



GRIFFITH COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

QQI Level 5



Certificate in International
Foundation Studies (CIFS)

A recognised pathway to
University College Cork (UCC)



UCC

University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

Entry Requirements

Learners must hold a certificate of secondary education at IGCSE Level or equivalent to include an English level of CERFL B1+/ IELTS 5.0/ IGCSE D or equivalent.



Programme content

SEMESTER 1*

Core Subjects

- English 1
- Mathematics 1
- Information Technology 1
- Learning, Study and Communication Skills

Electives (choose one)

- Business
- Physics

SEMESTER 2*

Core Subjects

- English 2
- Mathematics 2
- Information Technology 2

Electives (choose two)

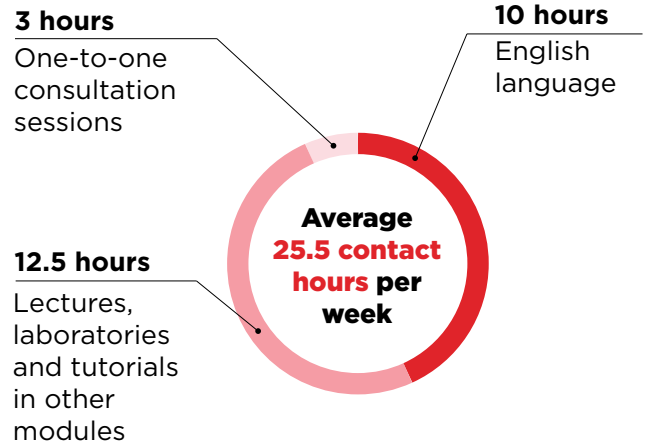
- Accounting
- Economics
- Chemistry
- Biology

*Semester-order dependent on intake

Duration	September intake	February intake
Total number of weeks	30 weeks	30 weeks
Number of vacation weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks
Number of teaching weeks	24 weeks	24 weeks
English requirement	CERFL B1+/ IELTS 5.0/ IGCSE D or equivalent	CERFL B1+/ IELTS 5.0/ IGCSE D or equivalent

Study Mode

On campus in Griffith College Cork



Your Study Roadmap



Students below UCC Direct Entry Requirements



University Foundation Programme

1 year (2 semesters)

Undergraduate Degree Programme at



UCC

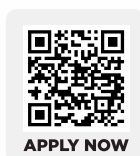
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(See required CIFS Grades for entry to UCC)

How To Apply

Click the button below to apply online at: griffith.ie/apply-online

APPLY NOW





Griffith College Cork Campus

Tuition Fees: €12,000

OTHER CHARGES: €795

(Academic Administration Fee €250 + International Student Support Fee €200 + Protection of Enrolled Learner Fee €245 + QQI Award Fee Level 5 €100)

Academic Merit Scholarships (AMS)

NATIONAL EXAMS	AMS REQUIREMENTS		
	Level 0 €1,000	Level 1 €2,000	Level 2 €4,000
SPM	Minimum Entry Requirement <i>(See page 1)</i>	3Bs	5Bs
NECO/WAEC/ WASSCE/KCSE	Minimum Entry Requirement <i>(See page 1)</i>	3Bs	5Bs
IGCSE	Minimum Entry Requirement <i>(See page 1)</i>	3Bs	5Bs
Vietnam/Indonesia/China	Minimum Entry Requirement <i>(See page 1)</i>	>70%	>75%

High school qualifications not shown above will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Academic Merit Scholarships are offered to international applicants who demonstrate a strong academic performance at the time of application. Scholarships are awarded to international applicants at the time of admission to Griffith College.



Required CIFS Grades for entry to UCC*



2025-2026 Academic Year

*Subject to change without notice. All admissions are at the sole discretion of UCC.

