



# Erasmus+

## Marino Institute of Education Erasmus+ Handbook

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# Incoming Students



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## Fáilte / Welcome

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We are delighted that you have chosen Marino Institute of Education (MIE) for your semester abroad. Inspired by the Christian vision, MIE is a teaching and learning community committed to promoting inclusion, quality and excellence in education. The dignity and potential of each person is central to our life, work and service.

MIE has facilitated the Erasmus+ programme since 2017, assisting us in our mission in promoting inclusion, quality and excellence in education. We look forward to the many contributions you will bring throughout your time with us and in return, we hope to make your stay an enjoyable one that will be both personally and academically rewarding.

This handbook is designed to help you prepare for your mobility period with MIE, and as a useful reference throughout your stay. For additional information or to discuss any specific issues you may be experiencing, please contact your MIE Erasmus+ Coordinator or email [erasmus@mie.ie](mailto:erasmus@mie.ie).

## **COVID-19 Information**

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The authorities in both your home country and in Ireland update the information and guidelines regarding COVID-19 regularly. Students are advised to check with their Erasmus+ Coordinator for any updates prior to travel.

Students are also advised to check for updates and guidelines on the MIE website for [Covid Updates](#) in Marino Institute of Education

In Ireland, students must adhere to the basic health guidelines:

- Masks must be worn on all public transport and in all shops.
- Sanitise and wash hands regularly.
- Keep at least 2m distance from other people and avoid crowds.

It is also advised that students download the [Covid Tracker App](#)

Updated travel information is available on the [Department of Foreign Affairs](#) website and should be checked regularly.

## **Overview of the Erasmus+ Programme**

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### **What is the Erasmus+ Programme?**

The Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027 is a transformative learning experience whereby students have the opportunity to further develop their intercultural learning, while also developing personal, academic and professional skills. The programme seeks to modernise education throughout Europe with participants having the option to study (for a period of 3-12 months) at eligible higher education institutions in Europe or undertake a traineeship at a host enterprise (for a period of 2-12 months).

### **Objectives of the Erasmus+ Programme**

The Erasmus+ Programme Guide sets out the following objectives for the Erasmus+ Programme.

- ❖ Promote learning mobility of individuals and groups, as well as cooperation, quality, inclusion and equity, excellence, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of education and training.
- ❖ Promote non-formal and informal learning mobility and active participation among young people, as well as cooperation, quality, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of organisations and policies in the field of youth.
- ❖ Promote learning mobility of sport staff, as well as cooperation, quality, inclusion, creativity and innovation at the level of sport organisations and sport policies.

### **Aims of the MIE Erasmus+ Programme**

Here at MIE, we look to support the objectives of the Erasmus+ programme by:

- ❖ Helping our students to acquire additional skills through studying and training abroad.
- ❖ Enhancing teaching quality in the EU and beyond.
- ❖ Supporting teaching and research on European integration.
- ❖ Supporting our partner countries and other EU member States in developing our education and training systems.



## Module Options at MIE

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The following programmes at MIE facilitate the Erasmus+ Programme.

### Bachelor in Education (Primary Teaching)

#### What is the Bachelor in Education (Primary Teaching)?

Helping young people learn must be one of the most satisfying and rewarding careers of all. The Bachelor in Education (Primary) programme is a four-year course that prepares students for working in primary schools in Ireland. You will find out how children learn to read, write, count and calculate; you'll learn how to introduce them to the arts and the magic and mysteries of the world around them and how to grow and develop in a healthy way.

B.Ed. Year 1			
SEMESTER 1	ECTS	SEMESTER 2	ECTS
English Methods Múineadh na Gaeilge	5	School Placement	5
Teaching & Learning 1	5	School Placement	5
Religious Education	5	LLL1 Gaeilge	5
Psychology	5	SESE Maths Methods	5
Philosophy Historical Understanding 1	5	Visual Arts & Arts	5
PE SPHE	5	Equality Studies	5
Professional Studies	0	Professional Studies	0
B.Ed. Year 2			
SEMESTER 1	ECTS	SEMESTER 2	ECTS
Inclusion & SEN 1	5	School Placement	5
PE	5	School Placement	5

SPHE			
Creative Technology IBL	5	Drama and Arts Ed	5
Maths Methods SESE	5	English Methods Múineadh na Gaeilge	5
Curriculum & Assessment Psychology	5	LLL2 Gaeilge	5
EAL Ag Múin. Trí M na Gaeilge Language Studies	5	Inclusion & SEN 2	5
Professional Studies	0	Professional Studies	0
<b>B.Ed. Year 3</b>			
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
Literacy Education (English)	5	School Placement	5
Music & Arts	5	School Placement	5
Sociology	5	Maths competency	5
Early Childhood	5	Maths Methods SESE	5
CC sa Gaeilge (RTG) CC sa Bhéarla	5	Research Methods 1	5
Behaviour Management T & L	5	English Methods Múineadh na Gaeilge	5
Professional Studies	0	Professional Studies	0
<b>B.Ed. Year 4</b>			
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
SESE – Science Education	5	School Placement	5

