

Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT)

Third level education in the Republic of Ireland is provided mainly by universities, institutes of technology and colleges of education. Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT) has been providing higher education in the North West since 1971 and offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses. Following campus capital investment of over €82m in the last 20 years, this lively and inspirational college attracts a creative mix of over 4,000 students from throughout the island of Ireland and from 31 different countries. This gives us a vibrant array of cultures and activities on campus and a friendly, supportive and relaxed atmosphere where students and staff work closely together.

Our modern integrated campuses in Letterkenny and Killybegs encourage strong academic learning and career-focused practical experience. We have excellent facilities in all departments, including a suite of graphic design studios, excellent nursing training facilities, state-of-art science and engineering

laboratories, and industry-standard training kitchens and restaurant. Our multi-purpose student centre houses our excellent sport and recreational facilities, including a well-equipped gym and large sports hall, in addition to our Student Services Suite (medical centre, counselling service, careers office and chaplaincies), junior common room, and meeting rooms for Students' Union Clubs and Societies. LYIT is an integrated and inclusive campus. We welcome students from a variety of religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Our working environment is based on attitudes of respect and mutual tolerance of differing views and beliefs.

Every course we offer teaches the latest knowledge and skills that employers demand, and almost half of our courses have accredited work placement. Many of our courses also offer professional body accreditation. Courses in LYIT have an applied focus, and practical work and assignments compliment the more traditional lecture and tutorial style of teaching.

Accommodation

There are over 1,100 student bed spaces in purpose built accommodation in the Letterkenny area. Other accommodation is available in apartments/houses and a comprehensive list is available through LYIT Students' Union. It is advised that before securing accommodation in the area prospective students should visit LYIT Students' Union website www.lyitsu.ie

The average price of accommodation is very affordable with the cost of a single room in student accommodation, including all utility bills, starting from €85 (£75.37*) per week. The cost of a single room in a shared apartment/house starts from €40 (£35.47*) per week.

* €1 = £0.89 (October, 2018)

Note exchange rates fluctuate



Key Items to Note

- Very simple application process through the Central Applications Office (www.cao.ie).
- Choose up to 20 CAO courses using one single application.
- Applications made via the CAO are independent of any choices made through UCAS.
- A Student Contribution Charge of €3,000 per year (£2,660.13*) will apply (2019/2020).
- Northern Ireland qualifications recognised. LYIT accepts Applied A-level awards for matriculation and scoring.
- LYIT degrees recognised in Northern Ireland and throughout Europe (www.nfq.ie).
- Industry-focused courses, many with work placements and professional body recognition.
- Living costs in Donegal are amongst the most affordable in Ireland.
- LYIT also offers a range of Taught Masters courses, Research Masters and PhDs.
- LYIT has an extensive range of part-time courses (www.lyit.ie).
- The Institute has a unique student profile that includes 30% mature learners, and a well-established policy for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

Degrees at LYIT and How to Apply

LYIT offers degrees at Ordinary Bachelors, Honours Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate levels over a wide range of disciplines:

| Qualification | Level on National Framework of Qualifications (www.nfq.ie) | ECTS Credits (European Credit Transfer & Accumulation System) | Duration (years) |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Bachelor Degree (Honours) | 8 | 240* | 4* |
| Bachelor Degree (Ordinary) | 7 | 180 | 3 |
| Higher Certificate | 6 | 120 | 2 |

* Some Honours Bachelor Degree courses are 180 ECTS credits and 3 years' duration.

Undergraduate Courses – First Year Entry

First year entry is via the Central Applications Office (CAO, www.cao.ie). The minimum entry standard is a qualification at Level 3 or higher on the UK framework. Standard entrants are those presenting a combination of GCE/GCSE's only. Matriculation for Level 6/7 requires at least one A Level plus 4 other subjects. Matriculation for Level 8 requires at least two A Level at grade C or better plus 4 other subjects. In both case the 4 other subjects can either be additional A Levels or GCSE at grade C or better. A minimum of 160 points is required for Level 7, for example 1 A Level at grade C plus 1 AS Level at grade A, or BTEC Level 3 Diploma, grade DM. Standard applicants are scored automatically by the CAO, see www.cao.ie/index.php?page=scoring&s=gce

Student presenting any award type other than GCE/GCSE combination, for example BTEC's at UK Level 3, are classified as non-standard applicants and are rated by LYIT.

