

Student Life

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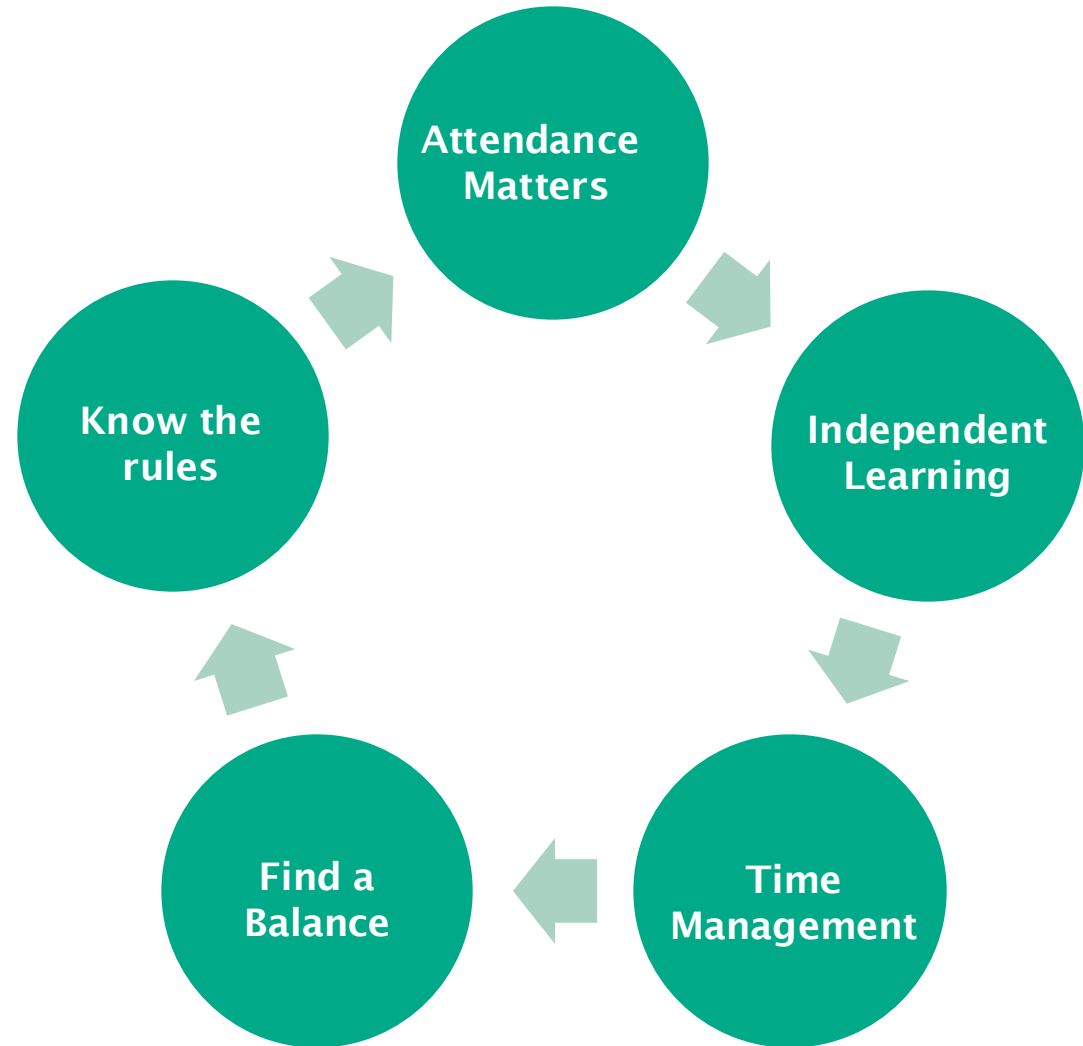
Succeeding at your studies:

You are here today as you have already succeeded in your studies

- **what helped your success?**

Succeeding at your studies:

From our experience,
these are the key
ingredients to help you
succeed at your studies



Attendance Matters:

Why?

1. Dey 2018 "...findings suggest that **class attendance has a positive and significant effect on standardized exam scores.**"
2. NCI expect students **to engage with and attend all learning activities and events** associated with their course of study.
3. Immigration **expect students to attend classes and to progress** in their studies and to graduate as planned.

Graduate Advice

"...connect with your professors, be the part of the lecture, interact with everyone and give support to others, it will enhance you, not only in your career but in person."

"Keep working hard and focus on the classes as they are very important."

"Clear all your doubts with lecturers because they are very supportive and study very well."

