/BAECCE>

How to Apply:

Apply directly to the International Office at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, Ireland. Please email Holly.Cowman@mic.ul.ie for a copy of our application form. The closing date for applications is July 1st.

You will need:

- A completed application form
- Certified, English language translations of results for all examinations mentioned on your application form and/or confirmation of the award of your qualification.
- Certified English language qualifications (IELTS minimum score of 6.5/TOEFL 550). MIC offers English language courses to bring students up to the required standard before starting their degree. For information please contact Holly.Cowman@mic.ul.ie

Full Programme Fees for International Students

Please visit <http://bit.ly/MICInternationalFees> for a list of full programme fees for international students.

What the students say:

Sinéad Dillon

BA Graduate (Mathematics and Theology & Religious Studies)

The BA degree in MIC is one of the best in the country, providing students with a wide range of subjects to suit everyone. Lecturers are extremely helpful and friendly. I will forever be grateful to the lecturers in both the Mathematics and the Theology Departments, without whom I would not have achieved my goals.

There is something very special about this College, not only does it provide a fantastic learning environment but it also manages to create a real community atmosphere, which sets it apart from all the rest. It is with great sadness and happiness that I say goodbye to MIC. I only hope that one day in the future I will return. Once you experience MIC you will never want to leave. Trust me!



Hanne Mari Halvorsen (Norway)

BA ECCE Graduate

The Degree I chose to undertake was a BA in Early Childhood Care and Education. Once I finished Upper Secondary School in Norway I wanted to travel and learn English properly in order to be able to speak it with confidence and accuracy. On researching childcare courses in Ireland I decided that the BA in Early Childhood Care and Education at MIC was the course and the college for me.

My biggest concern in deciding to study abroad was leaving my family and friends behind me. Leaving everything you know and love for a strange place where you know no-one can be scary but it was a challenge I wanted to undertake. Initially I missed my family and friends but I soon created a life in Ireland and made close friends who made me feel very welcome, safe and valued. The close connection the students have with their lecturers in MIC is quite unique and demonstrates the benefits of a small college.

Leaving Ireland, on completion of my course, was very hard but I take with me cherished memories and experiences and the knowledge that I have made life-long friendships. I hope to return to Ireland in a few years and open my own childcare setting.



Postgraduate Full Programme Applicants:

International students may apply to take the following postgraduate programmes:

Postgraduate Taught Programmes - Liberal Arts:

- MA in Christian Leadership in Education
- MA in Civil and Canon Law
- MA in International Development Practice
- MA in Heritage Publication
- MA in History
- MA in Local History
- MA in Humanities
- MA in Media Studies
- MA in Medieval Studies
- MA in Modern English Literature
- MA in Philosophy and Literature
- MA in Theological Studies
- Structured PhD in Philosophy of Art & Culture

For further information about taught postgraduate programmes in the Liberal Arts, please go to: <http://bit.ly/PostgradArts>

Postgraduate Studies in Arts by Research & Thesis

Students may apply to study for the award of MA/PhD by research and thesis in the following disciplines: Applied Linguistics; English; French Studies; Irish Language; Geography; German Studies; Irish Studies; History; Mathematics; Media & Communication Studies; Music; Philosophy; Psychology or Theology & Religious Studies.

For further information about postgraduate studies in Arts by Research & Thesis, please visit: <http://bit.ly/PostgradArts>

Postgraduate Taught Programmes - Education

- MEd Master of Education. For more information, please see: <http://bit.ly/MICTaughtMED>
- Structured PhD in Education. For more information, please see: <http://bit.ly/StructuredPhDEd>

Postgraduate Studies in Education by Research & Thesis

For information about Postgraduate Studies in Education by Research & Thesis, please visit: <http://bit.ly/ResearchinEducation>

How to Apply:

Please note the relevant application procedures for the particular programme of study in your area of interest (see above links). If you have any queries, please contact the International Office by emailing Holly.Cowman@mic.ul.ie

You will need:

- A completed application form.
- Certified, English language translations of results for all examinations mentioned on your application form and/or confirmation of the award of your qualification.
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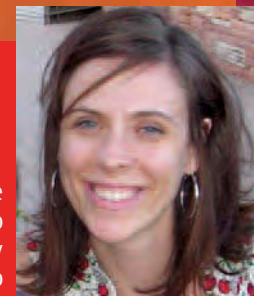
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Awards and Facilities

A Doctoral Scholarship, Studentships (MA & PhD), Assistantships (MA & PhD) and Special Awards are available to students on a competitive basis. Special facilities for postgraduates (including office and computer facilities) are available at the College's Postgraduate Research Centre.

