DUBLIN INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

in strategic partnership with

Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta an Atlantaigh

Atlantic Technological University

Certificate in Access Studies for Higher Education with Business



At IBAT Dublin, we believe education should fit around your life, not the other way around. Whether you're taking your first step into higher education or returning to study after time away, our goal is simple: to help you build confidence, gain practical skills, and prepare for what's next.

Based in the heart of Dublin's creative Temple Bar district, IBAT is a close-knit community where ambition meets opportunity. You'll learn from experienced tutors who've built real careers in their fields and care about your progress every step of the way.

At IBAT Dublin, you can:

- Study in a supportive, welcoming environment in central Dublin.
- Learn from industry professionals with real-world insight.
- Balance study with work or life commitments through flexible learning.
- Join a diverse, inclusive global community.
- Earn a recognised qualification that opens doors to higher study and new opportunities.



Programme overview

The Certificate in Access Studies for Higher Education with Business is your starting point for university-level study. It's designed for learners who want to upskill, change direction, or take a new step in their education journey. Over one year, you'll build confidence in your academic, digital, and communication skills and come away with the foundations you need for success in higher education and beyond.

Delivered in partnership with Atlantic Technological University (ATU), this programme is guided by the principles of adult learning: practical, supportive, and built around your personal goals.

Progression Route

Pathway to Level 7, Level 8 and Level 9 degree programmes

Key Facts:

Award:
NFQ Level 6 (Special Purpose Award)

Duration:
1 Year (Full-Time)

Credits:
60 ECTS

Start Date:
Contact sales@ibat.ie for more information about intakes

Schedule:
Three days per week

Campuses:
Wellington Quay or Frederick Street

Mode of Delivery:
On-Campus

Assessment:
Mix of coursework and exams

What You'll Learn

Throughout the programme, you'll develop practical skills and knowledge that will help you to:

- Strengthen your abilities in maths, communication, ICT, and research.
- Improve your academic writing and study techniques.
- Build independence and self-belief as a lifelong learner.
- Discover your strengths and explore potential career paths.
- Learn to plan, evaluate, and achieve your academic and professional goals.
- Work effectively in teams and solve real-world challenges.

Your Next Step

When you complete this course, you'll be ready to progress to a wide range of Level 7 or Level 8 undergraduate programmes with IBAT Dublin.

The skills you develop here will give you a strong foundation for success in business, management, computing, and beyond.



Who is this programme for?

Everyone's journey into higher education looks a little different. This course is designed to meet you where you are and help you take the next step with confidence. This course is ideal for:

- Learners who want an alternative route into university-level study.
- Mature students returning to education and looking to build confidence.
- International students preparing for degree-level learning.
- Career changers ready to refresh their academic skills and explore new paths.

Whatever your background, this is a supportive and practical way to build momentum, gain confidence, and open doors to new opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Table of Modules

Semester	Module	Title	Credits
SEM 1	MATHHU602	Application of Numbers	10
SEM 1	COMMHU601	Learning Skills & Personal Development	10
SEM 1	IICTHU601	Information Communications Technology	5
SEM 1	WRITHU601	Academic Writing	5
SEM 2	SKILHU602	College Skills & Career Planning	5
SEM 2	RESRHU602	Research Fundamentals	5
SEM 2	INTBHU601	Business & Law	10
SEM 2	TOURHU601	Tourism and Retail Services	10

Academic entry requirements

To ensure every student can benefit fully from the programme, applicants should meet one of the following entry routes:

- Grade O3 in 5 subjects including Mathematics and a language other than English in the Leaving Certificate / FETAC Level 5 / Equivalent International Exam.

EL proficiency

Title of Award	Credits
IELTS	5.0 no component less than 4.5
DuoLingo	Min score 80 min 75 in each section
Pearson PTE Academic	Min score of 51 or above
TOEFL IBT	Min score of 70
Cambridge English Qualifications	Min score of 173+ (FCE Grade B)

Progression routes

Completing this Level 6 programme creates direct pathways to a range of undergraduate degrees with IBAT, including Level 7 and Level 8 programmes in business and technology disciplines.

Fees

Contact us at sales@ibat.ie for detailed information on tuition fees and payment requirements.

How to Apply

Our programme advisors are available to answer any questions and take you through the application process:

Apply online or email sales@ibat.ie

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