Resources

NCI Support Hub Articles and NCI Policies & Procedures

- [What is the attendance requirement?](#)
- [Policy on Learner Attendance and Engagement](#)
- Student Support articles on [attendance and engagement FAQ](#) e.g. holidays / absence
 - If planning trips / visits home you should refer to the [academic calendar](#).
 - NCI will not give permission to miss classes. If you decide to travel and miss class, it is at your own risk.

Independent Learning:

Why?

- Every programme / module descriptor sets out the hours required for independent learning
- Nobody is going to chase you do it – you must be disciplined

Graduate Advice

"To be a great student, you need to be independent. You need to do your own research, don't always ask lecturers to spoon feed you."

"Read more, Research more."

"Study hard for one year, and enjoy the success for rest of the life."

"Study hard that's the only key"

What are the characteristics of an independent learner?

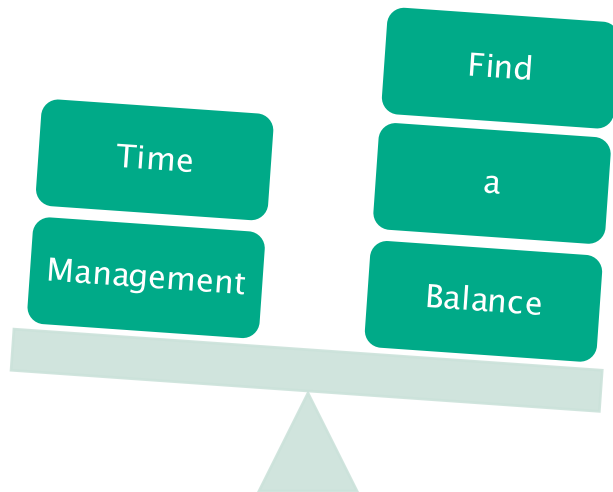
(Mynard and Sorflaten, 2003, p. 35)

Dependent learners	Independent learners
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rely heavily on the teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• are self-reliant
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cannot make decisions about their learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• can make informed decisions about their learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• do not know their own strengths and weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• are aware of their strengths and weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• do not connect classroom learning with the real world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• connect classroom learning with the real world
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• think that the teacher is wholly responsible for their learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• take responsibility for their own learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• do not know the best way to learn something	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• know about different strategies for learning

Resources

- [Student Support](#) – Academic Supports and Getting to Grips with tutor sessions [Moodle Page](#)
- [Silvercloud](#) – a virtual platform designed to help you take control of your mental wellbeing. One of the programmes available is resilience

Time Management / Find Balance:



Graduate Advice

"to be focused from the beginning of each semester, rather than waiting for the assessments to start."

"Prioritize time management and actively engage with professors and peers for support and opportunities. Stay curious, maintain balance with self-care, and seek help when needed to ensure both academic and personal success.."

Time Management

- Keep on top of course work / reading / assessments. Study is your full-time job now!
- Don't let things build up or leave submissions to last minute
- Penalties for late submissions

Find a Balance

- Important to get a balance between, attending classes, study and work.
- For post graduate students in the first semester it is recommended to work max of 10 hours a week, or if possible not at all

Resources

- [Student Support](#) – 'Getting to Grips' drop in service work with a tutor, 1-2-1 or in small groups. See information on [Moodle](#)
- [NCISU](#) and Clubs & SOC's
- International Support Events – [Website Noticeboard](#), Newsletters and Instagram [@nci_int](#)

Know the Rules:



If you don't know the rules and you breach them (**un-intentionally or intentionally**) – **there are consequences!**

- e.g. Missed deadlines, breach of exam rules or breach of academic integrity

What are the consequences?

- It depends on a range of different factors such as, if undergraduate or post-graduate student, if first time and the type of breach.
- Examples of some consequences are; reduced grade, or you may need to repeat, or you may be suspended for a year, or you may be expelled.

Resources

[Academic Integrity](#)



Academic Integrity Supports – AI Student Guide, Library Support Centre, Avoid Plagiarism Tutorial and Academic Skills Writing Guide

[Exam Regulations](#)

Examination Rules, What you can bring into the exam hall, use of English Translation Dictionary in exams etc...

[NCI Policies & Procedures](#) – [NCI Support Hub Article on Code of Practice for Academic Honesty and Integrity](#) and [Assessment](#) e.g., [section 4.7 Policy on Assessment Submissions](#) and [section 4.7.1 for Late Submissions and Penalties](#)

Some last words of wisdom from NCI Graduates!

*"I come from a different background with no idea about computer languages and I have scored honors by putting in some amount of effort.
If I can do this course successfully anybody can do it.*

Keep up the good work study and enjoy the process and make more friends."

