

# Exchange & Study Abroad Programmes



Students are the lifeblood of any university and will become the lifeblood of other organisations when they join the workforce or move on to the next stage of their careers. We live in a globally engaged world where oceans, land masses and time-zones are no obstacle for communication between individuals. Companies are multinational and working on projects across time-zones is the norm.

As progressive universities, both DCU and ASU are committed to developing globally engaged students. To give our students the best chances in the workforce, we need to give them experiences

that will help them integrate into these ways of thinking. This is done through our internationally linked graduate and undergraduate programs and also through our international research collaborations.

DCU and ASU both offer students the opportunity to study at other international locations for a semester or longer. Since 2006, an exchange programme between these two universities has existed. Here's what some of the exchange students have to say:



**I spent an academic year at Arizona State University. I can safely say that it was the best year of my entire life. The contacts that I made from my trip will greatly benefit me for the future. The old saying of "In America it's not about what you know, it's who you know", is a very accurate portrayal of the country. I have gotten some fantastic contacts as a result of my exchange. Whether I go to LA, Miami, Boston, New York or Chicago I know that I will have a place to stay and good employment contacts."**

**- Gavin O'Connell, Dublin City University**



There are not enough words to describe how amazing my experience was at DCU. I immediately fell in love with the school and made it my new home. My roommates I was assigned to live with turned out to be one of the best things to ever happen to me. I was lucky to be a part of the CIEE programme because I had the best group to enjoy Ireland with - the most fun leaders and the greatest friends. It was the best time of my life; I wish I could do it again."

- Jessie Evers, Arizona State University



The ASU Study Abroad Office is committed to enriching the academic experience at ASU by affording students the opportunity to develop the intercultural competence, transnational understanding and leadership skills required to face global challenges. Our vision is to guide student development through international experiences for lifelong global engagement and impact. The exchange between ASU and DCU epitomises the ASU Study Abroad Office's commitment and vision to student experiential learning.

ASU students who study at DCU are mainly justice studies or criminal justice and criminology majors. However, other majors include biochemistry, political science, psychology, sustainability, nutrition and business. While studying at DCU, ASU students are able to enroll in courses at DCU's Faculty of Humanities and typically stay for one semester (either fall or spring). In contrast, all DCU students come to ASU for the full academic year and are typically students from DCU's cutting-edge School of Law & Government. DCU students take advantage of the U.S. perspective while studying at ASU,

as they often enroll in ASU classes such as "Death Penalty in the U.S.", "National Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism", "Business, Law and Society", and "Law, Culture and Community", to name a few. DCU exchange students can enroll in any ASU class in which they have applicable prerequisites. Outside of the classroom, DCU students can take part in Sun Devil traditions such as wearing their Maroon and Gold with pride, hiking "A" Mountain, or participating in the ASU Homecoming parade.

With more than 80,000 undergraduate and graduate students, ASU is one of the largest universities in the U.S. ASU is consistently one of the top-ranked public research universities in the country, offering academic programmes and majors led by expert faculty and top researchers in first-class facilities.





Since the establishment of a student exchange agreement in 2006, DCU and ASU have enjoyed a fruitful partnership which has seen almost 50 students exchanged. These students have typically been humanities students focusing on international relations and political science. In all cases, returning students have reported their experience abroad as “life-changing” and “unforgettable”. It is DCU’s intention to send our high-calibre students to ASU to attain the level of academic and personal excellence required to take their place on the global stage. In return, we offer ASU students the same level of academic excellence and dedication that has earned DCU its “University of Enterprise” status. The strong commitment to the Student Exchange Programme that exists between both institutions has been fundamental to its resounding success.

DCU’s vibrant Student Union ensures the student population is well served with a myriad of clubs, societies and social events, all of which are available to be enjoyed by ASU students. All students are actively encouraged to participate in any of the wide range of sporting and social organisations which have been established to cater to all tastes. By comparison, DCU returning students have reported similar opportunities for self expression and enjoyment at ASU and in some cases these returning students have set up clubs specifically as a result of their involvement in a similar one at ASU.

### Study Abroad Programme at DCU

Sometimes, an exchange arrangement may not be a viable option for ASU students to study at DCU. In this event, approved students may register at DCU through the Study Abroad Programme. Students may apply directly to DCU (with the assistance of their study abroad coordinator at ASU) or through a third party provider such as CIEE ([www.ciee.org](http://www.ciee.org)), a non-profit, non-governmental organisation dedicated to the provision of relevant international education.

Studying abroad gives students a chance to broaden their horizons and gain unique experiences which will give their resumes the edge required in the future. On a personal level, students mature, develop new skill sets and meet their peers from around the world.

Students can choose from four areas of study (streams) in DCU: Science and Health, Engineering and Computing, Global Business, or Humanities and Social Sciences. The beauty of the programme is the flexibility provided. Students may choose modules/ classes outside of their streams if they wish to experience an alternative discipline within a university setting.



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