Students can apply for up to 10 Honours Degree and 10 Ordinary Degree/Higher Certificate courses.

Student Testimonials

"I chose to study at LYIT because of the direct link made with the North West Regional College. It allowed me to study my degree from home with limited travel expenses. The quality of teaching was of a very high standard which has left me well prepared for further studies. I found the lectures extremely approachable, helpful and encouraging throughout. I would highly recommend LYIT to anyone."



Nicholas Henderson
Eglinton, Co. Derry
BSc (Hons) in Early Childhood Care, Health & Education



Aimée Magowan
Garvagh / Limavady, Co Derry
BA in Fashion with Promotion

Key CAO Deadlines

Early bird applications: 20 January at 5.15 pm.

On-time applications: 1 February at 5.15 pm.

Late closing date for applications (some restrictions): 1 May at 5.15 pm.

Change of mind closing date: 1 July at 5.15 pm

Applicants presenting non-standard awards should submit evidence of results by 5 August if they wish to be considered on round 1.

Undergraduate Courses – Advanced Entry

Most courses at LYIT offer students the opportunity to progress to a programme at a higher Level. A student who completes an Ordinary Degree or Higher Certificate can usually progress to an Honours Degree programme within LYIT.

Applicants with UK awards at Level 4 or higher may be considered for advanced entry (i.e. into year 2 or higher) of a course related to their UK award. Advanced entry applications should be made directly to LYIT. See www.lyit.ie for further detail.

Entry Requirements

Northern Ireland qualifications are recognised for entry to LYIT. Applicants can present a combination of awards to meet the minimum entry requirements for LYIT.

Applied A Level subjects may be used to meet the minimum requirements for most courses at LYIT. English is always, and Maths is almost always, a required subject. Occasionally, a particular course may specify subjects and/or grades in addition to the above e.g. Science is required for Nursing. Check individual courses for any specific minimum requirements. Where a specific subject is required, the minimum acceptable grade is GSCE grade C.

Fees

You will not be charged tuition fees for approved full-time undergraduate courses in LYIT if you meet all three of the following criteria:

1. You are an EU citizen.
2. You have been normally resident in any EU member state for at least 3 of the 5 years before beginning third-level education.
3. You are a first time undergraduate.

The Student contribution charge is currently €3,000 (£2,660*) per annum (2019/2020) but this is subject to change.

Honours Degree Courses at LYIT (Level 8, 4 years unless otherwise indicated)

| CAO Code | Course Name | CAO Cut-off points 2018 |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| LY108 | Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Accounting – 3 years | 303 |
| LY118 | Bachelor of Business (Hons) – 3 years | 283 |
| LY208 | LLB (Hons) - 3 years | 270 |
| LY218 | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business with Irish/French/Spanish/German | 229 |
| LY228 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Sports & Exercise with degree award options: Performance or Physical Education | 263 |
| LY408 | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Design with degree award options: Animation or Graphic & Digital Design or Fashion with Promotion or Digital Film & Video | 290 |
| LY508 | Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Fire Safety Engineering | 242 |
| LY518 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Quantity Surveying | 316 |
| LY528 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Construction Management | 260 |
| LY608 | Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering | 300 |
| LY618 | Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Electronics & Embedded Systems | New Course |
| LY708 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing in Applied Computing | 307 |
| LY728 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Digital Healthcare | New Course |
| LY818 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) with degree award options: Bioanalytical Science or Food Science & Nutrition or Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Science | 307 |
| LY828 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Agriculture with degree award options: Animal & Crop Science or Environmental Management | 301 |
| LY908 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in General Nursing | 387* |
| LY918 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Psychiatric Nursing | 337 |
| LY928 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Intellectual Disability Nursing | 307* |
| LY968 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Early Childhood Care, Health & Education | 279 |
| LY978 | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Health & Social Care with degree award options: Ageing & Care or Disability Studies or Health & Social Care (General) | 269 |

