



# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN EXCHANGE FACTSHEET INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

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# 1 General Information

## 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.

Further information on UCD is available at: [www.ucd.ie](http://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](http://www.visitdublin.com)



## Institutional Details

<b>Full name of Institution</b>	University College Dublin
<b>Erasmus code</b>	IRL DUBLIN 02
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ucd.ie">www.ucd.ie</a>

# 1 General Information

## UCD International Office

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<b>Useful websites</b>	<a href="#">UCD</a> <a href="#">UCD Global</a> <a href="#">Incoming Exchange Students</a> <a href="#">Module Catalogue</a> <a href="#">Access and Lifelong Learning Centre</a> <a href="#">UCD Student Immigration</a> <a href="#">UCD Accommodation Pad</a>
<b>Key dates</b>	Start of the Autumn and Full Year trimester(s): early September End of the Autumn trimester: mid-December Start of the Spring trimester: mid-January End of the Spring trimester: mid-May  Orientation for Exchange students will commence the week before the teaching term begins.

## 2 Nomination and Application Information

### Nominations:

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

**Nomination deadlines:**

Autumn Trimester - 1st May

Spring Trimester - 1st October

### Applications:

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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](#).

**Application deadlines:**

Autumn Trimester - 15th May

Spring Trimester - 15th October

## 3 Accommodation

Once students have been accepted to UCD, UCD Global will e-mail them instructions on how to apply for the UCD Residences. Further information regarding on-campus accommodation in UCD is available at:

<http://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: <http://www.ucdaccommodationpad.ie/Accommodation>

# 4 Course Information

## Credit System and Course Load

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UCD uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). A full course load is 30 credits per semester. At undergraduate 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

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A list of modules offered in UCD is available at: [http://www.ucd.ie/students/course\\_search.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm)

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

Restrictions apply in some subject areas:

Health  
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

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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

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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: <http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/elr.html>

## Grading system

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Full information on the UCD grading system is available at: <https://www.ucd.ie/students/exams/gradingandremediation/understandinggrades/>

## Language courses

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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

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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: <http://www.ucd.ie/all/>

# 5 Immigration Requirements

## Student Visa

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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:

<https://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.**

## Work

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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.

## Transportation from airport to UCD

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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](http://www.aircoach.ie)

## Insurance

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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. Please see

<https://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/studentimmigration/> for more information.

# 6 Cost of Living

## Estimated total cost of living per month

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

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

## University accommodation

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UCD does **not** guarantee housing for incoming exchange students.

Details of the costs of the various on-campus residences are found at:

<https://www.ucd.ie/residences/bookinginfo/finance/>