Teacher as knowledgeable professional (Maths)	5	School Placement	5
Elective module	5	School Placement	5
Philosophical & Historical Understanding. 2	5	School Placement	5
Research methods/ dissertation	10	School Placement	5
Professional Studies	0	Research methods/ dissertation	5
		Professional Studies	0

**Important:** *some courses have limited spaces available. Students may have to make changes to their original module choices due to limited spaces, a module no longer being available, timetable clashes etc. For this reason, students are advised to have alternative choices available.*

## Bachelor in Science (Early Childhood Education)

### What is the B.Sc. (Early Childhood Education)?

The quality of education and care that children receive in the earliest years of their lives has a huge influence on their subsequent education and happiness. To enhance existing provision of courses for preparing early childhood practitioners, MIE is delighted to offer this new level 8 degree which is accredited by Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin. The flexible delivery of this programme makes it attractive both to those who intend to work in the sector and to those who are already employed there.

ECE YEAR 1			
SEMESTER 1	ECTS	SEMESTER 2	ECTS
Curriculum and Pedagogical Perspectives: Dispositions and Play	10	Psychology and the Developing Child	10
Field placement	5	International policy and practice	5
Literacies in the early years	5	Developing movement skills	5
Nurturing pedagogy	5	Foundation in Inclusive Education: Special Educational Needs in Early Childhood Education.	5
Awakening the senses	5	Elective	5
ECE YEAR 2			
SEMESTER 1	ECTS	SEMESTER 2	ECTS
Curriculum and Pedagogical Perspectives: Models of curriculum and Assessment	10	Understanding Childhood in context	10
Field placement	5	Wellbeing and health Ed in ECE	5
Music Drama and Integrated Arts	5	Early Childhood: Policy and Practice (Irish)	5

Early Mathematical Awareness	5	Special Educational Needs	5
Inclusion and Diversity in the early Years	5	Elective	5
<b>ECE YEAR 3</b>			
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
Curriculum and Pedagogical Perspectives: Interactions and Relationships	10	Constructions of Childhood	10
Inclusion, Culture, Identity and the Self	5	Inner Landscape of the Child	5
Inquiry-based Learning and Environmental Care	5	Research Proposal	5
Field Placement	5	Legal Context of ECE	5
Early Literacies	5	Elective	5
<b>ECE YEAR 4</b>			
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
Dissertation	20	Field Placement	20
Curriculum & Pedagogical perspectives: Learning through Play 1	5	Curriculum & Pedagogical perspectives: Learning through play 2	5
Organisation, Learning and skills 1	5	Organisation, Learning and skills 2	5

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## Bachelor in Science (Education Studies)

### What is the Bachelor in Science (Education Studies)?

Education happens in all kinds of places and throughout our lives – not just in school buildings and not just in our early years. The B.Sc. (Education Studies) helps you gain an understanding of the many ways, times and places in which people learn as well as how these ways of learning have changed over time. You will come to appreciate how education can enhance people’s lives and how different approaches benefit different people at different times of their lives, depending on their needs. Learn about the formal and informal educational opportunities available to people, whether it is their first or second chance to experience for themselves the benefits of education.

<b>Education Studies: Year 1</b>			
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
What is Education?	10	Introduction to Education Psychology	10
Adult Education	5	Work Placement I	5
Transitioning to Higher Education	5	Technology for Teaching and Learning I	5
Education & the Arts (Nurturing Creativity)	5	Educational Leadership I	5
Communication for Education	5	Special Educational Needs I	5
Gaeilge (Optional module)	n/a		
<b>Education Studies: Year 2</b>			
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
Contemporary Issues	10	Programme Design & Development	10
Adolescence	5	Work Placement II	5
Intercultural Education	5	Development Education	5
Education & Culture (Literature)	5	Educational Leadership II	5
Education for Sustainable Development	5	Special Educational Needs II	5
Gaeilge (Optional module)	n/a		

