

» Subjects

The Bridging Course delivered over two semesters will include modules from the list provided below:-

Semester 1

(12 weeks tuition plus three weeks private study and examinations)

Subject	Credits
English for Academic Purposes 1	5
IT Skills (ECDL 1)	5
Communications	5
Study Skills	5
Mathematics – Statistics	5
Business Studies or Supplementary English	5

Semester 2

(12 weeks tuition plus three weeks private study and examinations)

Subject	Credits
English for Academic Purposes 2	5
English IELTS	5
IT skills (ECDL) 2	5
European Union Society and Culture	5
Critical Thinking and Research	5
Business Studies or Supplementary English	5

Further specialist subjects can be offered in case of demand.

“I would really recommend Waterford to anyone visiting or studying in Ireland. Its so lovely and the people are so nice to students”

Heidi Braun, USA



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Bridging Course for International Students International Foundation Course



» Bridging Course For International Students

The WIT International Bridging Course has been developed to prepare International students for degree level studies (Masters or Bachelors). The programme has been designed to help international students to improve and practice language skills in an academic setting and to get used to the new learning and teaching styles they will encounter in Ireland.

The course includes advanced Academic English and also introductory courses in some of the subjects from the students chosen academic area.

Students also learn about the European Union, local Irish society and culture; and aspects of living in a new country. This programme gives students from non English backgrounds a good preparation for further study at undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Students will be registered as full time students of WIT and so have complete access to its full range of facilities - excellent library and state of the art computing resources.

In the supportive environment of the Bridging Course, students will get used to living abroad, getting involved in student life; and, developing possible friendships with other International and Irish students.

As this course is fully recognised by the Irish Ministry of Education students will be able to work up to 20 hours a week in order to supplement their income.



» Unique features

All students in our programme will be encouraged to obtain two valuable qualifications that will not only be useful, preparing them for their undergraduate study, but will be recognised internationally for those who do not want to continue their studies at WIT.

These are:-

The European Computer Driving Licence – the respected industry standard in the use of computers.

IELTS – the internationally accepted measure of language ability – essential for third level study.

» Entry requirements

Academic Requirement:

- Applicants should have reached 17 years of age by 15th January of the year in which they register.
- They should have completed their Secondary School Leaving Certificate examinations with an average mark of over 55%(60% for Chinese Applicants) or a grade equivalent. Mathematics and English are mandatory subjects for WIT undergraduate programmes. Students can apply during the final year at secondary school and a conditional offer may be made based on their academic achievements to that date and a reference from that school.

English Requirement:

Applicants whose previous study had not been in English must prove their English level with any one of the following:

- The results of an approved test - IELTS 4.5, TOEFL 475, Computer TOEFL 152. The WIT English test offered by certain agencies in China – please enquire for further information.
- All students will be assessed for their English ability on arrival and after this assessment may be instructed to substitute the Supplementary English module for the specialist ones.

» Course fees

Please refer to www.wit.ie for a full listing of tuition fees or contact international@wit.ie for further information.

» Upon completion of the course

Students who get an average pass of 60% and over are guaranteed places on WIT courses. Students with lower grades will be required to compete for any available places with all other students. Graduates of this programme will also be eligible to apply to for further study at other Universities and Institutes in Ireland and the UK.



“I was so sad leaving WIT. I had a wonderful time in Waterford and I really enjoyed my course!”

Min Kyung Lee, Korea



» Duration

The WIT Bridging Course for International Students will be offered full time over 30 weeks with more than 20 hours of classes and between 6 and 10 hours of study each week.

There are three possible intakes into the course:-

Entry early in October with completion in June – two semesters.
Entry late in January with completion in June – one semester.
Entry in June for a concentrated Summer Course. This will course will run for 10 weeks.

» Applications procedure

Applicants should complete a WIT International Students Application Form and return it to the International Admissions Office at WIT.

Closing dates for Applications

For October entry, it is September.

For January entry it is November

For the Summer programme it is April

Later applications may be accepted subject to availability of places but please note visa applications can take as long as two months to clear.

» Previous students

Students who have either been on these courses or are enrolled on our next courses have come from many countries including China, Pakistan, Spain, Bangladesh, Congo, Thailand, Poland, Korea, Kosovo, Tunisia, Japan, Lithuania, Somalia, Angola and Russia.

Their results have been a good reflection of the quality of the course.

We are always ready to welcome new students from other countries to enrich our programme.



» Further information

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