

ACD is based on an historic campus in central Dublin, Ireland. The institutional mission is to combine the best aspects of Irish and American education by facilitating a close-knit and multicultural academic society. Because ACD is a dual-accredited institution, students have the opportunity to earn both European and American qualifications. Students are encouraged to supplement their academic career by utilising the social and cultural offerings of Dublin city life and by availing of Dublin airport as a gateway to exploring the European continent and its surrounds.

ACD is proud to articulate eligible students from Santa Monica College into our BA International Business or Liberal Arts programmes. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

Students who complete IGETC, 60 semester units and the following courses with a cumulative 2.5 GPA, will be admitted into year 3 of the 4 year BA International Business program or Liberal Arts program at American College Dublin:

#### **International Business** pathway:

ECON 1 and 2	Micro/macro
MATH 54	Statistics
BUS 5	Business Law
BUS 20	Principles of Marketing
BUS 65	Management Principles
BUS 72	Organizational Management
ACCTG 1 and 2	Accounting
CIS 4	Business information Systems

### **Liberal Arts** pathway:

Complete the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts: Arts and Humanities

Upon successful completion of the BA International Business program or Liberal Arts program at ACD, graduates are awarded a bachelor's degree from Irish American University which is our awarding body accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). Graduates also receive a Level 8 award (bachelor's equivalent) from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), which is the national accrediting body in Ireland. Graduates earn American and European qualifications.

#### **Tuition and Financial Aid Information**

### Estimated Yearly Cost of Attendance

Description	Cost (in Euro)
Tuition	9,000
Books	250
Room & Board	12,000
Air Travel (2x roundtrip flights)	1,500
Additional expenses ( local travel,	1,750
activities, Student Visa)	
Total	€ 24,500

#### Financial Aid

Citizens of the United States of America are entitled to apply for financial assistance from the US federal government to pay for education at an eligible postsecondary institution.

There are three categories of federal student aid: full grants, work-study grants, and student loans. American College Dublin participates in the latter of these: the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (full grants, or 'Pell grants', are only available to institutions located in the USA). Students who are availing of financial aid will require the American College Dublin institution code: **G40214** 

There are 3 steps to take in order to apply for aid:

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) For FAFSA on the web, click: federal student aid. FAFSA on the web is faster than a paper-based application. However, if a paper-based application is preferred, a form and instructions may be downloaded and printed from Federal Student Aid; they may also be ordered by telephone from the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

A FAFSA may be submitted from 1 January of the year of application up 30 June of the following year (for example, a FAFSA for the 2011-12 academic year may be submitted from 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2012). Nevertheless, please note that the application process takes some time, and that it is therefore good to start as soon as possible.

# 2. Review the Student Aid Report (SAR)

After submission of the FAFSA, a Student Aid Report (SAR) will be issued. The SAR contains the information reported on the FAFSA submission and will normally include the applicant's Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is an index used to determine the applicant's eligibility for federal student aid. The applicant should review the information on the SAR and advise any corrections or changes to FAFSA through the link Federal Student Aid. American College Dublin, already entered on the FAFSA, will get the SAR data electronically.

# 3. Email American College Dublin

Once the SAR has been received, contact ACD immediately: email the financial aid officer by email through the link <u>ACD financial aid</u>, or call +353-1-676-8939. The financial aid officer will make an assessment of eligibility and contact the applicant to advise him or her on the application's status. Once eligibility has established, the financial aid officer will send an award letter indicating the type and amount of aid the College can offer

#### Further advice

At any point during the process, please refer to the ACD financial aid officer for questions or general advice, by calling +353-1-676-8939 or emailing ACD financial aid. Alternatively, guidance is available from the federal government by calling the US Department of Education at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or through the website, www.studentaid.ed.gov.

# **Veterans and Military-Connected Students**

American College Dublin proudly invites US military personnel and their family members to apply. Eligible ACD students have been the recipients of Veterans Affairs benefits (including the Post-9/11 GI Bill) since our American accreditation began in 2013.

## **Visas and Immigration**

US citizens **do not** have to apply for a study visa until after they have arrived in Ireland. The ACD Student Life Office holds visa registration orientation. In order to pass through immigration at Dublin Airport, American students must be sure that they have:

- Paid their full tuition or have documentation from ACD confirming US Financial Aid award
- A valid Passport
- Student medical insurance which can be purchased at the following link: <u>https://www.studyandprotect.com/</u> (typically costs approx. €120/ year)