

International Student Checklist

Trinity College Dublin, at Belfast

Read the guide for international students

Our guide has all the essential information you need as an international student studying in Belfast on accommodation, visas, working and more. You can find it on the [International Students page](#).

Students with a UK student visa

1. Before you arrive

We are required to ask for confirmation of your date of arrival. Please send a copy of your flight ticket to sradmbfst@tcd.ie. NB: if you travel before the start date on your student visa and enter as a tourist, your student visa won't be activated. You will need to leave and re-enter after the valid from date on your visa.

Please also forward confirmation of your visa - this may be a vignette in your passport, or if you received a digital visa, a share code for online verification.

2. After arrival

If you are getting a BRP card this will be available for collection from the main Post Office branch in High Street. Please bring it into the CRR office for copying, or alternatively, email an image of both sides.

Please bring along your passport at the start of term so we can take a copy of your entry stamp if applicable. (If you entered through e-passport gates you won't have gotten a stamp.)

Let us know your term time address and contact telephone number

Please forward your address in Belfast and a contact telephone number to the CRR office at sradmbfst@tcd.ie and keep us updated if your contact details change during your studies.

Accessing healthcare

A UK student visa entitles you to access the health service. It's a good idea to register with your local GP (doctor's) practice at the start of term. More information, including a list of GP practices, is available on the Healthcare factsheet at this [link](#).

Opening a bank account

Once you are fully registered and have your term time address, we can provide a letter confirming your student status and address to help you open a bank account. Or you might prefer to try digital banks like Monzo, Revolut, The Chase, or Wise. Trinity accepts Revolut for student finance payments.

Attendance register

As we are required to keep attendance records for students on a UK student visa, there is an attendance register in the CRR office. Please drop by and sign in once a week during term time.

Bring your ID if you are travelling south of the border

Very rarely there can be ID checks on public transport travelling south of the border. It's a good idea to carry your Trinity ID, and BRP if you have one. If you are going to Dublin at the start of term you can order and collect your student ID card. Alternatively, we will request it to be sent to the CRR office for collection.

Short Irish Visitor Visas

Some students will need a short Irish visitor visa to travel between Belfast and Dublin during the year (in addition to the UK visa). You can apply for this online after arrival. Find out more in the Guide for International Students. However, you can take the whole CRR course without needing to go to Dublin!

Records kept for students on a UK visa (copies of BRP and passport) are stored according to the College Data Protection Policy.