"Try to consistently improve yourself and keep your eyes on the prize"

"Work hard and stay focused."

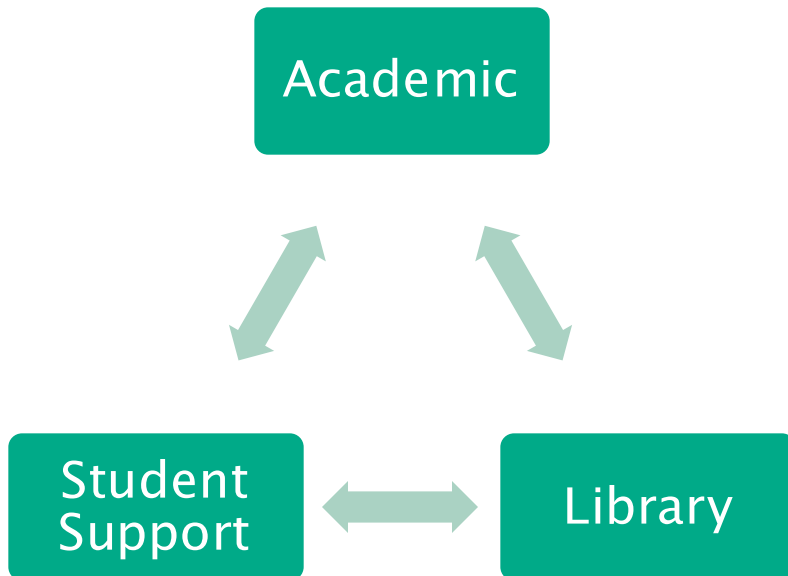
"Work hard and stay focused."

"Focus on your studies...not only studies engage in everything."

"Study and enjoy your time in Ireland"

"Don't hesitate to look for support"

Supports to help you succeed:



Academic

- Lecturer / Lab Assistant
 - Attend all your classes / labs / tutorials
 - Engage with your lecturer / ask questions

"Give it your best and always see Keith in the library before submitting your dissertation"

Academic Operations

- Q: Do you know who your Programme Co-Ordinator is? Do you know how to contact them, if you have any queries about your programme?
- A: Check moodle and your emails (personal and student emails)

Library

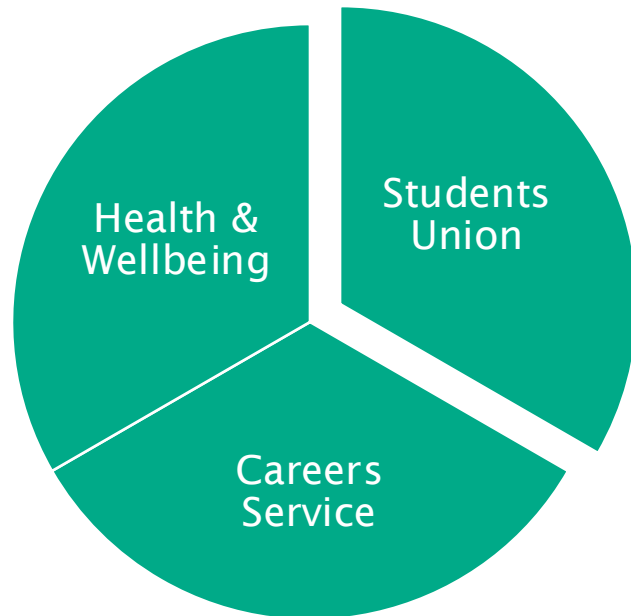
- The library will be key to your success as a student.
- You know you can make an appointment with the Library Academic Support Centre.
- Keith, Shannon and Isobel offer one-to-one or small group support in person and online.



Student Support

- [Academic Support](#) – Learning Support Service (drop-in service to work with a tutor on core areas such as academic writing, reading, researching, studying, note-taking etc.) and Mathematics Support Service
- [Computing Support](#) - runs one-to-one and small group tutorials. The Computing Support Moodle page provides students with access to online revision classes and tutorials as well as a suite of video tutorials and workshop resources.