Education Studies: Year 3			
SEMESTER 1	ECTS	SEMESTER 2	ECTS
Understanding Irish Education Policy	10	Education as Liberation or Oppression	10
Childhood	5	Work Placement III	5
Evidence in Education	5	Research Methods I	5
Educational Leadership III	5	Education & Sports (Inclusion, Diversity and Diversion)	5
Assessment & Evaluation	5	Special Educational Needs III	5
Gaeilge (Optional module)	n/a		n/a
Education Studies: Year 4			
SEMESTER 1	ECTS	SEMESTER 2	ECTS
Research Methods II	20	Internship	20
Workplace Cultures and Competencies	5	Comparative Education	5
Professional Studies	5	Technology for Teaching and Learning II	5

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## **European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)**

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### **What is the ECTS?**

The differences between all national education systems can lead to problems when it comes to the recognition of educational qualifications for those opting to study abroad. However, the ECTS, a tool of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), facilitates the recognition of credits from learning mobility being formally recognised by the sending institution thus easing movement for learners/students to an institution in another country for all or part of a programme of study.

### **How does the ECTS work?**

ECTS credits represent a student's learning outcomes and workload by summing up, through credits, the student's knowledge, understanding and ability of a given programme or course. Under ECTS, students are required to obtain **30 ECTS credits for a semester** (30 ECTS credits is the maximum per semester) **or 60 ECTS credits for a full year**. Further details on this can be found on the [ECTS Website](#).

### **ECTS Transcript**

At the end of their stay at MIE, students are provided with an **ECTS Transcript**. This transcript will indicate the number of ECTS credits completed and **must be interpreted** by the students' Erasmus+ Coordinator from their home University to ensure a satisfactory number of credits was completed.

**Important:** *It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the collection of this transcript before their return home.*



## How to Apply to the MIE Erasmus+ Programme

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### 1. Request Nomination to MIE

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Your Erasmus+ Coordinator will nominate you for an exchange period from your home University, who will then forward your nomination to MIE.

### 2. Apply to MIE

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MIE will contact you directly with details on how to complete the application and the documents required.

### 3. Complete the Erasmus+ application form before deadline

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The information collected on this form will be used by your Erasmus+ Coordinator to manage your mobility.

#### Application Deadlines:

- **Full Academic Year and Semester One students: 1st March 2023**
- **Semester Two students: 1st October 2023**

Offers of Acceptance will be issued three to four weeks after the application deadline date. Late applications will not be accepted.

### 4. Choose your Modules

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You will confirm your module choices with your MIE Erasmus+ Coordinator who can advise you on these. Erasmus students are free to choose any modules from our list of available programmes. These modules must be approved by your home university.

**Important:** *some courses have limited spaces available. Students may have to make changes to their original module choices due to limited spaces, a module no longer being available, timetable clashes etc. For this reason, students are advised to have alternative choices available. You must achieve 30 credits per semester or 60 credits for a full year.*

## 5. Complete the Learning Agreement

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This is a legally binding document **required** by The European Commission from every exchange student prior to departure for their study abroad period. This document is designed to support students.

It is the right of every Erasmus+ student to be issued a Learning Agreement.

The Learning Agreement should confirm the credits that the student will be awarded and what they will study at MIE. The Learning Agreement document is broken into three sections:

### **Before the Mobility**

It is important that the student complete the 'Before mobility' aspect of the Learning Agreement prior to their departure to Dublin. See [Eureland.ie](http://Eureland.ie) for more information on this.

### **During the Mobility**

Students can request changes to their module choices within five weeks after the start of their mobility with MIE. Your MIE Erasmus+ Coordinator can help by discussing and agreeing on suitable changes (if necessary) to your study programme. See [Eureland.ie](http://Eureland.ie) for more information.

### **After the Mobility**

MIE will send a Transcript of Records to the student and to their Sending Institution within a period stipulated in the Inter-Institutional Agreement. See [Eureland.ie](http://Eureland.ie) for more information on this.

## Accommodation

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**Important:** *Students are required to find accommodation independently and may be expected to pay a month's deposit as well as a month's rent in advance. There may also be the cost of accommodation set-up, for example: bedding, cleaning products, utensils etc.*

### On-campus Accommodation

On campus, accommodation at MIE is provided by a company called **Eber Life**. The accommodation is convenient to the city centre, and is well serviced by Dublin Bus, with a stop directly outside the campus gates. Local amenities include shops, restaurants, a supermarket, pharmacy and a sports park. A key card system is in place for secure and convenient access to your apartment. Security cover is provided to ensure the safety of residents. For more information, visit [here](#), email [mie@eber.life](mailto:mie@eber.life), or call Eber's MIE office at +353 1 254 2248.

### Off-campus Accommodation

Off-campus accommodation is normally available near the college. An updated list of places is available by telephone at 01 805 7700. The college does not involve itself in negotiations, rental agreements or contracts with the owners of these dwellings.

