*Waterford*

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# FACT SHEET
## 2025-2026

## Alan Aylward
### Inward Exchange Coordinator

- EU/non-EU incoming exchange students
- Renewal of inter-institutional agreements

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## Paula Brazil
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- Outgoing exchange students
- Staff mobility
- New inter-institutional agreements

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**Explore County Waterford's historic city, the oldest in Ireland, and delve into Waterford City's Viking District.
As night falls, uncover a modern urban centre teeming with vibrant restaurants and bars.**

- Waterford is vibrant, filled with historic sites, the celebrated Waterford Greenway and the stunning coastline is awarded with UNESCO Global Geopark status.

- It is a safe and welcoming student-friendly city with a compact city centre where you can go everywhere by foot or bicycle and with good public transport and no pollution or traffic problems.

- Great shopping, cultural events and festivals.

- The city is awarded Purple Flag status, a Gold Standard accreditation recognising Waterford city as a safe, vibrant, and welcoming destination for residents and visitors.

*Visit Waterford* website for more information on experiencing the magic of Waterford

## 2025-2026 SETU WATERFORD ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### AUTUMN SEMESTER
*September to December 2025*
**Start of term:**
**Monday 08th September**

### SPRING SEMESTER
*January to May 2026*
**Start of term:**
**Monday 05th January**

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## STUDENT NOMINATIONS & APPLICATION DEALINES

**SEMESTER 1 (September – December 2025)**
Partner nominations: 15 April
Student application: 15 May

**SEMSTER 2 (January 2026 – May 2026)**
Partner nomination: 02 October
Student application: 16 October

Please email studentexchange.WD@setu.ie
to request a nomination form.
**Please be advised we are unable to accept late nominations or applications**

After the nomination has been received and approved, students will be emailed with the following information:
• An official offer for a place on the Erasmus+ programme at SETU Waterford and information on preparing for life in Waterford
• Subject Guide – listing of available modules (under the inter-institutional agreement)
• Instructions on how to complete the online application form
• List of the document's students need to submit to complete the online application

**Required Application Documents:**
• PDF scan of passport: the page with the passport number and photograph
• Signed, stamped and dated learning agreement

## HEALTH & TRAVEL INSURANCE

All exchange students coming to SETU Waterford are advised to take out comprehensive health and travel insurance before coming to Ireland.
Private health and travel insurance may be obtained either from the student's home country or from an Irish provider.
Students should be advised that participation in the Erasmus+ programme abroad involves certain inherent risks which the exchange student must assume.
The risks associated include,but are not limited to, responsibility for damage to or loss of property, personal illness or injury and death while the exchange student is a participant in the programme.
Although SETU Waterford takes all necessary steps to mitigate these risks and to provide assistance in time of need, the student must take responsibility for ensuring personal safety and security during the study placement.
Students must assume responsibility for taking out adequate  personal travel and health insurance.

Some of the main health insurance providers that operate in the Irish market are as follows but we suggest that students review and select their insurance provider themselves.

• Study & Protect
• Halligan Insurances
• Vhi International Students
• Laya Healthcare
• Irish Life Health Insurance

# STUDY PROGRAMME

### *Module Selection*
Exchange students may select modules from the SETU Waterford ECTS Module Guides only. The SETU Waterford ECTS Module  Guides can be found [here](#). The maximum number of ECTS credits students can study per semester is 30 and the minimum is 15. The majority of modules at  SETU Waterford are worth 5 ECTS. Modules have between 3-4 hours of classes each week.
I**MPORTANT**: Module availability is subject to capacity.
Please be advised that [timetables](#) are released at the start of the semester. Please note; during orientation there will be a mandatory session for students on how to create a specific timetable.

### *English Language Requirements*
Exchange students are not required  to submit proof of their English language proficiency. Partner institutions are expected to select students who have the required standard of English as set out in our inter-institutional agreement.
**Please note;** non-EU citizens that require a study visa may be required to show proof of English Language proficiency when applying for a study visa to study in Ireland. Check [here](#) for further information.

### *English Language Modules for Exchange Students*
SETU Waterford offers three English language modules worth 5 ECTS each at the following levels:
• B2
• C1.1
• C1.2

I**MPORTANT**: Please be advised we cannot guarantee classes are scheduled every semester due to resource limitations. If they are scheduled, the student will be advised of this during the induction programme. Places are limited and cannot be guaranteed and are awarded on a first come first serve basis.

Students can attend **one** level only and they are required to attend all 3 hours of classes per week.

### *Exam and Assessment Registration*
Students are generally given two weeks from the start of semester before a "Module Registration Form" must be submitted to the Office for International  Relations. This form is provided to the Examinations and Registry Departments to register the student for exams. Exam timetables are released between 4-6 weeks prior to the exams.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

The Office for International Relations at SETU Waterford provides information and support to non-European students regarding arranging their study permits. A visa workshop will be held as part of the international student orientation programme. If a prospective exchange student is a non-EU citizen, a Visa Support Letter is required and can be provided by the SETU Waterford Office for International Relations. Once student's online application has been completed, please email studentexchange.WD@setu.ie to request a Visa Support Letter. Please see here for more information on visas.

## STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Our student orientation programme is mandatory for all international exchange students. Online Orientation dates to be confirmed.
We will email all accepted students the orientation programme schedule and will also be available on our website 2-3 weeks before the start of semester.

## EXAM RESULTS LETTER

SETU Waterford uses Parchment Award / Digitary, an online secure document platform to enable students to access a certified and secure electronic copy of academic documents. This is where students access exam results.
If students have queries regarding exam results, please contact studentexchange.WD@setu.ie
Details on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) can be found here.

## ACCOMMODATION & COST OF LIVING

Students are required to organise their own accommodation while studying here at SETU Waterford.
Some accommodation providers may take bookings from as early as May for the academic year starting in September. As a result, accommodation places can fill up very quickly.
Therefore, we advise that you reserve your accommodation as early as possible before your arrival to ensure that you secure a place. Further Information on accommodation can be found online here. For the average cost of living in Waterford and other useful information, please click here.