Kristen Butler (USA) English PhD Student

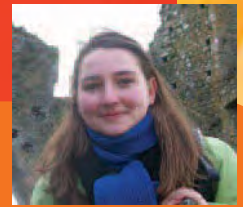
When I first considered a postgraduate programme in English Literature, one of my criteria was that it should promote individual research in a supportive academic community. This desire was even more important when I decided to move from my home state of Colorado to study abroad. While I had spent several months on a working/holiday visa in Limerick a few years prior to my current study, I was, at times, nervous about leaving everything behind to begin a new life so far from home. However, from my first emails from the Head of the English Department in response to my initial questions about the Taught Masters programme, to the friendly welcome and helpful assistance of Student Services, I immediately felt at ease. My time at MIC has been very positive. I have been able to engage with literature and ideas that have challenged my thinking with other perspectives, both from scholars and from my peers. Consequently, I felt encouraged and enabled to develop perspectives that examined the world from critical and various perspectives. Within MIC, the English Department, the Postgraduate Office, and the greater college community have been instrumental in helping me to continue my own research. Importantly, as a PhD candidate, the College has supported my participation at international conferences, helped me to enrich my academic profile through publishing opportunities, and made the continuation of my education possible through the generous funding provided by the MIC Doctoral Award. The community I have found at MIC is not only dedicated to fostering academic excellence and the pursuit and love of knowledge in all of its students, but also, it provides a friendly and supportive environment where such critical journeys can flourish.



What the students say:

Mathilde Rusek (France)

MA by Research & Thesis Student



As I'm doing my MA on Irish cinema and as I had never been abroad before, I decided to come to MIC. I chose MIC because it is a smaller campus, so that you get to know everybody quite easily in a comfy atmosphere. Everybody is so welcoming here! Moreover, when I had a look at the courses the College offered, I found them really interesting - I even decided to learn a little bit of Irish, which was quite funny! And it helped me in my MA as well, since I've learned a lot more about Irish culture and improved my English.

I also got involved in Wired FM -the radio of the campus- and had a lot of fun there! I would definitely recommend it if you want to get a bit of experience in presenting and editing a show in a really cool atmosphere! But you also have lots of other activities, sports and societies to join according to your own tastes.

I'm definitely glad I chose Limerick and MIC because there is such an interest for culture there! Cultural festivals, live music, Lime Tree Theatre's shows, King John's Castle, lots of churches to visit: many activities to do and to enjoy yourself! Plus, Limerick is quite close to everything else around and you get to see a lot. You can plan some weekend trip easily, visit Ireland and have a really nice time!

Arne Rüffer (Germany)

Maths PhD Student



My initial decision to pursue postgraduate Studies in MIC traces back to an Erasmus semester that I spent in Belfast, after which I decided that I wanted to go to Ireland for a longer period. The Maths Department in Mary Immaculate College was very helpful regarding my request about postgraduate possibilities, in addition to the fact that I could study the particular field of mathematics in which I am interested. I haven't regretted my decision to come here since, as the atmosphere is positive and friendly. MIC is a relatively small facility and it is therefore easy to get into contact with members of other departments. Throughout my work as a teaching assistant in the Maths Department, I have additionally been able to work with a lot of enthusiastic and engaged students and been able to make a lot of friends.

I enjoy living in Limerick and am convinced that it is definitely worth coming here for international students. Whenever I had friends from Germany visiting me here, they seemed to be impressed by Limerick and its surrounds. I hope myself to be able to stay here or somewhere else in the south of Ireland once I have completed my PhD.