Below is a sample of some commercial websites that students may use to find rooms in shared houses or apartments;

College Cribs	<a href="https://www.collegecribs.ie/">https://www.collegecribs.ie/</a>
Dublin Guide	<a href="https://dublin.ie/study/student-life/">https://dublin.ie/study/student-life/</a>
Daft	<a href="https://www.daft.ie/dublin/rooms-to-share/">https://www.daft.ie/dublin/rooms-to-share/</a>
Property.ie	<a href="https://www.property.ie/property-to-let/">https://www.property.ie/property-to-let/</a>
Student Accommodation	<a href="#">LIV Student Accommodation in Dublin</a>
Student Hub	<a href="#">Student Accommodation Dublin   Student.com</a>
Homestay	<a href="https://www.homestay.com/">https://www.homestay.com/</a>

## Health and Travel Insurance

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Students must have private medical insurance cover while abroad and are advised to keep a record of their health insurance **policy number** and any emergency numbers.

**Important:** *Your private medical insurance must cover you for cost of **repatriation**.*

### European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

If you are an **EU/EEA national**, the EHIC entitles you to receive **emergency medical care**. Students are strongly advised to have a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for the duration of their stay abroad. EU citizens should ensure they have applied for their EHIC card before travelling to Ireland. Further information on the EHIC card, and how to apply can be found [here](#).

The EHIC does not cover private medical healthcare or costs such as mountain rescue in ski resorts, lost or stolen property or cost of repatriation. Therefore, you will need separate travel insurance in addition to the EHIC.

If additional health cover is required, students from EU/EEA member states can also apply to the Health Authority in their home country for an [S1 form](#) and then register with the Irish Health Service.

### Non-EU students

Non-EU students are not covered for any free medical attention off-campus and must therefore have their own private insurance. Students are advised to have a record of their health insurance policy number and of any emergency numbers. If a student is covered by their parents' private healthcare insurance plan, it is important that they contact their health insurance provider to confirm the level of cover their policy will give them while studying in Ireland.

## Visa Requirements

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If you are unsure of whether you are required to hold a study visa, you can access more information on The Department of Justice and Equality website [here](#).

***Important.*** *It is the student's responsibility to apply for their visa. Visa applications can take two to eight months to process, students are strongly advised to confirm your place with MIE as soon as possible and begin the visa process in time. MIE has no influence over visa issues but will advise students where possible.*

## Bank Account

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Students should open a bank account as soon as possible after arrival. To open a bank account, you will need two forms of identification: one should have your photograph on it and the other one should show your home address in your own country. The following are some examples of banks located near MIE:

Bank	Address	Phone Number
<a href="#"><u>Bank of Ireland</u></a>	25 Marino Mart, Fairview, Dublin 3.	01 833 1991
<a href="#"><u>Allied Irish Bank</u></a>	140 Lower Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9.	01 837 3756
<a href="#"><u>Permanent TSB</u></a>	130 Lower Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9.	01 837 1162

## Amenities and Services near MIE

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### Grocery Stores

There is a grocery store called C&T located 400 metres from MIE on Philipsburgh Avenue. You will also find a cafe and bakery near there.

- [C&T Superstore, Marino.](#)
- [Lidl, Drumcondra Road Upper](#)
- [Tesco Metro, Drumcondra](#)
- [Tesco, Fairview](#)
- [Supervalu, Killester](#)
- [Eurospar, Fairview](#)

The following are some of the larger supermarkets that can be found in the city centre:

- [Lidl, Moore Street, Dublin 1](#)
- [Aldi, Parnell St. Dublin 1](#)
- [Tesco, Parnell, St, Dublin 1](#)

### Local Travel Information and Costs

The main modes of transport around Dublin city are [Dublin Bus](#), [Luas](#), [Dart](#), and [Bikes](#). For travelling around Ireland, you can use [Bus Eireann](#) or [Irish Rail](#). Up-to-date information on traveling in Ireland is available on the [Transport for Ireland](#) website. This website will help you plan your journey and will also show estimated fares (including estimates of taxi fares).

If using public transport, the TFI Leap Card can save you up to **32%** versus cash single fares. Alternatively, students can apply for the [Student Leap Card](#) online and collect from an official Student Leap Card Agent.

**Note:** *When you go to collect your card at one of the Express Agents, you will need to bring your official college ID and €10 (Some agents accept cash only. Check with the agent in advance if you wish to pay by contactless).*

\* Download the [FREE Dublin Bus App](#) to access real time for all Dublin bus routes.