Supports to help you succeed:



Students Union - NCISU and Linktree with NCI Students Union

- Represent the Student Voice at highest level at College
- Recruit and train Class representative
- Clubs & Societies and run events during the academic year, such as Freshers Week and RAG Week

Career Service

- Award winning team that offers great support to students.
- Follow on [Instagram](#) for daily updates
- **Sign up for the NCI Careers & Vacancy newsletter**
- Find out who is your [Careers Advisor](#). They will reach out to schedule information sessions and classes
- Set up your profile with Careers on Simplicity <https://ncirl-csm.symplicity.com/>
 - To register for Careers Events and for access to Jobs Board and more

Health & Wellbeing

- [Student Health](#) – subsidised medical service with Hanover Medical. Subsidised consultation with Doctor for €15. Also, Support Hub Articles '[how to get help with medical, helpful information for international students](#)'
- [Counselling & Wellness Service](#) –SilverCloud a digital mental wellbeing platform, Counselling Appointments (up to 6 sessions free) and Textline 50808.

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Academic Calendar:

[Academic Calendar](#) - Important dates during the academic year at National College of Ireland are listed here.

- Class Start and End Dates
- Reading Week
- Dates No Classes Scheduled e.g. bank holidays
- Exam Dates

If planning to travel, you should refer to the academic calendar. You can also check the NCI Support Hub Article '[What is the attendance requirement?](#)' And [Attendance FAQ](#)

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Please note that the academic calendar is subject to change. Please check this page regularly for updates regarding the upcoming terms.

National College of Ireland does not hold classes on public holidays (as listed on the [Citizens Information](#) website) or Good Friday.

For library opening hours, please see the [NCI Library](#) website.

Key Dates for the 2024/25 Academic Year

Please see below important dates for the current academic year. The first tab highlights key dates for students **starting in September 2024** while the second tab highlights key dates for students **starting in January 2025**.

Students Starting September 2024



Students Starting January 2025



Semester 1: 2024/2025

Key Dates	From	To
Classes Commence	20/01/25	26/04/25
No classes	03/02/25	03/02/25
Reading Week	15/03/25	21/03/25
No classes	17/03/25	17/03/25
Classes Recommence	24/03/25	24/03/25
Easter Holidays	18/04/25	24/04/25
Classes Recommence	23/04/25	23/04/25
Semester 1 Exams	06/05/25	23/05/25

Semester 2: 2024/2025

Key Dates	From	To
Classes commence	19/05/25	09/08/25
No classes	02/06/25	02/06/25
No classes	04/08/25	04/08/25
Semester 2 exams	05/08/25	23/08/25

Semester 3: 2025/2026

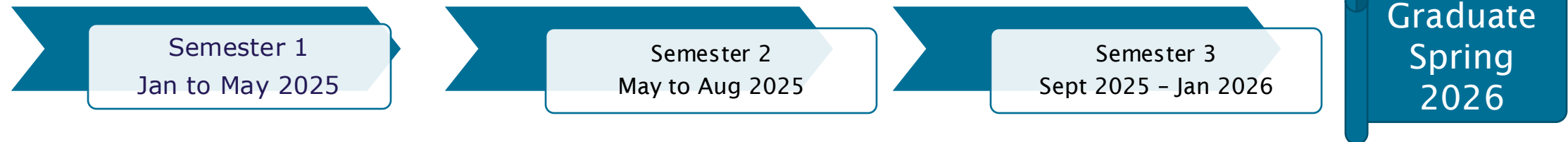
Key Dates	From	To
Classes Commence for returning and all other 1st years including returning Springboard and ICT Skillnet (except New Incoming Springboard and ICT Skillnet- see	15/09/25	13/12/25

Key Dates and Academic Calendar:

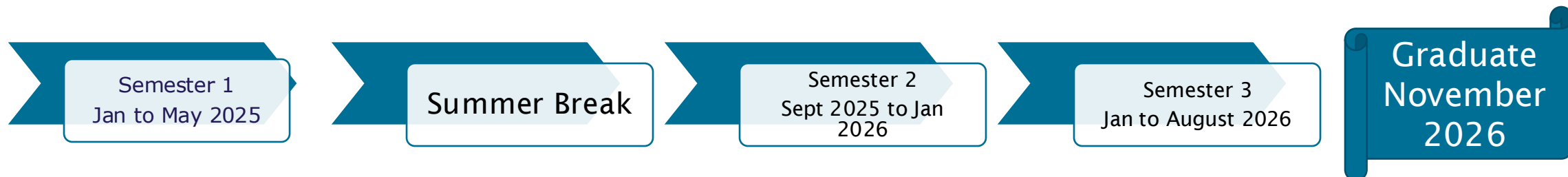
The Academic Calendar and NCI systems run from **September until August** the following year.

- Once published it rarely changes
- From January 2025 the [academic calendar](#) is published for the January intake
- As the NCI systems run on the calendar from September to August it can be confusing for students that start in January, so it is important to note the following.

School of Computing Programmes delivered over one year from January 2025 to January 2026 with graduation in April 2026



School of Business Programmes delivered over 20 months from January 2025 to August 2026 with graduation in November 2026.