	Academic Programme	Course Code	Minimum EAP	Minimum Required CIFS grades for 2024-2025	Required Subjects/Minimum Grades/Comments
BAND 1	Finance	CK204	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 80%. Award: Distinction	
	Mathematical Sciences	CK407	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 80%. Award: Distinction	80% minimum in Maths
	Medical and Health Sciences	CK707	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 80%. Award: Distinction	75% minimum in Chemistry & Another subject
	Occupational Therapy	CK704	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 80%. Award: Distinction	75% minimum in Lab Science subject
	Pharmacy	CK703	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 80%. Award: Distinction	75% minimum in Chemistry & 75% minimum in Physics or Biology subject
	Physics and Astrophysics	CK408	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 80%. Award: Distinction	75% minimum in Maths or a Lab Science subject
	Speech & Language Therapy	CK705	IELTS 7.0 and minimum 6.5 in each band	Overall minimum: 80%. Award: Distinction	75% minimum in a Lab Science subject & 75% minimum in Other Language
BAND 2	Applied Psychology	CK120	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	
	Accounting	CK202	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	
	Agricultural Science	CK412	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	75% minimum in Maths or a Lab Science subject
	Architecture	CK606	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	
	Biological and Chemical Sciences	CK402	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	75% minimum in Maths or a Lab Science subject
	Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences	CK404	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	75% minimum in Maths or a Lab Science subject
	Business Information Systems	CK203	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	
	Chemical Sciences	CK406	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	75% minimum in Maths or a Lab Science subject
	Commerce	CK201	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	
	Data Science and Analytics	CK411	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	80% minimum in Maths
	Engineering	CK600	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	75% minimum in Maths
	Nursing (Availability to be assessed on case-by-case basis)	CK710	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	Including a Lab Science subject
	Genetics	CK405	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	75% minimum in Biology
	International Business with Languages	CK215	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	80% minimum in Other Language
	Law and Business	CK307	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	
	Law Pathways	CK301	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	
	Nutritional Sciences	CK504	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	75% minimum in Maths or a Lab Science subject
	Psychology and Computing	CK121	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	
	Physical Education, Sports Studies & Arts	CK125	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	
World Languages	CK110	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 75%. Award: Merit	80% minimum in Other Language	
BAND 3	Arts	CK101	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Arts International	CK108	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Arts - Music (3 years or 4 years B Mus International pathways)	CK104	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	Must pass Music Entrance Exam
	Anthropology	CK123	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Social Science	CK102	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Computing Science	CK401	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Criminology	CK113	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Digital Humanities & Information Technology	CK118	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Theatre and Performative Practices	CK112	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	Must pass Admission Interview
	Early Years and Childhood Studies	CK111	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Economics	CK212	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	English	CK109	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Film and Screen Media	CK105	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Food Marketing and Entrepreneurship	CK213	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	Food Science	CK505	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	75% minimum in Maths or a Lab Science subject
	Government and Political Science	CK122	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
	International Development	CK214	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	
Public Health Sciences	CK706	Overall 50-65%	Overall minimum: 70%. Award: Merit	75% minimum in Maths or a Lab Science subject	

Please Note:

Lab Sciences are Chemistry, Physics and Biology.

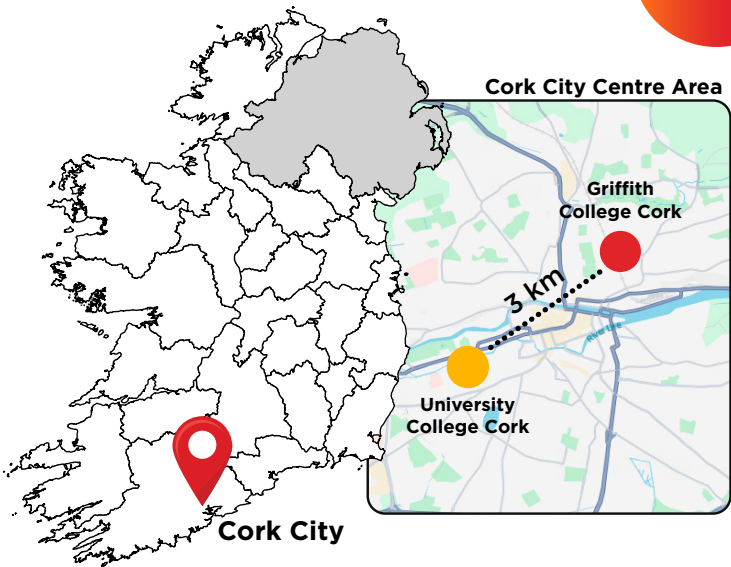
QQI Level 5 with 120 credits (7 modules in total: 4 core modules (mandatory) + 3 electives).



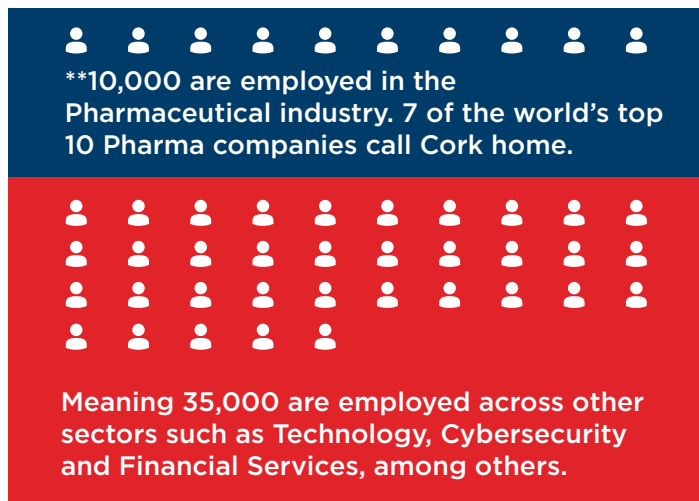
Cork City

Cork is the largest and southernmost county of Ireland and is a place of great wit, culture and independence. Cork City is a hub of culture and business, whilst the county boasts some of the country's most magnificent landscapes. The city is home to one of the largest clusters of pharmaceutical companies in Europe, with over 30 major companies operating in the region.

Cork has become a hub for technology companies, with the likes of Apple, Dell EMC, VMware and many more, having offices in the region.



194 Multinational Firms based in Cork
employing 45,000 people*



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