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**Offer Pack**

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# CONGRATULATIONS

**Welcome to University College Dublin and congratulations on being offered a place in one of the world's top universities.**

UCD is the university of destination for international students coming to Ireland. We are Ireland's global university with over 10,000 international students.

UCD offers a unique campus environment with world-class degree programmes and research sitting side-by-side with a wonderful array of clubs, societies, sporting facilities, student residences and woodland walkways. University life should be a journey of academic and personal discovery and the UCD campus offers you both. We encourage our students to "Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow." Many of UCD's graduates have gone on to leadership positions in Ireland and across the globe in academia, medicine, engineering, the arts, sports and politics. UCD graduates are consistently ranked highly by global employers and enjoy excellent job prospects.

This offer pack has been prepared with the intention of making your transition to UCD as smooth as possible. In these pages, we have included helpful information to you as a new student. This includes information about the admissions process and what you must do next in order to accept your offer. You will also find information on visas, accommodation and student life at UCD and in Ireland.

When you start your studies at UCD, you will begin on a path of intellectual stimulation, learning new skills and expanding your knowledge of your chosen discipline. It is a tremendously rewarding experience and one which will both enrich your life and enhance your career prospects.

We look forward to welcoming you to UCD.

**The UCD Global Team.**

# WHAT TO DO NOW

As soon as you receive your offer you need to:



ACCEPT



DEFER

or



DECLINE

## Accepting Your Offer

You must accept your offer in order to reserve your place at UCD. You may be required to pay a non-refundable deposit which will then be deducted from your fees. The deadline for accepting your offer will be stated in your official online offer letter.

UCD reserves the right to withdraw any offer if deemed necessary at a later stage. Further information can be found on the [UCD website](#)

## TYPES OF OFFER

### Unconditional Offer or Full Offer

An Unconditional Offer or Full Offer means that you have met all the entry requirements for the programme.

### Conditional Offer

A Conditional Offer means that you will be accepted if you meet certain entry requirements, as specified in your offer letter.





## ACCEPT A FULL OR CONDITIONAL OFFER

- Log in to your application account at [www.ucd.ie/global/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/global/apply)
- Upon logging in, you will see that your application appears with the status of 'OFFER'. Click on 'ACCEPT OR REJECT' and it will bring you to the page where you can accept the offer, and pay the deposit, if required.
- Your acceptance will not be complete until you successfully submit your acceptance online and, where appropriate, pay the deposit.
- Upon acceptance of your offer, UCD will automatically create a student record for you. Following this, you will receive an email confirmation of your acceptance, including your student number.



## DEFER AN OFFER

- If for some reason you are unable to take up your offer of a place at UCD, please contact the UCD Global Admissions team so see if you can defer your offer to the next academic year. You can view the Deferral Policy on our website at [www.ucd.ie/registry](http://www.ucd.ie/registry) You contact our Admissions team at [internationalenquiries@ucd.ie](mailto:internationalenquiries@ucd.ie)





## REJECT AN OFFER

- Log in to your application account at [www.ucd.ie/global/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/global/apply)
- Upon logging in, you will see that your application appears with the status of 'OFFER' or 'CONDITIONAL OFFER'. Click on 'ACCEPT OR REJECT' and it will bring you to the page where you can reject the offer. Please indicate your reason for doing so.

## Meeting The Conditions Of Your Offer

### English language condition

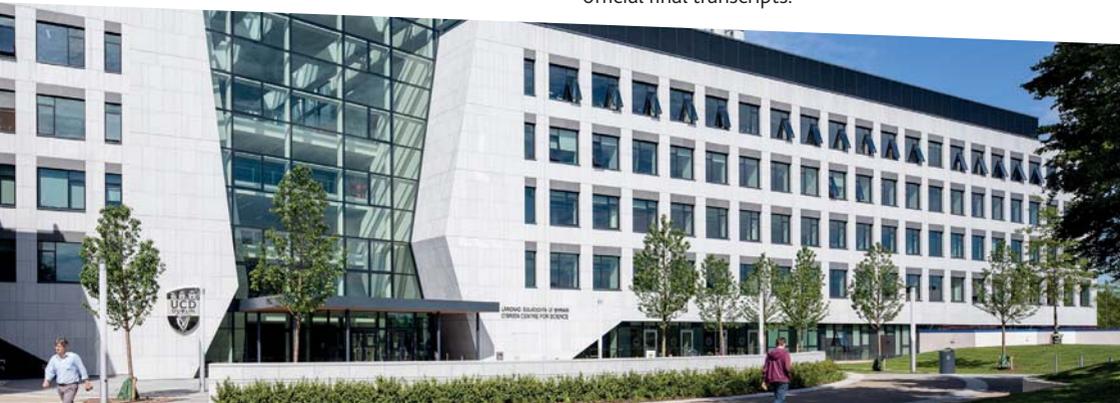
All UCD programmes are taught through English, and applicants from non-English speaking countries **must** provide evidence of competence in the English language through a recognised English language test or equivalent.