A-Level to Leaving Certificate Points Conversion Model

LYIT has agreed the following revised model for converting A-level grades to Leaving Certificate Points for the purposes of entry, to begin in the academic year 2019/2020:

| Grade | Points for A-Level | Points for all AS Levels (& 4th A-level where presented) |
|-------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| A* | 185 | 74†† |
| A | 156 | 62 |
| B | 131 | 52 |
| C | 106 | 42 |
| D | 84 | 34 |
| E | 63 | 25 |

††Applies to A-level only

For more detailed information go to www.cao.ie/index.php?page=scoring&s=gce

Ordinary Degree Courses at LYIT

(Level 7, 3 years with the option of a one year Honours Degree Add-on)

| CAO Code | Course Name |  PLUS 1 Year Add-on Honours Degree Course Available |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LY107 | Bachelor of Business with degree award options: Marketing or Management or Accounting | Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Marketing or Management or Accounting |
| LY207 | Bachelor of Arts in Law with Criminal Justice/Irish/French/German/Spanish | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Law with Criminal Justice/Irish/French/German/Spanish |
| LY317 | Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts with degree award options: Kitchen & Larder or Bakery & Pastry or Culinary Arts * | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Culinary Arts * |
| LY327 | Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality & Tourism with degree award options: Hotel, Restaurant & Resort Management, or Front Office Management or Destination Marketing * | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Hotel, Restaurant & Resort Management * Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Tourism Destination Marketing* |
| LY427 | Bachelor of Arts in Digital Film & Video | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Digital Film & Video |
| LY437 | Bachelor of Arts in Animation | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Animation |
| LY447 | Bachelor of Arts in Fashion with Promotion | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Fashion with Promotion |
| LY457 | Bachelor of Arts in Graphic & Digital Design | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Graphic & Digital Design |
| LY507 | Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Quantity Surveying Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Sustainable Construction Management Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Construction Contract Management |
| LY517 | Bachelor of Engineering in Building Services & Renewable Energy | Bachelor of Science(Hons) in Fire Safety Engineering Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Sustainable Construction Management |
| LY527 | Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Fire Safety Engineering Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Sustainable Construction Management |
| LY547 | Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Fire Safety Engineering Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Sustainable Construction Management |
| LY607 | Bachelor of Engineering with degree award options: Electronic Engineering or Computer Engineering | Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Embedded System Design |
| LY617 | Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering | Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering |
| LY707 | Bachelor of Science in Computing with Computer Games Development | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing with Computer Games Development |
| LY717 | Bachelor of Science in Computing | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing |
| LY737 | Bachelor of Science in Computing with Computer Security & Digital Forensics | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Computing with Computer Security & Digital Forensics |
| LY817 | Bachelor of Science in Bioscience | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Bioanalytical Science |
| LY837 | Bachelor of Science in Food Science & Nutrition | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Food Science & Nutrition |
| LY847 | Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Nursing | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Veterinary Nursing Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Animal Behaviour & Welfare |
| LY867 | Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Science | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Science |
| LY877 | Bachelor of Science in Agriculture | Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Agriculture with degree award options: Animal & Crop Science or Environmental Management |