Jan 2025 School of Computing Academic Calendar & Key Dates:

!! The exact dates for Semester 3
will be confirmed when the
academic calendar is published for
the academic year September
2024 to August 2025

Semester 1 (S1)

Semester 2 (S2)

Semester 3 (S3)

Classes
Commence

20 Jan 2025
3 Feb - No classes

Reading
Week

15 - 21 March 2025

Easter

18 - 24 April 2025

Classes End

26 April 2025

Exams

6 - 23 May 2025

Results

June 2025 for S1 Results

19 May 2025

Non-teaching days 2 June and
5 August

Not Applicable

9 August 2025

5 - 23 August for S2 Exams

End Sept/Early Oct for S2
Results

15 Sept 2025

22 Oct - 2 Nov

Not Applicable

13 Dec 2025

Jan 2026

Feb 2026 Final Results
and earliest date to apply
for Graduate Visa (1G)

Apply for
Graduate
(1G) visa



Graduation Ceremony April 2026

Jan 2025 School of Business Academic Calendar & Key Dates:

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Semester 1 (S1)

Semester 2 (S2)

Semester 3 (S3)

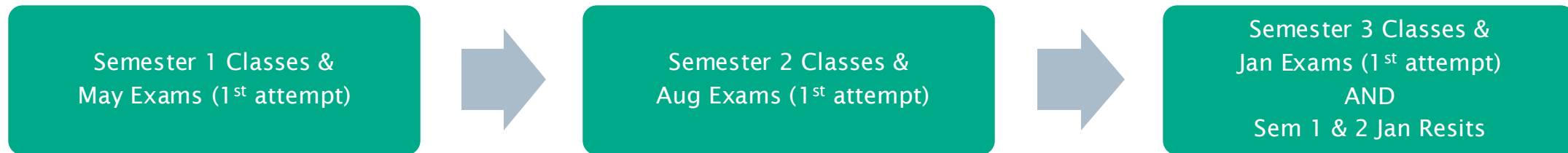
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Reading Week	15 - 21 March 2025		22 Oct - 2 Nov		16 - 22 March 2026
Easter	18 - 24 April 2025		Not Applicable		3 - 9 April 2026
Classes End	26 April 2025		13 Dec 2025		25 April 2026
Exams	6 - 23 May 2025		3 - 14 Jan 2026		4 - 22 August 2026
Results	June 2025 for S1 Results Aug 2025 for S1 Repeats		Feb 2026 for S2 Results	Apply for Graduate (1G) visa	Oct 2026 Final Results and earliest date to apply for Graduate Visa (1G)



Graduation Ceremony November 2026

Jan 2025 School of Computing Programme Cycle, Sequence & Timing:

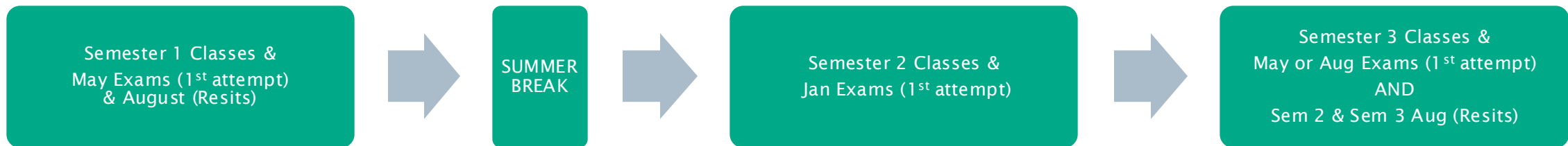
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What students say:

“It has been a wonderful journey throughout and my experience here in Ireland and at NCI has been amazing! It would not have been easy without your help and support from day one, reaching our places and getting to know the college was easy because of the NCI International group and peer mentor support!”



Connect with International Support

Ways to get information and to connect with us:

NCI Support Hub

- Find the answer to your questions with the [NCI Support Hub](#). You can search for answers using keywords.
- If you can't find the answer to your question you can [submit a request](#) to the appropriate team through the NCI Support Hub.

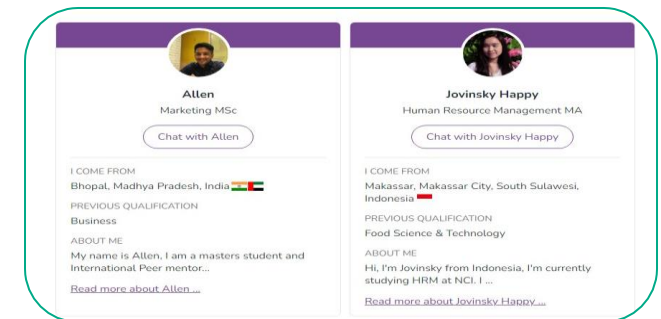


Chat with an International Peer Mentor

- If you would like to contact a Peer Mentor, you can [Chat with an International Peer Mentor](#) to ask questions about life at NCI and Ireland.

