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STUDENT VISA INFORMATION – IRELAND GRIFFITH COLLEGE

U.S. Passport holders studying in Ireland for one semester or a 1-month summer program:

You must **BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH YOU WHEN YOU FLY TO IRELAND** and be prepared to present them when you pass through Immigration at the airport upon your first entry into Ireland. Using these documents, you will receive a 90-day stamp in your passport, which is called **Permission to Remain**:

1. **VALID U.S. Passport**: Must not expire for at least 6 months following your proposed date of return from Ireland.
2. **PRINTED Invitation to Register** from Griffith College. ASA will email this to you shortly before departure.
3. **PRINTED Evidence of Finances** for your stay in Ireland. The purpose is to show that you have money to support yourself while in Ireland. Semester students must bring 2 recent bank statements, **FROM A BANK ACCOUNT IN YOUR OWN NAME**, showing at least €500 per month of stay in Ireland. (Fall Semester students €2,000; Spring Semester students €2,500; Summer students €500). One bank statement must be less than 1 month old from your departure date. The other bank statement must be less than 6 months old from your departure date. Both statements must be from the same bank account. Be sure to also bring the debit/ATM card for that account with you. **Check the current Euro to U.S. Dollar exchange rate prior to your departure at www.xe.com.**
4. **PRINTED Proof of Medical Insurance**: Print out your CISI Medical Insurance card, which ASA will email to you shortly before departure.
5. **PRINTED Round-Trip Plane Ticket**: The Irish Immigration Officer may want to see proof that you plan to leave Ireland.

The **Permission to Remain** stamp is **temporary** – it lasts only **90 days**. **SEMESTER students**: Because your program is longer than 90 days, you will need to extend your **Permission to Remain** before it expires by registering with the **INIS** office in Dublin after arrival and obtaining an Irish Residence Permit. (INIS = Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service.)

While the initial **Permission to Remain** stamp is free, **the INIS charges €300 for the Residence Permit** (but you won't have to pay this until your INIS appointment).

SEMESTER students: You are responsible for making an **INIS** appointment online prior to departure. **ASA will email you when it is time to make your INIS appointment.**

SEMESTER students: You will need to present the following documents at your **INIS** appointment:

1. **Printed confirmation of INIS appointment**: You must print the confirmation when you book your appointment online.
2. Your **Passport**
3. **Printed bank statement, less than 1 month old from the date of your INIS appointment, FROM A BANK ACCOUNT IN YOUR OWN NAME**: Fall Semester students must show an account balance of **at least €2,000**. Spring Semester students must show an account balance of **at least €2,500**. Check the Euro to U.S. Dollar exchange rate: www.xe.com.
4. **Printed bank statement, less than 6 months old from the date of your INIS appointment, FROM THE SAME BANK ACCOUNT IN YOUR OWN NAME**: Fall Semester students must show **at least €2,000**. Spring Semester students must show **at least €2,500**. Check the Euro to U.S. Dollar exchange rate: www.xe.com.
5. **Debit/ATM card linked to the same the bank account** for which you have provided the bank statements.
6. **Printed CISI Medical Insurance Card OR Medical Insurance Certificate**: If a Medical Insurance Certificate is needed for your INIS appointment in lieu of your CISI insurance card, Griffith College will give you the certificate after arrival.
7. **Payment of €300 by credit or debit card**: Payment must be submitted during your INIS appointment by debit or credit card ONLY. Cash is NOT accepted.

NOTE: If you travel outside of Ireland before your **INIS** appointment date, you must **ALWAYS** bring the 5 documents listed at the top of this page (the ones required for **Permission to Remain**, that you brought for your first entry into Ireland).

(Visa requirements and procedures may differ for non-U.S. citizens.)