

Adjusting to Life in Ireland

Irish Slang

- Module= class
- Subject= major
- Revise= study
- Tutorial= seminar
- Grand= ok, fine
- Cheers= thanks, bye
- Toilet= restroom
- Craic= Irish for fun (pronounced 'crack')
- Sláinte= Cheers (literally 'health')
- Ground Floor= equivalence of US 1st floor
- First Floor= equivalence of US 2nd floor
- Gas= funny
- Deadly= brilliant
- Ask for a 'lift' in a car, not a 'ride'
- Garda = police (also called 'guards')

Temperature

- 0°C → 32°F
- 10°C → 50°F
- 15°C → 59°F
- 20°C → 68°F
- 10°C → 14°F
- 5°C → 23°F

General Tips

- You get a better exchange rate paying in Euros than Dollars on your credit card
- Offline Map apps are essential in Dublin since free Wi-Fi is hard to find
- Many shops offer student discounts year round
- Banks only open 10-4 and closed on the weekends
- Cars drive on the left side of the road
- Bring your own bags when grocery shopping, shops charge for plastic bags
- Look out for roundabouts
- Boots is the Irish version of CVS, Walgreens, etc.
- Penneys is super affordable and has everything you need
- Public transport is cheap and safe
- Save on public transport with a student Leapcard
- 3 pin plug for electronics
- Use a surge protector to charge multiple things with one adaptor
- Electric oven that you need to turn on
- Turn on the water immersion 10 minutes before your shower
- Laundromats are not popular
- You don't drink to get drunk
- Get an Irish SIM card and top up your phone monthly
- WhatsApp is great for texting and calling home