## Phones and Data

If you require a new Sim card during your stay, the following are some phone companies located nearby in Dublin City Centre:

- [Eir Mobile](#) - 34 Henry Street Dublin 1
- [Vodafone](#) - 51 Henry Street, Dublin 1
- [Three](#) - 35 Henry Street, Dublin 1
- [Virgin Media](#) – Ilac Shopping Centre, Dublin 1
- [Tescomobile](#) – any larger Tesco Stores
- [Clear Mobile](#) – online only
- [GoMo](#) – online only

Alternatively, you can compare the SIM-only plans available in Ireland on [Switcher.ie](#)



## **Working in Ireland**

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### **Part-Time Work**

Working part-time is a great way to develop your language skills while you are here in Dublin, and it is also a fantastic way to meet new people. However, it is important that students already have sufficient funds to cover their daily living essentials without relying on part-time work. If English is not your first language, we strongly advise that students allocate sufficient time to prepare assignments as well to adapting to the changes of a different education system.

Since 1 January 2024, the national minimum wage is €12.70 per hour. There are no restrictions on the number of hours EU / EEA citizens, who are students at MIE, are permitted to work. Non-EU/EEA students are entitled to work up to 20 hours part-time per week and full-time during the university holidays whilst studying in Ireland. This entitlement will cease once your student visa expires.

### **Paying Tax in Ireland**

A Personal Public Service (PPS) Number will be required if you plan to work in Ireland. You can only apply for a PPS if you have already been offered a paid position. Applications can be made through the social welfare office that is local to your new Irish address. You will need to bring the following documentation when applying for a PPS Number:

- Passport
- Proof of Irish Address - for example a bill in your name or a bank statement.
- Letter from MIE stating that you are a student at the MIE.

## **Student Services at MIE**

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MIE has a range of Student Support Services available.

### **Counselling Service**

MIE has a dedicated Student Counsellor on campus and is available for all students. The Counselling Service will run a number of support workshops during the year around areas of Sexual Consent, Managing Stress and Anxiety, Wellbeing & Mindfulness and many more.

If you would like to speak with the Student Counsellor, you can do so by sending an initial e-mail to [marinocounselling@mie.ie](mailto:marinocounselling@mie.ie).

If you have any questions about the Counselling Service or would like to find out more, feel free to contact our Student Engagement Officer, Colum Cronin, see contact details below.

**Tel:** 01 8535184

**Email:** [colum.cronin@mie.ie](mailto:colum.cronin@mie.ie)

### **Student Learning and Development**

Offers advice, resources, individual consultations, workshops and much more to help improve academic performance and reach full potential. For details on all the different services and resources available please click [here](#).

### **Marino Institute of Education Health Service**

MIE provides a health service for students through the **Fairview Medical Centre**. The Centre is located within walking distance of the Institute (about 15 minutes) and details of the service are contained [here](#).

Students are given **3 free visits** for acute medical attention between September and May. In addition, students will be given up to 10% discount for some services in Fairview Medical centre on presentation of a valid student card.

Students can find out more about the service through the information leaflets in the Registrar's area of Moodle. Again, if you have any questions about this service or would like to talk to someone about it, you can contact our Student Engagement Officer, Colum Cronin, on the details below.

**Tel:** 01 8535184

**Email:** [colum.cronin@mie.ie](mailto:colum.cronin@mie.ie)

## **Disability Service**

The Trinity College Dublin Disability Service provides a disability service to Marino Institute of Education (MIE) in conjunction with MIE's Access Officer. The Disability Service aims to provide advice and support to students with disabilities. These supports include:

- Needs Assessment upon registration with the service to determine any additional learning requirements.
- Assistive technology training and support.
- Pre-placement planning and support.
- Liaison with tutors/lecturers to help arrange accessible programme materials
- Extended library loans.
- Occupational Therapy: A practical support service for students with a variety of disabilities, focusing on developing skills and strategies to manage the everyday activities of student life.

The disability service has in place a range of supports to ensure that students with disabilities have full access to the same facilities for study as their peers. Details about Reasonable Accommodations in MIE can be accessed [here](#).

Further information regarding the types of support available can be found [here](#)

## **MIE's gym**

All students have access to MIE's modern gym facilities. The campus has many playing fields as well as a large indoor gymnasium that is suitable for basketball, badminton and indoor football.

## **MIE GAA & Sports**

There is a vibrant GAA community in MIE. A small college with a big heart and big ambitions, every MIE student is given the opportunity to take part in their chosen sport regardless of level of ability. There are many benefits to getting involved in sport in MIE. What better way is there to spend a few hours a week away from the stress and pressure of study than to take part in physical activities on our playing pitch or in our Sports Hall? We also offer a range of other non GAA sports such as Men's & Ladies' Basketball and are always keen to start and develop new clubs & societies.

