

IADT | Alert List 2026

CAO Programme Listings for 2026 Entry

IADT's CAO programme listings can be found on page 70 of the 2026 CAO Handbook.

New CAO Courses and Updates for IADT for 2026

Course Code & Name	Course Link	NFQ Level	Entry Requirements
DL866 – BA (Hons) Psychology – Environmental + Social (3 years)*	https://iadt.ie/courses/game-design/	Level 8	2H5s + 4 O6/H7 (including English: O6/H7 and Maths: O6/H7). Restricted: No FETAC/QQI: Distinctions in 3 of 8 modules at Level 5 or Level 6 to include LC Maths or appropriate QQI Module.
DL864 – BA (Hons) Film Studies (3 years)*	https://iadt.ie/courses/film-studies/	Level 8	2H5s + 4 O6/H7 (including English: O6/H7) Restricted: No FETAC/QQI: Distinctions in 3 of 8 modules at Level 5 or Level 6.
DL857 / DL858 / DL859 / DL860 – BA (Hons) Film: Pathfinder Joint International Programme (3 years) <i>Starting locations: Ireland, Belgium, Portugal, Bulgaria</i>	https://iadt.ie/courses/film-joint-international-programme/	Level 8	2H5s + 4 O6/H7 (including English: O6/H7) Restricted: Yes (Portfolio + Interview) FETAC/QQI: Distinctions in 3 of 8 modules at Level 5 or Level 6. Offers made based on a Portfolio + Interview score to applicants who meet the minimum academic requirement. Unlike IADT's other restricted courses which are a combination of LC & portfolio points.

*Course is Subject to Validation.

IADT Open Day | 22nd November 2025, 10am – 3pm

Join us for IADT's Open Day

- **Select your talks:** Register for the Open Day, select the talks you'd like to attend, and secure your place.
- **Campus tours:** Explore our campus and learn more about our facilities.
- **Portfolio Masterclass:** Don't miss the opportunity to join this interactive session.

[Click here to REGISTER!](#).

IADT Spring Open Day: 26th February 2026

Online Spotlight Events | January 2026

In January 2026, IADT will host a series of **Online Spotlight Events via Microsoft Teams** that offer insights into every CAO course we provide.

- Hear from lecturers about course details.
- Chat with current students to learn what it's like to study at IADT.
- Participate in live Q&A sessions to address any questions before the CAO deadline.

A detailed schedule and registration link will be available [HERE](#) before Christmas 2025.

Portfolio Submission Deadline

The **Digital Portfolio Submission deadline** for 2026 applicants is **5pm, 10th March 2026**.

- The Digital Portfolio Submission platform is open from the 1st November 2025.
- You'll need your CAO number to begin.
- Courses requiring portfolio, interview, or audition assessments must be included in your CAO application by **1st February 2026**.

For detailed guidelines, visit [Portfolio Guidelines - IADT](#).

Taster Days | 28th–30th October 2025

Taster Days offer prospective students the chance to experience IADT courses first-hand.

- Participate in practical workshops to explore our creative programs.
- Get support to produce materials that can be included in your portfolio.

These free workshops are open to students aged 16+, including TY, 5th and 6th-year students, and those from FE colleges. Spaces are limited, so be sure to [book your spot](#). If you can no longer attend, please notify us by emailing info@iadt.ie.

Portfolio Clinics | 16th–18th February 2026

Our **Portfolio Clinics** provide prospective students with feedback on their portfolios from IADT faculty and industry professionals ahead of the submission deadline; 10th March.

- Receive advice on portfolio presentation, quality, and how to meet admission standards for creative programs like Animation, Graphic Design, Film, and more.
 - These clinics are essential for students applying to competitive courses where portfolios play a crucial role.
 - Update information will be available [HERE](#) in January.
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IADT new Digital Media Building

IADT has officially opened its new Digital Media Building, a four-storey facility designed to support the next generation of creative professionals. The building includes 19 state-of-the-art digital design studios, advanced computer labs, classrooms, seminar rooms, and the main campus restaurant.

This expansion will allow IADT to welcome 600 additional students and grow its programmes in areas like design, 3D animation, visual effects, enterprise, and technology. The new facilities will support both existing courses and the development of new ones, helping students gain the skills and experience needed to become creative leaders in Ireland's fast-growing digital and creative industries.

Access and Support Schemes

- **HEAR Scheme:** IADT is part of the **Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)** scheme, offering reduced points places to eligible school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
[find out more here](#).
- **DARE Scheme:** IADT also participates in the **Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)** scheme, providing reduced points places to eligible school leavers with disabilities.
[find out more here](#).

- 10% of places are reserved for **reduced points** HEAR / DARE.
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Financial Aid and Entry Pathways

- **SUSI Grants:** All IADT undergraduate programmes are eligible for the **SUSI grant (with the exception of our new Programme BA (Hons) Film: Pathfinder.** [learn more here.](#)
 - **Mature Students & QQI/FE Entry:**
 - 10% of places on all undergraduate programmes are reserved for **mature students.**
 - An additional 10% of places are reserved for applicants with **QQI/FE qualifications.**
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School Visits

If you would like to book a school visit with our School Liaison Officer, Rebecca Kelly, please contact schools@iadt.ie or [Book a School Visit](#)

Additional Information

[Leaving Certificate Entry Requirements](#)

[Mature Students](#)

[Student Finance & Scholarships](#)

For more details, visit our website: www.iadt.ie.

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