



ACADEMIC STUDIES ABROAD Student Visa Information - Ireland

In order to study in Ireland for one semester, you must have the following documents on your person when you pass through Immigration upon your first entry into Ireland. Using these documents, you will get a 90-day stamp in your passport:

- 1) A valid U.S. passport that does not expire for at least 3 months after your proposed return date from Ireland.
- 2) Invitation Letter from Griffith College Dublin. ASA will email this to you shortly before departure. (Academic Year students, your invitation letter must state that you are staying for 2 semesters!)
- 3) Proof of funding for your stay in Ireland – minimum \$2,000 for the semester. This amount should be shown in a bank statement (either yours or your parents) or traveler's checks. The purpose is to show you have enough money to live on while you're in Ireland.
- 4) Proof of medical insurance coverage. This could be proof of your parents' coverage and/or your description of coverage and insurance card from ASA.
- 5) Your round trip plane ticket

Because your term of study is greater than 90 days, you must apply for a visa extension after you arrive in Dublin, which costs €150.00. The Griffith College on-site staff will assist you with this process. You will need to bring the following documentation for the visa extension:

- 1) Completed Aliens Registration Form (GCD will give you this form after you arrive.)
- 2) Your passport
- 3) Four official passport photos (Please bring these with you to Ireland.)
- 4) Proof of funding (see above)
- 5) Payment of €150.00

You may also be required to provide any information requested by an authorized official in connection with the purpose of your residing in Ireland.

If you need any other information or have questions, feel free to call the Embassy of Ireland in Washington D.C. at (202) 232-5993 or go to <http://www.irelandemb.org/>.