



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
EXCHANGE FACTSHEET
FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

About UCD

University College Dublin is one of Ireland's largest and most richly diversified universities. It provides a broad range of courses grouped into six Colleges:

College of Arts & Humanities
Quinn School of Business
College of Engineering & Architecture
College of Health & Agricultural Sciences
College of Social Sciences & Law
College of Science

UCD traces its origins to the Catholic University of Ireland founded in 1854 by Cardinal John Henry Newman, author of the celebrated 'The Idea of a University'.

Today UCD is a vibrant, modern university of over 34,000 students situated on a spacious and leafy campus some 5km to the south of Dublin city centre. **You can do a virtual tour of the campus here.**

Further information on UCD is available at:
www.ucd.ie



About Dublin

Located on the east coast of Ireland, Dublin began as a Viking settlement founded over one thousand years ago. In the 21st century, with a population of over one million people, Dublin is the thriving capital of the Republic of Ireland and is the centre of the political, diplomatic, administrative and commercial life of the country.

Famous for its literary tradition, Ireland's capital has been home to writers from Jonathan Swift to William Butler Yeats and James Joyce. A visit to Dublin allows you to explore both the historical and the modern, from castles and churches to cafés and clubs.

Further information on Dublin is available at:
www.visitdublin.com



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1 Nomination and application instructions

Nominations

Partners will be sent the nomination instructions from incoming.erasmus@ucd.ie (inside Europe) incoming.exchanges@ucd.ie (outside Europe) closer to the deadlines. The nomination will be submitted via a form.

Applications

Application instructions will be emailed to all nominated students.

Please note that UCD cannot accept free mover Erasmus or Non-EU Exchange students outside of our agreements. For information on UCD's fee-paying Study Abroad options click here.

www.ucd.ie/global/learningabroad/exchanges/studyabroad

Nomination Deadline:

Autumn Trimester	1 May
Spring Trimester	1 October

Application Deadline:

Autumn Trimester	15 May
Spring Trimester	15 October

2 Accommodation

Once students have been accepted to UCD, UCD Global will email them instructions on how to apply for the UCD Residences. Further information regarding on-campus accommodation in UCD is available at: www.ucd.ie/residences

Please note that on-campus accommodation is not guaranteed and is limited. Therefore, students are advised to consider accommodation in the private market upon their acceptance to UCD.

UCD Estates operate the UCD Accommodation Pad which offers a variety of off-campus housing options for UCD students: www.ucdaccommodationpad.ie/Accommodation



3 Course Information

Credit System and Course Load

UCD uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). A full course load is 30 credits per semester. At under-graduate level most modules are worth 5 credits and students take six modules per semester.

Exchange students may take fewer modules if permitted by their home institution. Students from outside of Europe must take a minimum of 20 ECTS in order to meet their visa/residency requirements.

Module Selection and Registration

A list of modules offered in UCD is available at:

https://hub.ucd.ie/usis/IW_HU_MENU.P_PUBLISH?p_tag=MODULESCURRENT

Modules at UCD are not guaranteed and are subject to capacity, availability and timetabling.

Restrictions apply in some subject areas, including:

- Health and Agricultural Sciences
- Psychology
- Politics and International Relations
- Business
- Law
- English Literature & Creative Writing
- History
- Master's level classes (level 4)

Students will receive information about modules from their respective college before they arrive. UCD Global does not manage module registration. Students have a two-week period to add or drop modules from the first day of classes.

Results of Examinations

Examination results are released online a month and a half after the end of the examination period. All students may access their Statement of Results online and download a copy to forward to their home institution.

Language of instruction

All modules at UCD are taught in English – incoming students are advised to have a minimum level of B1 (CEFR).

Erasmus students are not required to provide proof of English language proficiency as part of their application.

Students coming from non-English speaking universities outside of Europe will need to show proof of English language proficiency. e.g. IELTS 6.5. Please see: www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/elr.html

Grading system

Full information on the UCD grading system is available at:

<https://www.ucd.ie/students/exams/gradingandremediation/understandinggrades/>

Language courses

Students can take English as a Foreign Language modules (worth 5 credits) each semester. These modules may be taken for credit only, attendance for audit is not permitted.

UCD Supports

Students with additional needs should inform their International Office contact and they will assist with your transition to UCD by contacting the relevant supports on campus. Please see: www.ucd.ie/all

Teaching Terms

Autumn Trimester

Spring Trimester

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
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Orientation for Exchange students will commence the week before the teaching term begins.



4 Immigration Requirements

Student Visa

Please be aware that students with citizenship of certain countries (including the US or Australia) do not require a student visa to enter Ireland but must register with the Irish Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) after arrival in Dublin.

To find out whether or not you need a student visa, please consult:

www.irishimmigration.ie/visa-non-visa-required-nationalities

Information on registration with ISD is available on <https://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/studentimmigration/> and will be further explained at Orientation.

Students who need a student visa must contact their local Irish embassy for information as soon as possible about the visa application process.

Incoming students should email the incoming team to request supporting documentation.

Important: Visas valid for the UK and the Schengen countries are NOT valid for the Republic of Ireland.

Transportation from airport to UCD

Aircoach, a private bus service, operates a regular service from Dublin Airport to UCD. Advance booking is available online, along with further information at www.aircoach.ie

Work

EU/EEA/UK citizens are free to take up employment in Ireland while studying.

Non-EU/EEA/UK citizens may be able to seek employment in Ireland depending on their immigration permission and duration of study. Trimester abroad students are not entitled to work in Ireland. Non-EU/EEA/UK citizens studying in Ireland for more than a single trimester of study can seek casual employment, meaning they can work for 20 hours per week during term time and full-time during fixed holiday periods.

The right to work lapses automatically on expiry of a student's immigration permission.

Insurance

EU students should have an EHIC card. All students from outside of Europe are required to have health insurance in order to register with ISD. For more information, see www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/studentimmigration

5 Cost of Living

Cost of living

Please make sure to familiarise yourself with the current cost of living in Dublin and Ireland. See more information at

<http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/livingcosts>

University accommodation

UCD does not guarantee housing for incoming exchange students. Details of the costs of the various on-campus residences are found at:

www.ucd.ie/residences/bookinginfo/finance





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