**GAA Sports Contact:** Denis Forde, MIE GAA Officer **Email:** [denis.forde@mie.ie](mailto:denis.forde@mie.ie)

## **MIE Student's Union**

To find out more about student life and how to get involved you can visit the [Marino Students Union Website](#) or follow them on social media at:

**Twitter:** @MIESUnion

**Instagram:** @MIESTUDENTSUNION

Or feel free to contact the Students' Union President for 2023 – 24

**SU President:** Naomi Lanney

**E-mail:** [supres@momail.mie.ie](mailto:supres@momail.mie.ie)

### **Student Union Team for 2023/2024**

Vice president welfare and equality & clubs and socs officer - Melissa O'Donohoe (Ed studies 2)

Education and lifelong learning - Katelyn Nic Phaidín - (Bed2)

Sports Officers - Darragh Kidd (Ed studies 1), Rachael Cawley (Bed 1),

Ciarán White (Ed studies 3) & Ben Mc Donald (Ed studies 3)

Entertainment Officers - Laoise Halloran (Bed3) & Evan Byrne (Ed studies 1)

Communications Officer - Evan Byrne (Ed studies 1)

Cumann Gaelach - Eilleen Roe - Cumann Gaelach (Bed3) & Meaghan ní Chianáin (Boid3)

Environmental Sustainability Officer - Ciara Conlon (Bed2)

## **MIE Chaplaincy**

### **Chaplaincy and Personal Support**

A chaplaincy support is available to students at MIE which aims to complement the personal tutor and counselling service and provide additional pastoral and spiritual support to students.

At times of bereavement and at times of illness (especially at times of hospitalisation) personal tutors are always the first port-of-call, but sometimes students need the additional support that chaplaincy offers.

Bereavement support can be sought through Marie Whelton who may be contacted at any time at (087) 9848363 or by email at [marie.whelton@mie.ie](mailto:marie.whelton@mie.ie)

### **Liturgy**

A number of liturgies and rituals (Opening Mass, November we Remember, Carol Service, Lenten Reflections) are organised throughout the academic year and all are invited to attend. You can contact the chaplain at: [lily.barry@mie.ie](mailto:lily.barry@mie.ie)

Studying abroad should be a joyous experience where students have the opportunity to grow personally and develop their academic and professional skills. It is important that students contact their Erasmus+ Coordinator if they feel they are not benefitting from their experience here, feel isolated as a mobility student or feel circumstances are preventing them from being able to complete their work.

## Getting to MIE

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### Flights to Ireland

Students are required to pay for their own flights to Dublin. Dublin airport is a short taxi journey from MIE. More details are available [here](#).

### From Dublin Airport to MIE

Dublin Bus operates the [41 & 16](#) bus routes from Dublin airport. It is important that you take a bus that is going in the direction of the [City Centre](#). Get off the bus at the Griffith Downs stop, [Bonnington Hotel - Griffith Downs](#), (Stop 4432). Walk in the same direction down the road until you reach the traffic junction. Turn left onto Griffith Avenue. Continue walking until you reach Charlemont Estate. Turn left into the estate and the Marino Institute of Education is the first turn on the right. The walk from the bus stop should take approximately 20-30 minutes.

### From Heuston Station to MIE

Take [the Luas](#) tram to Abbey Street, then walk to O'Connell Street. Just outside Flanagan's Bar & Restaurant on O'Connell Street you will find the 123 bus stop (Stop 274). The 123 bus travels directly to Griffith Avenue and stops a short walk from the Marino Institute of Education (Stop 1487). This journey usually does not take more than approximately twenty minutes.

### From Connolly Station to MIE

Take [the Dart](#) to [Clontarf Road station](#). When you exit Clontarf dart station, MIE is approximately fifteen minutes' walk away. Turn left onto Clontarf Road, then turn right and walk up the Malahide Road. Turn left onto Griffith Avenue, continue walking until you see the entrance to Charlemont Estate on the right. Turn into the estate and the Marino Institute of Education is the first turn on the right.

Alternatively, the following buses run very regularly from Connolly Station (Stop 497) – 14, 15, 27, 27A, 27B and 42. These take you to the Mount Temple School Stop on Malahide Road (Stop 670). MIE is a short walk down Griffith Avenue.

**Public Transport to/from Dublin City Centre to MIE:**

A convenient bus service - [the 123 bus](#) - operates between Griffith Avenue and the city centre. The nearest bus stop is on Griffith Avenue on the opposite side of the road (Stop 1482), to the left of the Charlemont gates.

Returning from the city, suitable bus stops for the 123 Bus are to be found at Lord Edward Street (Stop 2002) near Dublin Castle, College Green (Stop 1359) near Trinity College and Upper O'Connell Street (Stop 274).