The minimum English Language Requirements in relation to IELTS are an average score of 6.5 over all components with a minimum of 6.0 in each band on the Academic Version. The English Language Requirements in relation to TOEFL are: a minimum score of 90 in the Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) with no less than 21 in writing and at least 19 in every other section. Additional recognised English language tests are listed here: [www.ucd.ie/registry/](http://www.ucd.ie/registry/)

For all proficiency tests, the results must be dated within two years of the programme start date. Some courses have higher English language requirements. Please make sure to check the English language requirements for your chosen programme of study.

### Academic Conditions: Undergraduate Students

If your offer is conditional upon obtaining your final high school results, the offer letter will state the level and grades required. When your results are known, please upload a certified copy of your results. We may also ask for original transcripts to be mailed. Official translations must be provided with the original/copy documents where documents are not in English. Any offer will be conditional until we have received satisfactory official final transcripts.





### Academic Conditions: Masters Students

If your offer is conditional upon obtaining a degree, the offer letter will state the level and GPA required. When your degree results are known, please upload a certified copy of your results. We may also ask for original transcripts to be mailed. Official translations must be provided with the original/copy documents where documents are not in English. Any offer will be conditional until we have received satisfactory original transcripts.

### Deposit

A deposit of €500 is payable to secure a place on most courses. A higher deposit amount may be required, please check your offer letter for details. Deposits are non-refundable. The deposit amount will be deducted from your fees.

### Proof of identity

You will be required to submit either a birth certificate or passport as part of the registration process.

### Contact

UCD Global Enquiries Team  
[internationalenquiries@ucd.ie](mailto:internationalenquiries@ucd.ie)

## Pre-arrival Checklist



Pay your **fees**



Organise **health insurance**



Apply for a **visa**  
(if applicable)



Make **accommodation**  
arrangements



Make **travel** arrangements



Participate in the **Jumpstart Programme**



Join the **UCD Alumni Network**



Start **registration**



Arrive in time for  
**orientation**



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Programme Fees

In order to complete the registration process, you must confirm your registration and pay the appropriate fee. You can view a detailed breakdown of your fees while registering in the SIS (Student Information System) through your UCD Connect account.

### When to pay fees to UCD

Students may pay fees by trimester:

- You may pay one third of your fee in trimester one and the remainder in trimester two
- If you are on a 3-trimester programme you may pay your fee in thirds by trimester

Further information on payment dates is available at: [www.ucd.ie/students/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/students/fees)

**Note 1:** If you require a visa to study in Ireland, the Irish Government will only issue a student visa if you have paid your tuition fees in full or paid a minimum deposit to the value of €6,000 or 50% of tuition fees. Please ensure that you have paid and received a receipt to the value of the minimum visa payment requirement, so as to avoid visa refusal on the basis of incomplete tuition fee payment.

**Note 2:** Using TransferMate is the quickest method to receive a fee receipt for visa purposes.

**Note 3:** Where you are receiving funding from a third-party source, you must pay either a half or a third (whichever is applicable to the programme) of any balance of fees and charges in order to be a registered student of the university.

## How Do I Pay Fees?

You can pay directly by **credit or debit card** using UCD's online payment facility. This is available at [www.ucd.ie/sisweb](http://www.ucd.ie/sisweb). A receipt will be emailed to you at your default email address or another that you specify.





Pay via the **TransferMate** payment facility. This facility is especially useful for students who require a visa to travel and/or study. You can access this service on: [www.ucd.ie/students/fees/howtopay](http://www.ucd.ie/students/fees/howtopay)

Students making payments from outside Ireland may also pay UCD directly by **International Bank Transfer** to:

UCD Fees Account, Bank of Ireland,  
College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland.  
IBAN: IE82 BOFI 9000 1720 6115 11  
Swift Code: BOFI IE 2D

**Please ensure you enter your Student Number or Applicant Number as the narrative/description on the transfer so it can be identified as your payment and added to your record.**

**Third Party Payment** allows individuals and organisations to pay fees on behalf of a UCD student by debit or credit card without having access to confidential student information. Further information is available at [www.ucd.ie/students/fees/thirdparty](http://www.ucd.ie/students/fees/thirdparty)

## Receipts

If you pay by bank transfer, you will need to contact UCD for receipts relating to visa applications etc. This may take some time; therefore we urge you to use the TransferMate

option to speed up payment and visa applications. If you pay online, you will be emailed a receipt. You may also print your own receipt for the current year.

