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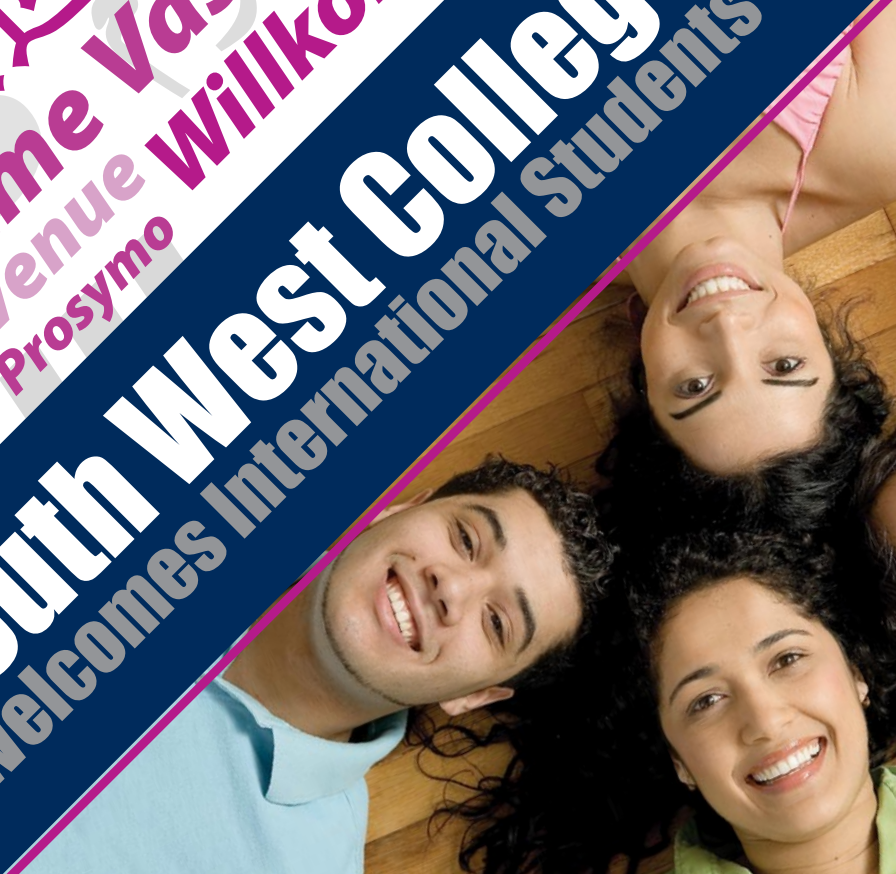
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South West College  
Welcomes International Students



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT ●

South West College Student Services is here to support all International Students with every aspect of College life. The Student Services Team understands the challenges that International Students face in settling into student life, a new culture, and new living environment.

The team is here to help with the following:

- **Course information**
- **Fees**
- **Funding and welfare support**
- **Accommodation**
- **Learning support**

The Student Services team is available 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday – Thursday and 9.00am – 4.00pm Friday. During these hours the team will be on hand to offer friendly support and advice.

## WHY CHOOSE SOUTH WEST COLLEGE? ●

South West College welcomes applications from International Students. International Students are given a friendly welcome and we will help make your stay in Tyrone & Fermanagh a happy and memorable experience. Our Student Services teams are here to help with your preparation, arrival and time at the College to ensure you have a great educational and cultural experience. We hope to see you here soon!

## LOCATION AND FACILITIES? ●

The South West College operates in four campuses in Cookstown, Dungannon, Enniskillen and Omagh and, of the six new area based colleges, it is the smallest in size, but arguably, covers the largest geographical area of counties Tyrone and Fermanagh.

The College aims to provide a caring and supportive environment for all learners and a professional business-like relationship with all employers and other external stakeholders. The South West College strives to provide a quality product to all its students and will continue to work closely with the community in which it serves.

The South West College has 18,500 student enrolments, is involved in a number of European projects, has a staffing complement of some 500 full-time staff and a similar number of part-time staff and operates on a budget of £32 million.

## FOSTERING LINKS WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ●

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Brian Anthony a HND Business Management student at South West College Enniskillen Campus, represented the College at the 'Choose Northern Ireland' International Student event in W5. The event hosted by the British Council in partnership with the Department for Employment and Learning aimed to promote Northern Ireland as a country of choice for international students who are interested in studying in the UK.

Brian, originally from New Delhi in India, was attracted to studying at SWC because he liked the way the College's approach is "work and career-orientated". Brian said "I really enjoyed representing SWC at this event; it was a great experience to meet other students that have had similar educational journeys. My own personal experience of moving from India to study in Enniskillen has been an exciting adventure. I travelled over twenty hours from India to make this happen and it has definitely been worth it. I chose the College and my course after reading through a wide variety of profiles from many Colleges. I liked the College's friendly approach and the module choices, which I feel will lead to a practical based qualification. I am taking part in a student exchange next year in Germany that I am really looking forward to as well".

Further information about forthcoming initiatives for International Students is available by logging on to: [www.educationuk.org/northernireland](http://www.educationuk.org/northernireland)

## OPPORTUNITIES AND PARTNERS ●

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As a key provider of education in Northern Ireland, we work very closely with and a number of Universities to offer joint programmes or progression routes:

- Queens University
- University of Ulster
- Stranmillis University College
- Edexcel
- OCN
- Sligo Institute of Technology

As a part of your experience you may be able to take part in Work Based Learning during programme. Any work you undertake will be project based, the results of which will contribute to the company's particular business needs.