* Killybegs campus

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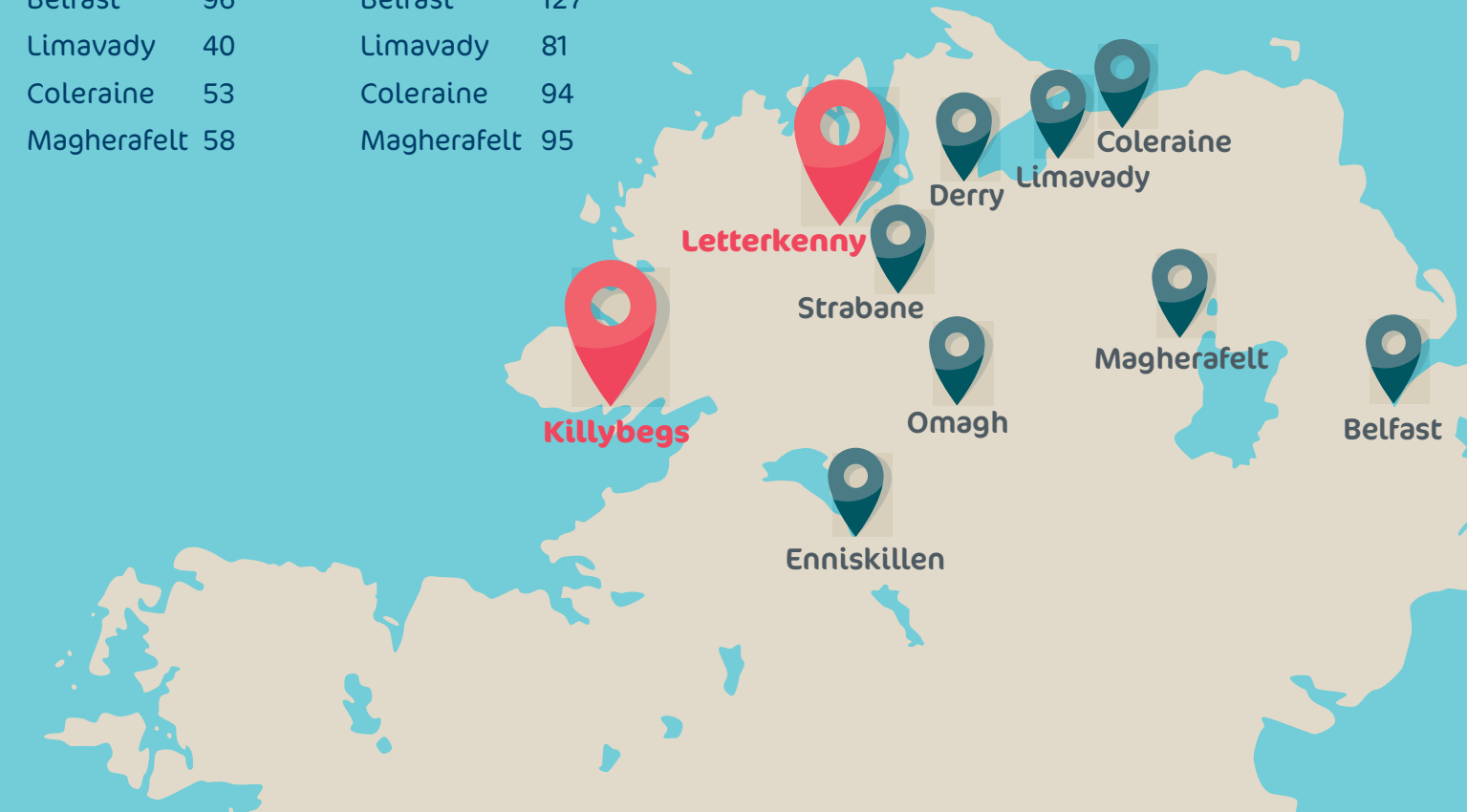
For those who are unable to commit initially to studying for a Degree we also offer two year sub-degree Higher Certificate courses (Level 6), with opportunities, on graduation, to progress seamlessly to Degree level (see www.cao.ie).

Distances in miles to Letterkenny

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|-------------|----|
| Derry | 23 |
| Strabane | 17 |
| Omagh | 36 |
| Enniskillen | 52 |
| Belfast | 96 |
| Limavady | 40 |
| Coleraine | 53 |
| Magherafelt | 58 |

Distances in miles to Killybegs

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|-------------|-----|
| Derry | 64 |
| Strabane | 49 |
| Omagh | 60 |
| Enniskillen | 55 |
| Belfast | 127 |
| Limavady | 81 |
| Coleraine | 94 |
| Magherafelt | 95 |



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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AT LETTERKENNY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (LYIT) CO DONEGAL

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