Log into [www.ucd.ie/sisweb](http://www.ucd.ie/sisweb)

For further information on UCD fees visit [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees)

## IMPORTANT NOTES

UCD regrets that it **cannot accept cash** payments for any portion of a student's fees. If you pay UCD directly by International Bank Transfer it is **essential that you include your student number** (or Applicant number) as the sole narrative. Please contact our Student Payments team (quoting your UCD student / application number, payment amount, and payment reference) via the Student Desk Connector at [www.ucd.ie/students](http://www.ucd.ie/students)

The UCD Fees office does not issue invoices to individual companies or to students for the purposes of paying fees. If you are in a situation whereby you are in receipt of private sponsorship this is a matter between you and your sponsor directly. The fee liability for your programme rests in full with you as a student of UCD. You can upload your sponsorship letter at: [www.sisweb.ucd.ie](http://www.sisweb.ucd.ie)

## Cost of Living

The table of costs on this page gives a rough guide to the cost of living in Dublin over the course of one month. These costs are a guideline only and can vary greatly from student to student. The lowest estimate assumes campus stay and excludes social and unforeseen expenses. UCD does not recommend that students budget according to the lowest estimate.

This table is based on 2023 costs and is intended to help you plan your budget for living expenses such as accommodation, food and other basics. Lots of things can affect how much you'll need so it's important to consider your own spending habits, conduct your own research and remember that these numbers are indicative only and do not account for inflation or other factors which might impact the cost of living.

This guideline does not include programme fees, the cost of flights, or insurance. You should also budget for any once-off and initial costs you will

likely incur (e.g. you might need to buy a new laptop for your studies or budget for short-term accommodation upon arrival in Dublin)

It's also important to bear in mind that all non-Irish nationals, who are not citizens of the EU/EEA or Switzerland, **must** register in person with the Irish Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) after arrival and after completion of registration at UCD. ISD will issue you with a residence permit/card. As of June 2023, the fee for this card is €300 and should be included in your budgeting calculations.

All non-EU/EEA students are required to hold health insurance. This can range from €135 to €680 per year, depending on your age and the duration of your course and should also be included in your budgeting calculations.

Further information on the Cost of Living in Ireland can be found on the [UCD website](#) and on the website [numbeo.com](https://www.numbeo.com).

Monthly Costs	Lowest	Median	Highest
Accommodation (based on the majority of UCD accommodation rates)	€750	€1,030	€1,350
Electricity/gas/ bins	€58	€65	€75
Food	€315	€360	€450
Travel (Student Leap Card)	€20	€30	€50
Books & Copying	€0	€90	€135
Clothes/ Hygiene	€80	€120	€200
Internet & Mobile (excluding handset cost)	€30	€40	€60
Social	€90	€160	€225
Miscellaneous	€45	€100	€150
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,388</b>	<b>€1,995</b>	<b>€2,695</b>



# SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

Check out [www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/) for information on scholarships for international students.

## Funding for US Citizens or Eligible Non-Citizens (Financial Aid)

The University is approved by the US Department of Education to certify loans under the 'William D. Ford Direct Loan' Program. For details in relation to applying for US Federal Loans, please see [www.ucd.ie/global](http://www.ucd.ie/global). For any questions not answered on the website, and to enquire about the loans available to you, please email [federalaid@ucd.ie](mailto:federalaid@ucd.ie).

## Sponsored Students

If you are receiving funding from your government or another organisation, you are required to submit official confirmation of sponsorship prior to, or on registration. Failure to do so may result

in you being liable for tuition fees. You may email your sponsorship letter or Financial Guarantee Letter to [sponsors@ucd.ie](mailto:sponsors@ucd.ie)

Some sponsors will require you to provide them with a fee statement prior to confirming your sponsorship. You can access your fee statement online via your SISWeb account. Log into your account, click on the 'Registration, Fees and Assessment' tab. Select 'Programme Fee & Payments'. On this page there is a 'Generate Statement' button. Click this to download a PDF fee statement.

If you have any questions, please contact [sponsors@ucd.ie](mailto:sponsors@ucd.ie)



## Living and Working in Ireland

### Entitlement to work (casual employment)

Students who are attending a full-time course of at least one year's duration are entitled to seek employment on a casual basis. Non-EU students on a Stamp 2 are permitted to work up to 20 hours a week during term time, and up to 40 hours a week during breaks: June to September, and 15 December to 15 January. Please note term dates at: [www.ucd.ie/students/keydates](http://www.ucd.ie/students/keydates)

Visit our website for more detailed information on living and working in Ireland:  
[www.ucd.ie/global/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/)

### Scholarships

UCD offers a range of scholarships for international undergraduate and Masters students. You can search for the Scholarships

available to you on this web page:  
[www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships](http://www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships)

All scholarships at UCD are subject to Terms and Conditions, including a minimum academic performance requirement. For a copy of the Terms and Conditions, please contact your scholarship provider or the UCD School, Global Centre or Unit that has processed your application

International students can also apply for the prestigious Global Excellence Scholarship for outstanding students from diverse backgrounds. UCD recognises returning previous exchange and Study Abroad students through the UCD Past Exchange / Study Abroad Scholarship. Graduates from a Universitas 21 member university may also be eligible for the Universitas 21 Alumni Scholarship.



## Stayback Visa: Third Level Graduate Scheme

Ireland's Third Level Graduate Scheme is a 'stayback visa' that allows international students to remain in Ireland and look for a job after they graduate.