We can offer you:

- A wide range of courses available on full-time and part-time study paths.
- The Northern Ireland education system which is regarded as being among the highest academic standards in the UK.
- A long established and award winning College.
- All Campuses are within walking distance of bars, restaurants, cafés and leisure facilities.
- All Campuses are within convenient travel time, via road or bus, to Belfast and Dublin.

## VISA AND IMMIGRATION ●

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To comply fully with UK Immigrations we recommend that you adhere to the following:

- Ensure that you have a valid passport.
- Obtain entry clearance before you travel. The List below outlines which countries require a visa.
- If you are from a country which is not on this list, you do not require a visa but may require entry clearance. If your course is longer than 6 months you must obtain entry clearance before you travel to the UK. If your course is less than 6 months, you can gain entry clearance at your point of entry to the UK.

- All costs, documents and forms are available from your British Embassy, High Commission or visit **[www.ukvisas.gov.uk](http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk)** for current costs, online applications or to download forms.
- If you are from the European Economic Area/Switzerland (EEA), then you do not need visa/entry clearance for the UK.
- If you are not from the European Economic Area/Switzerland (EEA), you must not seek entry as a visitor if you intend to study. As a visa national, you cannot switch from visitor to student status once you are in the UK.
- For further information on immigration and how to apply for entry clearance/visa, please read the UKCOSA guidance notes. View/Print UKCISA Immigration Guidance Notes.

*\*Holders of Diplomatic or Service passports do not require a visa.*

## **WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO PREPARE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A VISA? ●**

Contact your local British Embassy or High Commission Consulate in your country and ask for an entry clearance form. You will also need to produce the following items:

- Passport.
- Two recent passport-sized photographs.
- Visa fee.
- A formal Acceptance letter from the Institute into which you have been accepted.
- Evidence of financial support (bank statement, letters from sponsors, Company tax pay slips, savings etc) to cover your tuition fee and living costs during your study in the UK.

For more information, you can visit the following websites:

**[www.ukvisas.gov.uk](http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk)**

**[www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)**

**[www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk)**

# USEFUL LINKS ●

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## Studying in the UK

### Study UK

Free information and advice about studying abroad from English Universities/ Colleges in the UK

### UK Student Life

Free information on studying, working or travelling in the UK. British culture and life.

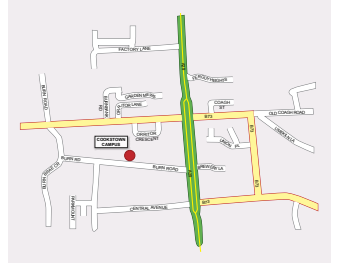
## Tourism and Culture

- Northern Ireland Tourist Board: **[www.discovernorthernireland.com](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com)**
- Fáilte Ireland (The Irish Tourist Board): **[www.failteireland.ie](http://www.failteireland.ie)**
- The Belfast Telegraph: **[www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk)**
- BBC Northern Ireland: **[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)**
- Northern Ireland Cultural events: **[www.culturenorthernireland.org](http://www.culturenorthernireland.org)**
- Northern Ireland Museums: **[www.nmni.com](http://www.nmni.com)**
- George Best - Belfast City Airport: **[www.belfastcityairport.com](http://www.belfastcityairport.com)**
- Belfast International Airport: **[www.belfastairport.com](http://www.belfastairport.com)**
- Translink: **[www.translink.co.uk](http://www.translink.co.uk)**
- Bus Eireann: **[www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)**
- Cookstown District Council: **[www.cookstown.gov.uk](http://www.cookstown.gov.uk)**
- Dungannon District Council: **[www.dungannon.gov.uk](http://www.dungannon.gov.uk)**
- Fermanagh District Council: **[www.fermanagh.gov.uk](http://www.fermanagh.gov.uk)**
- Omagh District Council: **[www.omagh.gov.uk](http://www.omagh.gov.uk)**
- Ulster American Folk Park: **[www.folkpark.com](http://www.folkpark.com)**
- Sperrins Tourism Ltd: **[www.sperrinstourism.com](http://www.sperrinstourism.com)**

## CONTACT INFORMATION: ●

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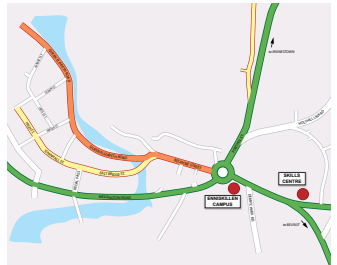
### Dungannon Campus

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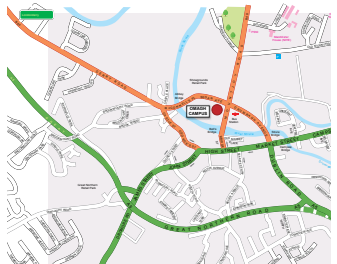
### Enniskillen Campus

Fairview  
1 Dublin Road  
Enniskillen  
Co. Fermanagh  
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Tel: 0845 603 1881  
Fax: 028 6632 6357  
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### Omagh Campus

2 Mountjoy Road  
Omagh  
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Textphone: 028 8225 5237



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