



University of Limerick

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International Education Division



University of Limerick

- Established 1972
- Programmes 67 Bachelors, 100 Masters, Structured and traditional PhD programmes
- Enrolment 2011: over 12,000
 - Undergraduate: over 9,500
 - Postgraduate: over 2,500
- Over 1,900 International Students in 2011



University of Limerick

- 4 Faculties:
 - Business
 - Science and Engineering
 - Health Science and Education
 - Arts Humanities and Social Science
 - Includes UL Language Centre
- Cooperative Education Programme
- Long links to industry
- Employment rate is 8% higher than national average.



International Education Division

- Established in 2000
- 12 staff members
- Facilitated mobility of 1590 students in 2012
- Implement UL's internationalisation strategy



Internationalisation Strategy

- Strategic Plan for 2010-2015 – one of the four goals is dedicated to internationalisation
- *‘We will sharpen out international focus in all areas of activity.’*



Internationalisation Actions

- Increase the number of degree seeking international student at UL
- Increase the number UL students who avail of a study abroad academic placement
- Internationalisation of the curriculum
- Language Policy for all students



Implementation

- **Three Primary Activities:**
 - Erasmus & Exchange Programme (1988)
 - Study Abroad programme (1991)
 - Full Degree Promotion (2000)



Erasmus & International Exchange

- 260 EU Partners & 40 non-EU
- Integral part of 12 UL Degree programmes
- Largest Erasmus programme in Ireland - 547 incoming and 407 outgoing 2012
- Nominated as Erasmus Success Story 2009 and 2010



Erasmus & International Exchange

- 34% of UL undergraduates spend one semester or more abroad (2011)
 - Erasmus (14%)
 - International Exchange(non-EU) (3%)
 - Cooperative Education (17%)



Developing Exchanges Opportunities:

- Internationalisation of the student body
- Diversity in the student community
- Global perspective for domestic students
- International focus an attractive aspect to life at UL



Opportunities contd.

- Developing links in new countries
- Student and academic exchange are the easiest forms of engagement
- Opportunity to get to know a partner
- Development of relationships – leads to wider collaboration



Challenges

- Maintaining balance
- Managing the relationship
- Academic Engagement
 - Location important
 - Managing expectations on both sides
- EU v Non EU student funding
- University view of collaboration



Student Support

- Cultural Field Trips
- Celebration of National days
- On Campus accommodation- 2,500 rooms
- Airport collection
- Orientation programme
- Study Skills and English language support
- I-graduate survey results





Study Abroad

- Summer School, Semester or Year at UL from US university
- Over 400 student annually
- Primarily North American with increasing interest from Asia
- Excellent Student Support



UL Language Centre

- Programmes of study for 2 weeks to one year
- Teacher Training, Corporate, General English, etc
- Language support for full degree students
- Foundation Programme



Full Degree

- Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate students
- USA, Canada, China, Saudi Arabia, India
- Taught Postgraduate programmes of most interest



University Arena

- The University Arena is home to the country's first 50M swimming pool.
- The University Arena dry sports area consists of four full sized basketball courts, 60M sprint track, fully equipped cardio-vascular and weights facilities to name a few.



Clubs and Societies

- The University is home to 40 sports clubs catering for everything from American Football to Windsurfing.
- The University of Limerick also has over 35 Societies ranging from the Aeronautical Society to the Traditional Music Society



Did you know?

- UL was voted Ireland's most popular university (courseHub.ie)
- UL graduates currently enjoy an employment rate that is 8% higher than the national average
- UL is also known as Ireland's sporting campus. Largest all-weather sports complex in Europe recently completed on UL campus
- UL awarded top scores (5 star rating) on "QS Stars" ratings report in terms of internationalisation, teaching, graduate employability, knowledge transfer and innovation