International students (non-EU/EEA) who have graduated from Irish higher education institutions can stay in Ireland for 12 months to seek employment after graduating from an undergraduate degree, or for 24 months if students are awarded a postgraduate degree.

## CONTACTS

### UCD Fees

[www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees)

### Global Applications Team

Tel. +353 1 716 8500

[internationalenquiries@ucd.ie](mailto:internationalenquiries@ucd.ie)

### Living Costs

[www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/livingcosts/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/livingcosts/)

### International Scholarships Information

[internationalenquiries@ucd.ie](mailto:internationalenquiries@ucd.ie)

Students are eligible for the scheme if they have a Bachelor, Master or PhD degree. If you have graduated from UCD you can avail of this scheme. Employers can hire graduates who are eligible to work for up to 40 hours per week. You must have a valid Stamp 2 to apply online for the Third Level Graduate Programme and be issued with a new IRP card indicating you are a Stamp 1G holder. You must:

- Provide a copy of your examination results which you can download via SIS Web
- Have a valid passport
- Have your Irish Residence Permit Card
- Pay €300 by credit/debit card

Visit our website for more information on the stayback visa:

<https://www.ucd.ie/global/studentexperience/thirdlevelgraduateprogramme-stamp1gpermission/>





# ACCOMMODATION

**UCD has a vibrant student community living on campus. Over 3,000 students live in the state-of-the-art student accommodation, just 5 kilometres from Dublin city centre.**

UCD Residences provides accommodation for students in a mix of apartments, halls and catered accommodation, and all UCD accommodation is single-room and apartment-style. Accommodation rates are published online and can be found at:

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

The "Res Life" social programme helps to foster a sense of community within the residences. There are games rooms located in three of our residences, and a gym in one of our newest builds. Specially adapted facilities are provided for students with disabilities.

UCD has set aside on-campus rooms for international students. For up-to-date information and allocation policy regarding on-campus accommodation please see:

[www.ucd.ie/residences](http://www.ucd.ie/residences)

A deposit is payable at the time of booking. This is refundable at the end of the academic year less

the cost of any damage/breakages. All residences will also have a utility charge. Information on the utility charge can be found on:

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

Please note that the UCD Residences cancellation policy will apply if a student vacates their campus accommodation during the occupancy period.

Full details can be found at:

[www.ucd.ie/residences](http://www.ucd.ie/residences)

## How to Apply?

There is a high demand for our on-student campus accommodation. If you wish to live on campus, we highly recommend that you apply as soon as possible. Students are required to have accepted their course offer and paid the deposit in order to book on-campus accommodation (subject to availability). Students with a conditional accept for their course are eligible to book a room. Applications are made via the Incoming Student Portal.



If you are allocated a place in the on-campus accommodation, you will be sent an email with instructions on how to proceed.

All students must accept their accommodation offer within 72 hours. We expect all rooms to be filled quickly due to the large demand.

[www.ucd.ie/residences](http://www.ucd.ie/residences)  
[residences@ucd.ie](mailto:residences@ucd.ie)

Tel: +353 1 716 1031

## Off-Campus Living

If you are looking for information on off-campus options, and information on rented, private and family-based accommodation, please visit:

[www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/accommodation/offcampusaccommodation/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/accommodation/offcampusaccommodation/)

## CONTACTS

Off-Campus Accommodation Office  
Merville Residence Reception Office  
University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4  
[roombookingsupport@ucd.ie](mailto:roombookingsupport@ucd.ie)

### Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday, 09:30 – 13:00  
and 14:00 – 17:00

Student Union Accommodation Services  
Student Union Centre  
University College Dublin,  
Belfield, Dublin 4

Tel: +353 1 716 3164/3112  
[accommodation@ucdsu.ie](mailto:accommodation@ucdsu.ie)  
[welfare@ucdsu.ie](mailto:welfare@ucdsu.ie)

The following websites have advertisements for available accommodation in Dublin:

[www.ucdaccommodationpad.ie](http://www.ucdaccommodationpad.ie)  
[www.daft.ie](http://www.daft.ie)  
[www.let.ie](http://www.let.ie)  
[www.myhome2let.ie](http://www.myhome2let.ie)



# STUDENT VISA INFORMATION

## Do I Need a Visa?

Most students from outside the EU/EEA require an entry visa for Ireland. You can check the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) website at: [www.inis.gov.ie](http://www.inis.gov.ie) to see if you require a visa.

You must make your visa application online using the AVATS online facility. Completing the online application form is the first step. The application will only be processed when the online form is completed and the required documentation, passport photograph and appropriate fee are received by the relevant office as indicated by the online system. If you are a student from China, India, Nigeria, Russia, the United Arab Emirates or the United Kingdom, please also check the Irish Embassy website for details of further documentation which may be required.

You should read the visa application details very carefully. If you do not provide the documentation required, your visa will be refused.

## Checking on Your Visa Status

You should apply as early as possible for your visa as it can take eight to twelve weeks to process. You can check online at [www.irishimmigration.ie/visa-decisions/](http://www.irishimmigration.ie/visa-decisions/) to see if your visa has been processed

(using your Visa Application Number). This list is updated weekly.

