University of Limerick Information Sheet 2016-2017

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Relevant websites	General (university) information for Exchange students: http://www.ul.ie/ University of Limerick website: http://www.ul.ie/
Dates for academic year 2015/2016	Autumn Semester: Welcome Week: Commences Tuesday 30th August 2016 Teaching term: 5th September to 25th November 2016 Examination period: 3rd December to 16th December 2016 Inter-term break: 2nd to 20th January 2017 Spring Semester: Welcome Week: Week Commencing 16th January 2017 – Welcome Week Dates Subject to Change Teaching term: 23rd January 2017 to 21st April 2017 Easter break: 10th April to 17th April 2017 Examination period: 2nd May to 15th May 2017

	Full Academic Year: 30 th June
Application deadlines	Autumn Semester: 30 th June
	Spring Semester: 31 st October
Application Form	Application is an online process, firstly coordinators must nominate students names and contact details to email Sinead.Loughran@ul.ie The application link will be sent to the international education administrator to forward to students. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.
Language requirements	All incoming Exchange students are required to possess sufficient language skills to attend lectures and sit examinations. Students should be competent to communicate through the medium of English prior to arrival at the University of Limerick.
Intensive Language Course	The Language Centre of the University of Limerick offers an intensive language course for 3 days the week prior to the start of the semester. The tuition fee is 250 Euro. Language Centre website: www.ul.ie/languagecentre
Insurance requirements for incoming exchange students	All students are required to obtain private health insurance either from institutions in their home countries or from institutions in Ireland. Private health care can be obtained from the following Irish Health Insurance companies, VHI (www.vhi.ie) or Laya Healthcare (http://www.layahealthcare.ie/) or at a special rate offered by Odon Insurance (https://www.odon.ie/index.php/ul)
Immigration	All Non EU students attending the University of Limerick are required by the Irish Department of Justice (www.justice.ie) to register with the local Gardai (Irish police). VISA applications should be made through the Irish Embassy in the home country. Immigration Fee €300

On Campus Accommodation	Once your placement at the University of Limerick is confirmed, and you have received your UL ID number you may apply online for on-campus accommodation http://campuslifeweb.ul.ie/apply/ Please note accommodation cannot be booked until your placement at the University of Limerick has been confirmed. A number of single rooms have been reserved for Exchange students in the 5 student villages on campus. Campus accommodation is limited and is allocated on a first come first served basis. Booking forms must be accompanied by a 250 Euro booking deposit in order to reserve your accommodation. Queries relating to on-campus accommodatin bookings should be directed to: Accommodation Office accommodation @ul.ie Off-campus residences are available within walking or cycling distance of the campus. For more information on accommodation on campus, see http://www.campuslife.ul.ie/
Off Campus Accommodation	There are several off-campus residences, details of which are provided at http://www.ul.ie/international/en/home/quicklinks/accommodation// The accommodation office will assist with private off-campus accommodation. A list is available on request either from accommodation@ul.ie or from Erasmus@ul.ie You are advised to view before paying a deposit.
Approximate cost of living per month	The total cost of living for students in Ireland is estimated at approximately 1000 Euro per month
Orientation:	The Orientation Programme, organized by the International Education Division, introduces students to the various services and systems in operation at the University of Limerick e.g. enrolment, module registration and other facilities such as health services, sports, clubs and entertainment. The Orientation Programme takes place over a one-week period in the week prior to the beginning of the semester. As part of the Orientation programme, students will meet their UL Academic Coordinator to discuss module choices. Please note it is compulsory for all students to attend Orientation.

Transport:	International exchange students will be picked up at Shannon airport on the two days prior to orientation and brought to their accommodation on-campus. To be included on this service students must fill in and submit their airport collection form supplied during the application process. Otherwise, students travelling to the University of Limerick are advised to travel to Shannon airport , which is 20 km from Limerick. Bus Eireann runs buses from Shannon Airport to Limerick city centre which cost approx 8 Euro. Taxi costs from the Airport to the University of Limerick vary from 35 – 40 Euro. A regular bus service runs between the University campus and the city centre. Dublin airport (2 to 4 hour journey to Limerick) has the following bus service to Limerick: M7 Express: http://dublincoach.ie/timetables/dublin_coach_journey_planner.php Bus Eireann: http://www.buseireann.ie/ J.J. Kavanagh: http://jikavanagh.ie/
Modules:	The normal workload per semester is 5 modules. Students are normally required to take at least 3 modules from within the subject area of the Exchange Agreement and may take a further two modules outside this subject area. Acceptance on these modules is subject to academic prerequisites, timetabling constraints and number of students enrolled. Exchange students are allowed to take just 4 modules if they have written confirmation from their home university – Email to Sinead.
ECTS Credits:	The normal course load at the University of Limerick is 5 modules per semester. Exchange students are limited to a <u>maximum</u> of 5 modules and a <u>minimum</u> of 4 modules per semester. Each course is awarded 6 ECTS credits.