International Support Team

- [Schedule an Appointment](#) - if you would like to speak to a member of the international office in person or on MS Teams, please [submit a request](#) in the NCI Support Hub with your full name, student number, nature of the request and your availability. The international team will be in touch with you with an appointment.



Please note: the International Office working hours are Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Please allow 48 working hours for a response.

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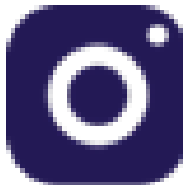
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Contacting International Support
short video

See [You Tube Video](#)



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NCI Support Hub




How to find the NCI Support Hub.

ncirl.ie/International

> [International Student Support](#)

> [NCI Support Hub](#)



The screenshot shows the 'International Student Support' page. At the top, there's a header with the title 'International Student Support' and a subtitle 'Information for International Students to arrive, live and study at NCI'. Below this is a navigation menu with links: 'Pre-Arrival Programme', 'Welcome Programme', 'Accommodation Information', 'International Letter Request', 'International Guides', and 'Meet the Team'. The main content area features a video thumbnail of three women, with a 'Watch Video' button. Below the video, there's a section titled 'NCI International Support Team' with a brief description and a 'Watch Video' button. At the bottom, there's a section for the 'NCI Support Hub' with a description and an 'Access Support Hub' button. A large blue arrow points from the navigation links on the left towards the 'NCI Support Hub' section.

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Information for International Students to arrive, live and study at NCI

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- Welcome Programme
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- International Letter Request
- International Guides
- Meet the Team

NCI International Support Team


Find out how our support team can help you settle into life in Dublin, engage in a range of fun activities and get to know new people and Irish culture.

[Watch Video](#)

NCI Support Hub

Visit the NCI Support Hub to search for answers to frequently asked questions. If you can't find the answer to your question, submit a request to International.

[Access Support Hub](#)



1. Sign In with Student Account

Username = Student Email ID

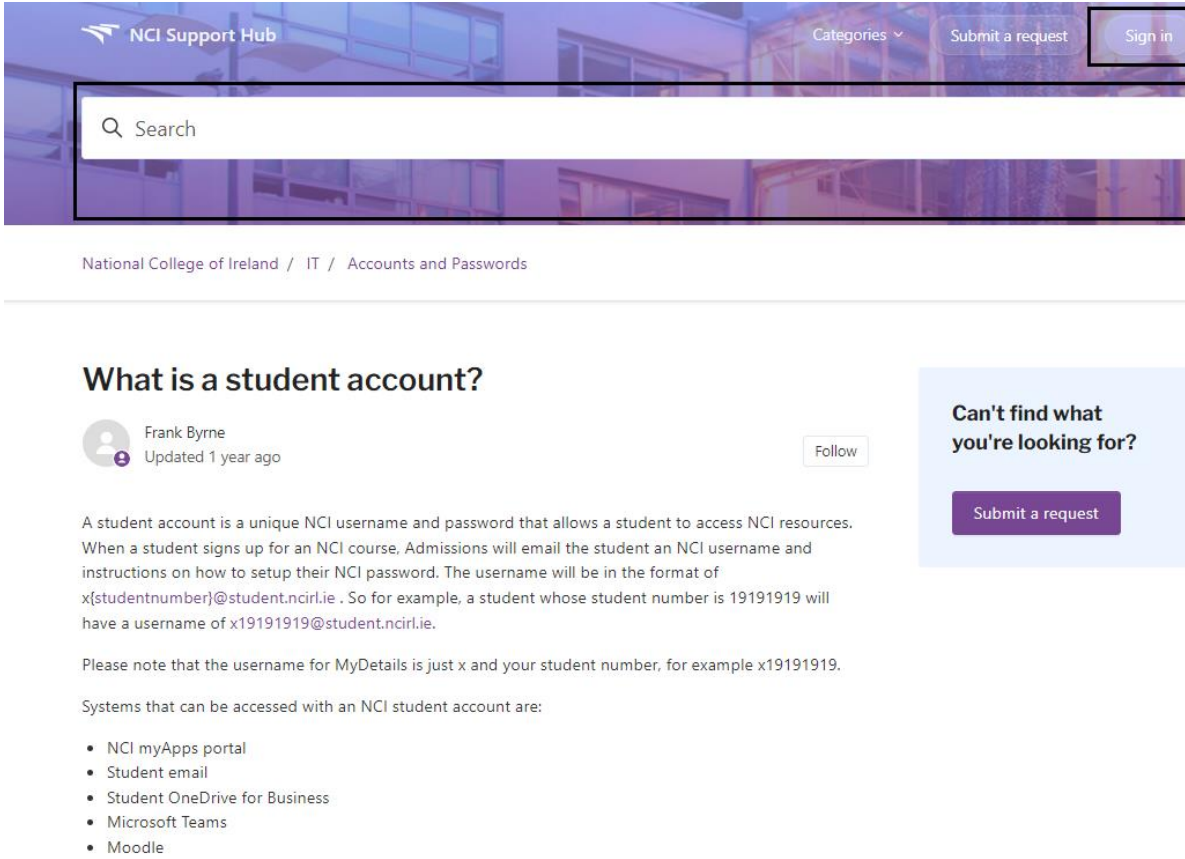
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2. Ask questions: 'What is a student account'