If you get approval for a visa, the Embassy to which you sent your documents will affix a visa to your passport.

For visa-related queries you can contact us:

Applying from India: [india@ucd.ie](mailto:india@ucd.ie)

Applying from China: [chinaoffice@ucd.ie](mailto:chinaoffice@ucd.ie)

Applying from South East Asia:

[southeastasia@ucd.ie](mailto:southeastasia@ucd.ie)

Applying from Japan, Korea, Taiwan or Hong

Kong: [eastasia@ucd.ie](mailto:eastasia@ucd.ie)

Applying from Middle East & Africa: [mea@ucd.ie](mailto:mea@ucd.ie)

Applying from all other regions:

[internationalenquiries@ucd.ie](mailto:internationalenquiries@ucd.ie)

Further information regarding visas and immigration can be found at: [www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/studentimmigration/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/studentimmigration/)

If you are refused a visa, you may appeal the decision within two months. However, as this would affect your date of arrival in UCD, you would need to seek advice on final acceptable arrival date from the course director/administrator.





## Immigration Service Delivery Registration

All students from outside the EU/EEA, after they have registered with UCD, must register with ISD in order to obtain permission to remain in Ireland. ISD registration must take place before the expiry date stamped on their passport by immigration officials at the airport. Even if you do not require a visa to enter Ireland, you are required to register with ISD after arrival. Further information on registration will be provided at orientation.

**Important note:** When you have applied for your visa, please alert us by updating your profile on the Incoming Student Portal. The Incoming Student Portal is available on your SISWEB account. **Please apply for your visa as early as possible.**

## Health Insurance

Non-EU students must obtain private health insurance. You can purchase insurance in your home country, however you will need to ensure that it is valid in Ireland and in any other countries you plan to travel to. There are different levels of private health insurance available.

Students are advised to read their policy documents carefully. ISD requires that, if you have health insurance from your own country it must cover you up to €25,000 for in-hospital treatment.

Many of our international students tend to opt for a basic medical expenses insurance policy, which satisfies the Irish immigration requirements, and can be purchased online for with a company called Study and Protect: [www.studyandprotect.com](http://www.studyandprotect.com)

More comprehensive plans are available from one of the three main private health insurance companies in Ireland. VHI: [www.vhi.ie](http://www.vhi.ie)  
Irish Life: [www.irishlifehealth.ie](http://www.irishlifehealth.ie)  
Laya Healthcare: [www.layahealthcare.ie](http://www.layahealthcare.ie)

Please note that in order to apply for a policy from one of these companies you will need to provide an address in Ireland. Also note that medical cover does not normally begin immediately with VHI. There is usually a waiting period of six months.  
[www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/healthinsurance/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/healthinsurance/)

## NEED MORE HELP?

Irish Immigration Service Delivery  
[www.inis.gov.ie](http://www.inis.gov.ie)



# STAYING IN TOUCH

## Check Your Email Account Often!

You will receive regular communications from the University to the email address provided in your application to UCD and you should take careful note of any instructions in these emails. Most new UCD student email addresses are created in August.

## Log In Regularly to the Student Welcome Hub

The Student Welcome Hub is a dedicated portal for students with an offer of study to UCD. In the portal, you can access important information about coming to UCD as well as helping to connect you with other students from your country/state and with other students on your programme.

Your Programme Director may also post important messages about your degree programme so remember to check frequently!

## How to Access the Student Welcome Hub

Log in via [www.ucd.ie/sisweb](http://www.ucd.ie/sisweb)

## Some Important Features and Ways to Engage

- Update your Visa Application Status (if you require a visa to study in Ireland)
- Join the incoming international students Facebook group
- Download a Cost of Attendance document (sometimes required if looking to secure a bank loan to cover the cost of your studies)
- Connect with Alumni via the Student Welcome Hub.

You can log in via [www.ucd.ie/sisweb](http://www.ucd.ie/sisweb)

Follow UCD Global on Social Media:

 [@ucdglobal](https://www.instagram.com/ucdglobal)  [@ucd\\_global](https://twitter.com/ucd_global)

 [@UCDGlobal](https://www.facebook.com/UCDGlobal)  [@ucdglobal](https://www.youtube.com/ucdglobal)

### TIP

Make sure that [internationalenquiries@ucd.ie](mailto:internationalenquiries@ucd.ie) and [onlineapps@ucd.ie](mailto:onlineapps@ucd.ie) are added to your list of safe senders so emails from these accounts do not end up in your spam folder!



# REGISTRATION

**Once you accept an offer the next step is registration. You will need to register online before you can begin your studies at UCD. Registration allows you to obtain your UCD Student Card (UCARD) and gain access to the wide range of facilities available to our students.**

Registration for the majority of programmes takes place in August and you will receive notification via email when registration opens.

Registration will be available through UCD Connect at [www.ucd.ie/connect](http://www.ucd.ie/connect). Please note that your UCD Connect account will be available 48 hours in advance of online registration - access is not available immediately. **Your username is your UCD student number, and your password is your date of birth (in ddmmyy format).** You will also receive your official UCD student email address.

