**Information for Incoming Erasmus Students to IADT – FAQs**

1. **Who can apply to IADT?**

You are eligible to apply for an Erasmus exchange at IADT if your home institution has an Erasmus+ partnership with IADT and you have the approval of your institution.

IADT does not accept applications from students in institutions that we do not have Erasmus+ partnerships with.

You can only apply to the course(s) specified in the Erasmus partnership that we have set up with your home institution.

Please check the list of our Erasmus+ Partners on this page.

1. **What courses can I study in IADT?**

All IADT undergraduate courses are eligible for Erasmus+ exchanges. For more information, please visit [www.iadt.ie](http://www.iadt.ie)/courses.

You can only choose modules from a particular course. Mixing modules from different courses is not possible.

Our courses start in September and finish in May of the following year. We do accept Erasmus exchanges for the full academic year, for semester 1 (September to December), and for semester 2 (January to May) on most courses. Check the IADT Modules Catalogue on this page for more detailed information.

1. **How do I apply to IADT?**

Deadline for receipt of applications for September entry is 30th April. No applications will be processed after that date.

Deadline for Applications for January entry is 30th September. No applications will be processed after that date.

All Erasmus exchange applicants are required to complete the IADT Erasmus Application Form available to download from this page. The following items should be sent with the application form:

* A current CV
* Transcripts, where available, listing the subjects/modules you have studied in the academic year prior to coming to IADT.
* An online/digital portfolio of your latest work, if you are coming into one of our courses in the Departments of Design and Visual Arts or Film and Media.

All documentation is to be emailed to Elena Somoza, IADT Erasmus Co-ordinator, at [erasmus@iadt.ie](mailto:erasmus@iadt.ie) by the above deadlines.

IADT will then inform you of the outcome of your application within a month of the application deadlines.

1. **What are the English Language Requirements in IADT?**

 All of our courses are delivered in English. If English is not your first language, you must demonstrate that your command of written and spoken English is adequate.

We expect that if you have been selected by your home institution to study in IADT, you have a good command of the English language (minimum B2). Therefore, you are not required to submit language certificates.

1. **I have been offered a place in IADT; what happens next?**

Once accepted to IADT, you will receive an email with details of registration dates, an academic calendar with the most relevant dates, etc.

Please read the Pre-Arrival information document on this page. This document contains useful information on a range of issues including travel, transport, culture, accommodation. The pack also contains a contact details form and a medical form which must be completed and brought to Elena Somoza in IADT on your arrival. You will be invited to a welcome event with IADT staff and the Students’ Union, and will be notified of the details of this.

1. **What are the Academic Credits in IADT?**

The time spent in a host country must be fully recognised by your home institution. The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is the instrument used to facilitate academic recognition of periods of study in partner institutions.

Any IADT course has 60 ECTS credits for a full academic year, 30 ECTS credits per semester. Please refer to the IADT Modules Catalogue for more information.

Staff in your home institution can advise you further on the number of ECTS you must achieve while in IADT.

1. **When can I complete my Learning Agreement?**

The Learning Agreement specifies your course of study in IADT, and indicates the number of ECTS credits allocated to each module.

You can fill in your Learning Agreement after you have been offered a place by IADT. Please refer to the IADT Modules Catalogue on this page to complete it.

If your Learning Agreement has to be amended for any reason after you arrive, please inform Elena Somoza, IADT Erasmus Coordinator, of any changes made to it as soon as possible.  This is to ensure that you are entered for the correct examinations/assessments.  If you fail to do this, then you may not be able to sit examinations/assessments in certain modules. You also need to inform your home institution of any changes made to your Learning Agreement.

The random selection of modules from different courses and years is not permitted.

If you need further guidance on the completion of your Learning Agreement, please contact Elena Somoza.

1. **When will I receive my results?**

 A “Transcript of Records” will be emailed to you at the end of studies in IADT. This transcript shows the number of ECTS credits gained, as well as the local marks and ECTS grades achieved. Please remember to forward your transcript to the Erasmus Office in your home institution.

1. **Is there an Erasmus Student Charter?**

Your home institution will give you a copy of the Erasmus Student Charter prior to your departure to IADT. You should keep this Charter for reference. It will detail what you can expect from the Erasmus Programme, and also what is expected from you.

As an Erasmus student coming to IADT, you are entitled to expect:

* Your home institution and IADT to sign a learning agreement with you.
* A transcript of records at the end of your studies in IADT.
* Not to have to pay fees to IADT for tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratory and library facilities during your Erasmus studies.

As an Erasmus student coming to IADT, you are expected to:

* Ensure that any changes to the learning agreement are agreed in writing with both your home institution and IADT immediately as they occur.
* Spend the full period as agreed at IADT, including examinations or other forms of assessment, and respect its rules and regulations.