Service Learning and Faculty-Led Visits to MIC

MIC is happy to facilitate short faculty-led stays on campus, involving lectures by MIC faculty, visits to sites of interest and/or service learning placements for students of partner universities.

For more information, please contact Holly Cowman, International Relations Officer, by emailing Holly.Cowman@mic.ul.ie or by calling +353 61 774787.

Mary Immaculate College English Language School

Mary Immaculate College English Language School offers high quality English Language Teaching programmes, which support non-native English-speaking undergraduate and postgraduate students linguistically and culturally. The College provides specially-designed modules in English for Academic Purposes and English as a Foreign Language. All English Language Teaching modules are overseen by Dr Anne O'Keeffe, who is an international author of English language grammar teaching materials with Cambridge University Press. MIC's English Language School offers tailored programmes to suit the academic needs of individual cohorts of learners.

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Practical Advice

MONEY MATTERS, ACCOMMODATION, HEALTH INSURANCE

Money Matters

Unit of Currency

The Euro (denoted by € or EUR) is the unit of currency in Ireland. A Euro is equal to one hundred cents.

Cost of Living

It is estimated that a budget of €160 - €200 per week covers accommodation, meals and other living costs. Individual budgets vary, however, depending on the cost of accommodation and level of personal expenditure. Here is a link to our Students' Union's website, where you will find information about cost of living and how to budget for various aspects of life as a student: <http://bit.ly/MISUCostofLiving>

Accommodation

Mary Immaculate College owns and operates residential accommodation for 200 students. Choosing to live in college accommodation offers students the convenience of being close to the campus and opportunities for making friends and for academic, social and cultural enrichment in a secure and comfortable environment. For more information, please see: <http://bit.ly/CourtbrackAccommodation> or contact Holly.Cowman@mic.ul.ie. There is also a choice of privately-owned student accommodation for rent in the safe and quiet surrounding neighbourhood.

Health Insurance

Nationals of the European Economic Area (EEA)

Students on a temporary stay in Ireland are entitled to public healthcare that becomes medically necessary during their stay in Ireland, on production of a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or equivalent. To avail of public health services, you must attend a doctor who is registered with the General Medical Scheme (GMS). Medication prescribed by this doctor may be obtained, free of charge, from any local pharmacy. <http://bit.ly/HealthInsuranceInfo>

Other Nationals

Students from countries outside of the European Economic Area (EEA) should obtain private health insurance before coming to Ireland. In fact, private health insurance is a compulsory requirement for non-EU nationals when applying for an Irish student visa. Companies providing private medical insurance include AVIVA, Quinn-healthcare and VHI Healthcare.

VISA & IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Visa Requirements

Citizens of certain countries require an entry visa for Ireland. Please check the Government of Ireland, Department of Foreign Affairs website to see if you are a citizen of a country that requires a visa to enter Ireland. A list of countries whose citizens **do not** require visas to study in Ireland is available here: <http://bit.ly/NoVisaNeeded>

You should contact your local Irish Diplomatic Mission for advice on visa applications. A list of Irish embassies and consulates is available here: www.dfa.ie. In the event that there is no local Irish Diplomatic Mission, you should contact the Visa Section at the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS): +353 1 6167700 or visamail@justice.ie

Immigration

Nationals of the European Economic Area (EEA)

Citizens of the European Economic Area (EEA) are not required to present themselves to the immigration authorities in Ireland.

Non-EEA Nationals

All citizens of non-EEA countries, whether they require a visa or not, are subject to immigration control at the point of entry to Ireland. All non-EEA nationals are also required to formally register their stay with the Immigration Authorities (GNIB), Garda Síochana, Henry Street, Limerick during their first week in Ireland. For more information, please see: <http://bit.ly/ImmigrationInfo>



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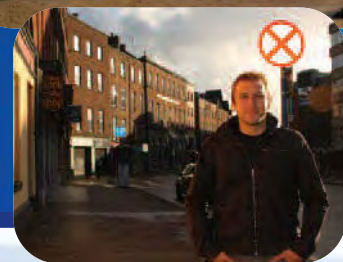


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