In UCD Connect, click on the "Student Life" tab, then enter the SIS (Student Information System). If you were a student of UCD in the last three years, your computer account and email details remain the same. If you have any questions or

problems with the registration process, please contact your College/School directly.

Please see [www.ucd.ie/students/registration](http://www.ucd.ie/students/registration) for further details on registration such as times, guides (including videos) to registration and other support information. This website will be updated near registration open time in August.

## PLEASE NOTE

To access UCD Connect email, you will need to log into UCD Connect at [www.ucd.ie](http://www.ucd.ie). **Your username is your UCD student number, and your password is your date of birth (in ddmmyy format).**



# ORIENTATION

**When you come to UCD, you will be joining a vibrant international student community that will welcome you during Orientation and throughout your time at UCD.**

## Arrival to Dublin – Airport Welcome

A dedicated team of UCD Global Guides are based in the Arrivals Hall of Dublin Airport at the beginning of Orientation. They will answer any questions you have and help you on your journey to your on-campus or off-campus accommodation.

Orientation is the time to ask questions, meet other students, have fun and dive into the Irish culture!

Orientation introduces you to the University and key staff members, and provides you with crucial information and advice that will assist you in adjusting to the living and learning environment of the University. You will receive academic advice about your course and support in how to enrol in the correct units of study.

Orientation usually begins one week before classes start so it is wise to arrive in good time. Please also check

[www.ucd.ie/global/offerholders/orientation/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/offerholders/orientation/) for updates on September 2024 Orientation.

Alongside student Orientation, we also have an extensive, fun and dynamic programme of activities for international students. During this time, you will have ample opportunity to meet UCD Global staff and students through events such as the President's Welcome, Student Café & Fair, social and cultural excursions. Many other exciting events take place in the UCD Global Lounge, a multi-functional space which enables students to build connections with each other and the world around them.

## UCD Global Lounge Events

The UCD Global Lounge is staffed by Global Guides who are student ambassadors. They are available to answer questions regarding student life. You will have opportunities to interact with our Global Guides during Orientation and throughout the year.

Once Orientation is over, the UCD Global Lounge calendar of events is packed with opportunities for students to take advantage of their time in Ireland. You can explore the island of Ireland through road trips, walking tours, and by taking



part in celebrations of Irish culture right here on campus. There is also an extensive calendar of celebrations of different cultures throughout the year, and all students are invited to attend these events, which are often organised in conjunction with student societies. Other activities include language cafes and Buddy Programme meet-ups. Online events including quizzes and movie nights take place via the Virtual Global Lounge.

Stay up to date with all the great events taking place through the Global Lounge.

[www.ucd.ie/global/studentexperience/theucdglobalounge/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/studentexperience/theucdglobalounge/)

Connect to the Global Lounge Facebook page:

 [www.facebook.com/UCDGlobal](https://www.facebook.com/UCDGlobal)

## Road trip - to IKEA!

During Orientation, UCD Global organises bus trips to IKEA. There will also be an opportunity for you to collect free items, including pots and pans, on-campus via the Great Donate initiative organised by UCD Students' Union.

## 2024/2025 Term Dates

Most programmes start at the beginning of the academic year in early September. The start date for your programme will be stated on your offer letter.

For details on term, revision and exam dates please see the academic calendar for 2023/2024 at [www.ucd.ie/students/keydates](http://www.ucd.ie/students/keydates)

## CONTACT

Student Desk

[www.ucd.ie/students/studentdesk/contact](http://www.ucd.ie/students/studentdesk/contact)

# DESTINATION UCD

**UCD has one of the largest urban campuses in Europe, and contains not only the world-class buildings in which students live and study, but also beautiful parkland teeming with wildlife, art and fantastic student facilities.**

Ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutes worldwide, students love our flexible curriculum, and our research-intensive academic staff comprises leading national and international opinion leaders and influencers.

UCD is Ireland's most international and diverse university with over 9,500 international students from 130 different countries.

## CAMPUSES

### Belfield campus

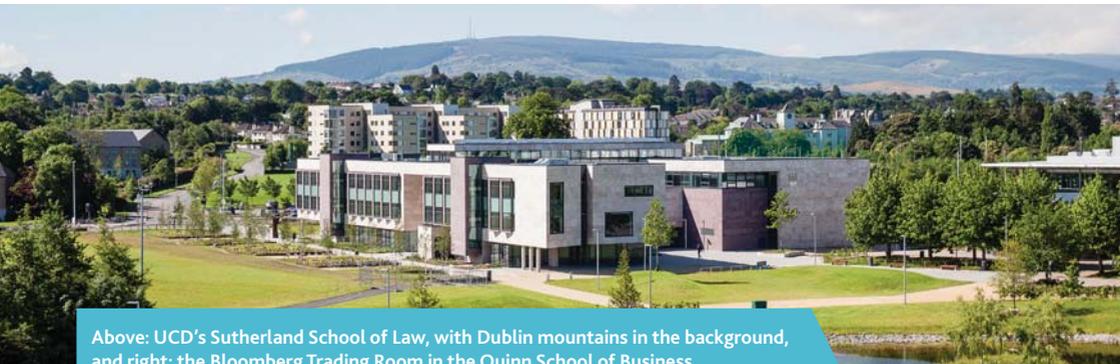
The main campus of UCD is situated at Belfield, a 133 hectare site 5km south of the centre of Dublin city. Facilities include vaults of historical record, the biggest animal hospital in Ireland (and animal A&E for Dublin), world-class teaching and research facilities, excellent accommodation, a huge sports centre with Olympic-size swimming pool, and interactive laboratories, some of which are unique to UCD.