Getting started at NCI

[Getting Started with NCI's Online Services](#)

[Getting started as a new International Student](#)



The screenshot shows the NCI Support Hub website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NCI Support Hub logo, a search bar, and links for 'Categories', 'Submit a request', and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation bar, there is a large search bar with the text 'Search'. Underneath the search bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'National College of Ireland / IT / Accounts and Passwords'. The main content area features a question titled 'What is a student account?' by Frank Byrne, updated 1 year ago. The question text explains that a student account is a unique NCI username and password that allows a student to access NCI resources. It states that when a student signs up for an NCI course, Admissions will email the student an NCI username and instructions on how to setup their NCI password. The username will be in the format of x(studentnumber@student.ncirl.ie). So for example, a student whose student number is 19191919 will have a username of x19191919@student.ncirl.ie. It also notes that the username for MyDetails is just x and your student number, for example x19191919. Below this, it lists systems that can be accessed with an NCI student account: NCI myApps portal, Student email, Student OneDrive for Business, Microsoft Teams, and Moodle. On the right side of the question, there is a 'Follow' button and a 'Submit a request' button. At the bottom right, there is a light blue box with the text 'Can't find what you're looking for?' and a 'Submit a request' button.

NCI Support Hub

Categories ▾ Submit a request Sign in

Search

National College of Ireland / IT / Accounts and Passwords

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Frank Byrne
Updated 1 year ago

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Please note that the username for MyDetails is just x and your student number, for example x19191919.

Systems that can be accessed with an NCI student account are:

- NCI myApps portal
- Student email
- Student OneDrive for Business
- Microsoft Teams
- Moodle