## **Things to See and Do - Dublin and beyond.**

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When in Dublin, students may wish to do some sightseeing and get to know the city and its history better. We suggest that you use the [VisitDublin](#) website for up-to-date information on what to see and do in Dublin. For destinations and attractions outside the city see [Discover Ireland](#) or [The Wild Atlantic Way](#).

The following are some ideas of ideas of the things you can see and do in Dublin for **Free!**

### **Science Gallery**

*Science Gallery, Trinity College Dublin, Pearse Street, Dublin 2.*

The [Science Gallery](#) is devoted to explaining the intricacies of science, and how it applies to everyday life.

### **IMMA - The Irish Museum of Modern Art**

*Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin 8, D08 FW31.*

This former hospital is now the country's foremost [modern art gallery](#). You can also stroll around the building and the beautiful surrounding gardens.

### **Dublin City Gallery – The Hugh Lane**

*Charlemont House, Parnell Square North, Dublin 1, D01 F2X9.*

Focused exclusively on modern and contemporary art, the [Hugh Lane](#) is a favourite among many Dubliners.

### **The National Gallery**

*National Gallery of Ireland, Merrion Square West, Dublin 2.*

The collections in the [National Art Gallery](#) stretches across seven centuries and includes a terrific Caravaggio and striking portraits of Ireland's most notable figures.

### **The National Museum of Decorative Arts**

*Collins Barracks, Benburb St, Dublin, D07 XKV4.*

This [Decorative Arts and History](#) branch of the National Museum dates back to the early 18th-century, and houses an eclectic mix of historic memorabilia, design and craftwork.

## **The National Museum of Archaeology**

*Kildare Street, Dublin 2*

Established in 1877, the [National Museum of Archaeology](#) is where you will find Ireland's most famous crafted artefacts, the Ardagh Chalice and the Tara Brooch, from the 12th and 8th centuries respectively, and a collection of mummified bodies from the Iron Age.

## **The Chester Beatty Museum**

*Dublin Castle, Dublin 2, D02 AD92*

Set in the grounds of Dublin Castle, this award-winning museum showcases the collection of [Chester Beatty](#). The museum houses a diverse selection of paintings, manuscripts and artefacts from Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe.

## **National Botanic Gardens**

*Glasnevin, Dublin 9, D09 VY63*

The [National Botanic Gardens](#) of Ireland are an oasis of calm and beauty, and entry is free. A premier scientific institution, the gardens contain important collections of plant species and cultivars from all over the world.

## **Walking Tours**

Free [walking tours](#) are also available, covering a variety of famous places such as Trinity College, Temple Bar, Dublin Castle and St. Patrick's Cathedral.



## **Before you leave your home**

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### **Erasmus+ Student charter**

Students must read the [Erasmus+ Student charter](#).

### **Fees**

Students must pay their usual fees to their home University and are not required to pay tuition fees to MIE.

### **Medication**

If you take prescription medication, it is particularly important that you inform your doctor that you will be going abroad to ensure you have enough medication for your stay. If necessary, request a cross-border prescription from your own doctor. Please check this website for information on [cross-border prescriptions](#).

**Important:** it is illegal to post drugs - even prescription ones - through the Irish postal service.

### **Student Discount Cards**

Student discount cards can help cut costs on many things, from transport to food or clothing. For example, the [Student Discount Card](#) (ISIC card) may entitle you to discounts in local stores and the [ESN](#) membership card entitles you to discounts with a broad range of international and local services.

## **Arrival in MIE**

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### **Orientation Programme**

Students are asked to attend an orientation in MIE. This orientation will provide you with information around your Erasmus+ programme and life as a student in Dublin. Students will be informed of the orientation date via email.

### **Learning Agreement**

Students must update their Learning Agreement when they arrive. If any changes need to be made to module choices, please liaise closely with your Erasmus+ Coordinators.

### **Return Certificate of Attendance**

Erasmus+ grants are awarded for the number of days spent abroad. Students are required to get their Certificate of Arrival form signed and stamped at the start of their exchange period. Students will also receive their Certificate of Attendance signed and stamped at the end of their exchange period.

## **Preparing for Your Return Home**

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### **Transcript of Results**

It is the student's responsibility to obtain their transcript from MIE before their return home. If this is not provided to your host university in time, you may not advance to the next year of studies.

### **Return Certificate of Attendance**

This form is required to confirm your end date and determine the level of Erasmus+ funding you will receive. For this form, students must enter the last date on which they are required to be on their host campus for classes or exams and have it signed & stamped.

### **Final Report**

The European Commission will email you directly inviting you to complete a Final Report online.