With such a large campus, we have the ability to house an incredible breadth of amenities (such as the UNESCO-recognised National Folklore Collection), all of which make the UCD experience second to none.

There is also an 8km woodland walk around campus where students love to walk, run and relax surrounded by nature.

### Blackrock campus

The UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School is located at the Blackrock campus, approximately 3km from Belfield. The campus is within walking distance of the thriving seaside town of Blackrock, one of the prime residential and shopping areas of suburban Dublin, which is linked by light rail and bus services to the city. The Blackrock campus is connected to the Belfield campus by a scheduled bus service.



Above: UCD's Sutherland School of Law, with Dublin mountains in the background, and right: the Bloomberg Trading Room in the Quinn School of Business.



UCD's Sports Centre is home to state-of-the-art facilities, including an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

### Lyons estate

Other University buildings include the Lyons Estate in Co. Kildare which houses the UCD School of Agriculture, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine's research farm.

### The People

At UCD, our faculty and staff are focused on ensuring that all students have the best experience and receive the best education possible in an exciting, dynamic and supportive environment.

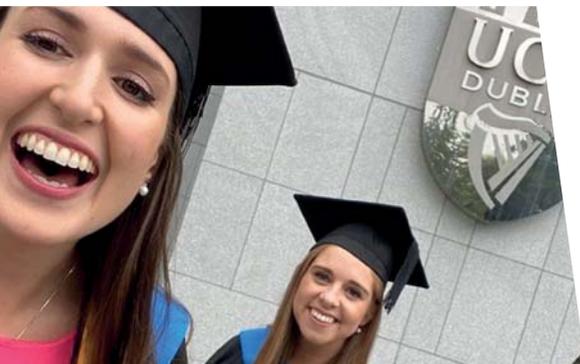
More than a quarter of our student population, and more than one third of our academic staff, are from outside of Ireland. This ensures that the experience of all students at UCD is truly global, and encompasses a multitude of attitudes, formed from different life and learning experiences. A multitude of clubs and societies make it easy for students to meet each other, and get involved in activities that not only mean a lot to them, but that also offer invaluable life experience.



**TOP 1%**  
of higher education  
institutes worldwide



**29%** of our  
student population is  
from outside Ireland



### OUR CELEBRATIONS!

At UCD, we celebrate many national days. Organised by, or in collaboration with, student societies, these events really make you feel like UCD is your home away from home.

There are also a range of fantastic events on campus that you can get involved in, like the summertime UCD Festival!

Our international admissions team are on hand to answer any questions you may have about coming to UCD and you can find them in Dublin and further afield! You can contact them at [internationalenquiries@ucd.ie](mailto:internationalenquiries@ucd.ie)



UCD Festival - held during summer on the UCD campus.



Chinese New Year, run by UCD Global and the UCD Chinese Students and Scholars Association.



Thanksgiving dinner, organised by UCD Global. Indian Cultural Day hosted in the UCD Global Lounge.



Holi, the Festival of Colour, run by the UCD India Society.

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

## UCD Global

UCD Global offers a wide range of support to both international students and Irish students who wish to study abroad. The services offered by UCD Global include:

- Pre-arrival information for new international students
- Orientation programmes
- Cultural and social events
- Assistance with University procedures
- Student Immigration Support Officer who assists with personal and practical issues

For further information please visit:  
[www.ucd.ie/global](http://www.ucd.ie/global)

## Student Advisers

Student Advisers provide support for all students throughout their university experience, particularly during their first year. They are attached either to particular programmes (e.g. Arts) or to specific groups of students (e.g. mature students). Student Advisers are there to help make students' time at UCD as fulfilling and enjoyable as possible. They are available for private meetings with students so they can express their concerns regarding social, personal or practical issues, and help students to access other support services where necessary.

For more information please visit:  
[www.ucd.ie/studentadvisers](http://www.ucd.ie/studentadvisers)



The UCD Global Lounge



## UCD Library

UCD's libraries stock one million print books, 650,000 e-books, numerous subject databases and approximately 84,000 print or electronic journals. There are also 3,150 reading places for quiet study time, group learning rooms and social learning spaces. Many services can be used online via the e-library, which also provides assistance and advice about library facilities, collections, information resources and opening hours. There is also an open access toolkit to support bibliometrics training and awareness. Library staff are available to help you make the most of library resources.