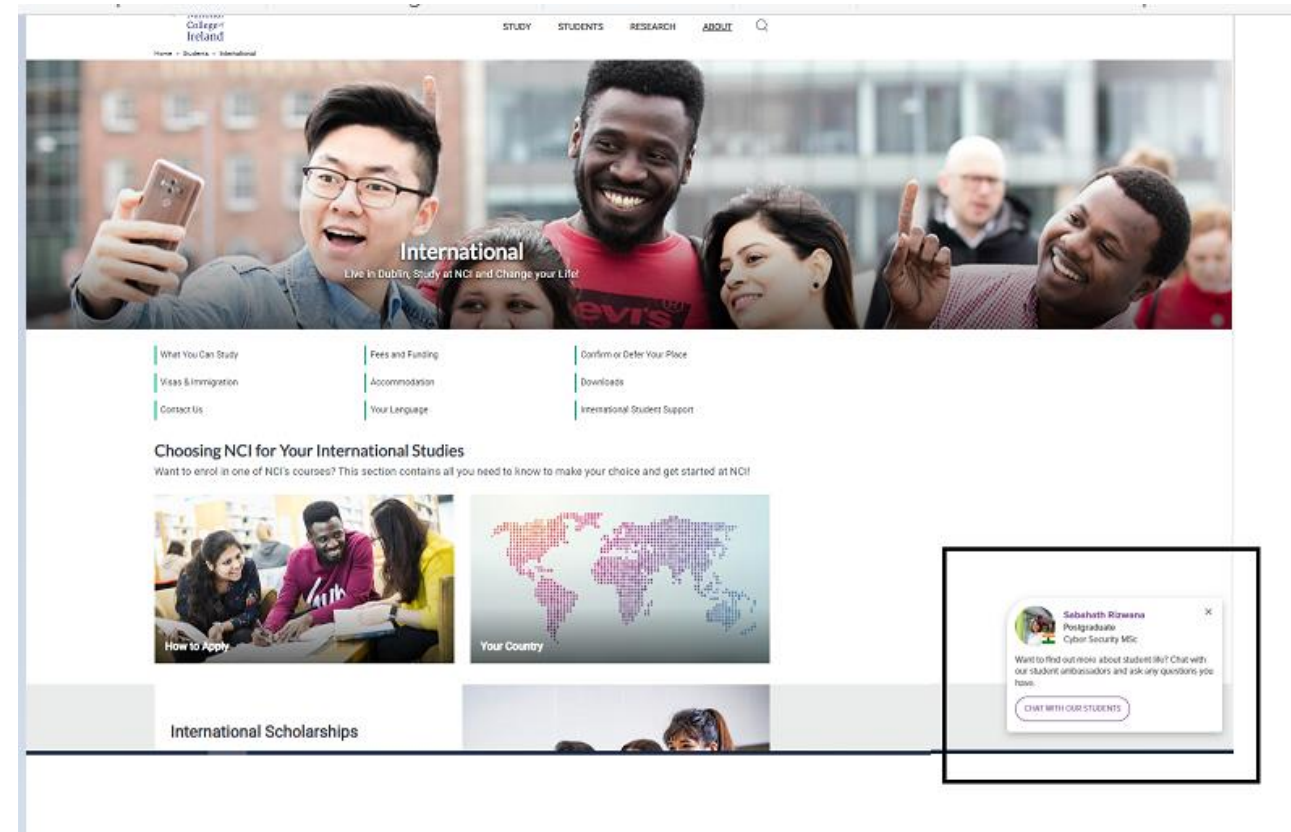
Chat to Students



How to find Chat to Students

ncirl.ie/International

- Pop Up Window [Chat with our Students](#)
- Chat with current NCI Students who are also International Peer Mentors
- Ask questions about Student Life at NCI and life in Ireland



Welcome Programme



How to find the Welcome Programme schedule?

ncirl.ie/International

> [International Student Support](#)

> [Welcome Programme](#)

- Check the schedule and join events



Starting at NCI

The Welcome Programme is a combination of events designed to ensure new international students have all the information they need to help them settle into college life and get established in Ireland. The programme runs twice a year, one month before the class starts in September and January. We encourage students to join as many events as possible to meet new people and settle in.

Welcome Programme Events

We have prepared a mix of in-person and online events delivered to suit you wherever you are in Ireland or arriving shortly. There are three types of events which you can join. The first is a Welcome Meeting scheduled for everyone. The second is highly recommended and, lastly, optional to attend. Learn more about the sessions below:

Welcome Meeting	+
Highly Recommended Meetings	+
Optional Meetings	+

Welcome Programme Schedule: January 2025

The Welcome Programme for the upcoming intake starts on **6th January 2025**. This year's welcome programme has been tailored to suit every student's needs. There will be a mix of in-person and some online events for students in Ireland or arriving shortly. You can't miss this opportunity.

The website will be updated with the event schedule every Friday, one week before the event starting week. Students who have confirmed their place will also receive a newsletter reminder to their personal emails on the same day.

Reminder: All students need to plan to be in Ireland for classes starting on **20th January 2025**.



Week 1

From 6th January to 12th January 2025



Week 2

From 13th January to 19th January 2025



Week 3 (Coming Soon)

From 20th to 26th January 2025

Orientation



How to find the
Orientation for you
Programme?

[Ncirl.ie/Students/Registration
Information/New
Students /Full-time
Registration and Orientation](https://ncirl.ie/Students/RegistrationInformation/NewStudents/Full-timeRegistrationandOrientation)

- Check the schedule and join events

Course	Orientation Date	Orientation Time
MA in Human Resource Management	16th Jan 25	10:00
MSc. in Entrepreneurship	16th Jan 25	10:00
MSc. in Finance	16th Jan 25	10:00
MSc. in International Business	16th Jan 25	10:00
MSc. in Management	16th Jan 25	10:00
MSc. in Cyber Security	16th Jan 25	12:00
MSc. in Cloud Computing	16th Jan 25	12:00
MSc. in Artificial Intelligence	16th Jan 25	14:00
MSc. in AI for Business	16th Jan 25	14:00
MSc. in Open Data Practice	16th Jan 25	14:00
Higher Diploma in Computing	16th Jan 25	14:00
MSc. in Data Analytics	17th Jan 25	10:00

*All dates are subject to change.

For any questions on your orientation or if you are unable to make the session please email orientation@ncirl.ie.

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