## Checklists

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### Checklist for before you travel to Dublin

- ✓ Please read the Erasmus+ Student Charter.
- ✓ Ensure your passport is valid for the duration of your stay + 6 months.
- ✓ Confirm if a visa is required for your stay in Ireland.
- ✓ Secure your health and travel insurance for your duration abroad. It is important to have photocopies of the original documents as proof of your insurance cover.
- ✓ Complete the 'Before the Mobility' section of your Learning Agreement
- ✓ Ensure that you are registered at your home University and have paid any relevant fees.
- ✓ Complete and return any registration forms required by MIE.
- ✓ Take note of the start and end dates of your semester at MIE as well as exam and holiday periods.
- ✓ Note the dates of the MIE Orientation Programme.
- ✓ Ensure that you will have easily accessible funds in place for the initial period of your study abroad.
- ✓ Note the contact details of the Erasmus+ Coordinator at MIE and your home university
- ✓ If you plan to apply for part-time work in Ireland, ensure you have an updated copy of your CV.

### Remember to Pack

- ✓ Passport and Tickets.
- ✓ Your European Insurance Card (EHIC).
- ✓ An adaptor (if required).
- ✓ Bed linen (if required).
- ✓ Medication/prescriptions (if required).
- ✓ First aid supplies, vitamins, cold remedies etc.
- ✓ Appropriate clothing for Irish weather.

### **Checklist for when you arrive in Dublin**

- ✓ Inform parents / guardian of your safe arrival.
- ✓ Confirm your registration and orientation schedules.
- ✓ Revise your Learning Agreement with the MIE Erasmus+ Coordinator.
- ✓ Open a bank account in Dublin if needed.
- ✓ Register online with your Country's Embassy / Consulate.

### **Checklist for before your return home**

- ✓ Collect all academic documents / transcripts from MIE and arrange for these to be scanned and emailed to your home University.
- ✓ Certificate of Attendance - End signed, stamped and returned to your home University.
- ✓ Complete final report on-line.
- ✓ If documents are being sent to your home address, ensure that relevant offices in Dublin (accommodation / academic institution) have the correct address.
- ✓ Ensure all bills are paid in full and deposits reimbursed, where relevant.
- ✓ Close any Irish bank accounts if necessary.

### **Checklist for after you return home**

- ✓ Contact International Office to ensure that they have received all transcripts from MIE.
- ✓ Ensure you have signed and returned the Erasmus+ grant acknowledgement form if applicable.

## Important Dates/ Deadlines

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### Erasmus+ Application deadlines:

Full Academic Year and Semester One students: Nominations by **01<sup>st</sup> May 2023**.

Semester Two students: **01st November 2023**.

### Orientation dates:

Orientation for Semester 1: **05th September 2023**

Orientation for Semester 2: **05th January 2024**

### Irish Bank Holidays 2021/22

If booking trips home, students should be aware of upcoming Irish Bank Holidays.

#### Bank Holidays 2023

5 Jun	Mon	<a href="#">June Bank Holiday</a>
7 Aug	Mon	<a href="#">August Bank Holiday</a>
30 Oct	Mon	<a href="#">October Bank Holiday</a>
25 Dec	Mon	<a href="#">Christmas Day</a>
26 Dec	Tue	<a href="#">St Stephen's Day</a>

#### Bank Holidays 2024

1 Jan	Mon	<a href="#">New Year's Day</a>
5 Feb	Mon	<a href="#">St. Brigid's Day</a>
17 Mar	Sun	<a href="#">Saint Patrick's Day</a>
1 Apr	Mon	<a href="#">Easter Monday</a>
6 May	Mon	<a href="#">May Day</a>
3 Jun	Mon	<a href="#">June Bank Holiday</a>
5 Aug	Mon	<a href="#">August Bank Holiday</a>
28 Oct	Mon	<a href="#">October Bank Holiday</a>
25 Dec	Wed	<a href="#">Christmas Day</a>
26 Dec	Thu	<a href="#">St Stephen's Day</a>

## Helpful links

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<a href="#"><u>ECTS Website</u></a>	European Credit Transfer System.
<a href="#"><u>The Erasmus Student Network</u></a>	The Erasmus Student Network.
<a href="#"><u>Student Discount Card</u></a>	Student Discount Card.
<a href="#"><u>ESN</u></a>	The European Student Network.
<a href="#"><u>www.ehic.ie</u></a>	European Health Insurance Card.
<a href="#"><u>Brexit and Erasmus+ Updates</u></a>	Brexit and Erasmus Updates.
<a href="#"><u>Erasmus+ Student charter</u></a>	The Erasmus Student Charter.
<a href="https://www.dfa.ie"><u>https://www.dfa.ie</u></a>	Irish Department of Foreign Affairs. <i>This website includes Embassy listings.</i>