## Maths Support Centre

Located in the main James Joyce Library, the Maths Support Centre (MSC) offers free help to students with maths, applied maths and statistics. This support is available to all UCD students, whether you are studying maths or not, and support is offered on a one-to-one or small group basis, with tuition by friendly and experienced tutors.

## Writing Support Centre

Also located in the James Joyce Library, the Writing Support Centre offers free, high-quality tuition in writing to students interested in improving their writing skills. One-to-one tuition and a range of workshops/seminars are delivered by our team of friendly and nonjudgemental

writing tutors, who strive to ensure that students are helped to communicate, structure and present their knowledge and ideas in writing.

For further information please visit:  
[www.ucd.ie/library](http://www.ucd.ie/library)



**1 million**  
 print books are available  
 across UCD's libraries

## UCD Careers Network

Whether you have a clear vision of what you want to do upon graduation or are just beginning to look at your career options, the UCD Careers Network can help you to:

- Understand the range of national and international career opportunities available to you
- Find out what other UCD graduates from your programme have gone on to do
- Take credit bearing and non-credit bearing programmes & workshops to develop your skills, competencies and attitudes that employers seek
- Develop a winning C.V., cover letter and interview techniques for face-to-face, telephone, video and group interviews and learn how best to compete for jobs

[www.ucd.ie/careers/](http://www.ucd.ie/careers/)

# UCD GLOBAL CENTRES

**UCD has a network of Global Centres located in five countries around the world. Staffed by UCD employees, these centres are contact and information hubs for students and parents when students are making an application to UCD. Make a call, drop them an email, or even visit a Global Centre in person. Each Global Centre serves a specific region and all other countries are served through our central Dublin office.**

## North America

University College Dublin North America Global Centre,  
12 E. 49th Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10017, USA  
Tel: +1-646-690-9024 (Eastern Time)  
Email: northamerica@ucd.ie

## China

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Chaoyang District, Beijing P.R.China,100020  
北京市朝阳区朝阳门外大街6号万通中心D座3层  
Tel: 010 - 5907 0409  
Email: chinaoffice@ucd.ie

## South Asia

University College Dublin South Asia Global Centre,  
Access Work Business Centre, Building 8C, 11th Floor,  
DLF Cyber City, Gurgaon – 122002, Haryana, India  
Tel: +91-9384810500 / +91-9940633500  
Email: india@ucd.ie

## Asia Pacific

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No.218, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Tel: +60 (03) 2715 1662  
Email: southeastasia@ucd.ie / eastasia@ucd.ie

## Middle East & Africa

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Dubai Knowledge Park, Block 2B, Office F-06, Dubai.  
Tel: +97145898204  
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## Dublin Office

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Centre, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland  
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# ALUMNI SUPPORTS FOR OFFER HOLDERS

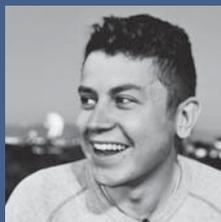
The UCD alumni network is influential, successful, active and truly international. Many of the 300,000 UCD global alumni network, living in 185 countries, hold positions in leading organisations around the world.

Now that you are a UCD offer holder, you can join the [UCD Alumni Network](#) and meet recent graduates who are Global Alumni Ambassadors. Find people from your location, the degree you are considering, or the area you hope to work in. Hear about their experience as a UCD student, how their degree helped them land their current job, and how staying connected is helping them achieve their professional goals.

While you are a student at UCD, you will have access to a wider set of resources on the UCD Alumni Network. You can meet a mentor and connect with recent graduates and experienced alumni in your field of interest. You can also connect with Alumni on the Incoming Student Portal, via your Sisweb account.

When you finish your degree at UCD, you will officially join the wider UCD alumni community. They will be there to support you in the next steps of your career journey.

Take a look at just some of UCD's alumni blazing a trail across the globe.



## Andy Lynch

### Business

Andy Lynch is a 2016 graduate of the Bachelor of Commerce and is currently working as a Global Product Marketing Manager with YouTube in San Francisco. Previously, Andy held a role of Associate Product Marketing Manager with Google, which he secured upon his graduation. During his time in Quinn, Andy completed the Quinn Internship Programme, interning with Google in their Online Partnerships Group from June 2014 to May 2015. UCD Quinn School and the internship programme gave Andy an opportunity to explore various business disciplines and helped to make decisions regarding his future career.



## Professor Datin Dr Norlinah Mohamed Ibrahim

### Medicine

Professor Dr Norlinah Mohamed Ibrahim is a senior consultant Neurologist and Professor of Neurology, specialising in movement disorders at the UKM Medical Center. In 2001, she joined UKM as a lecturer, and later promoted to Associate professor and full Professor in 2011. Between 2006 and 2007, Dr Norlinah completed a one-year intensive Fellowship in movement disorders and Parkinson's disease at the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London. She was the recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Award by the Medical Graduate Alumni of UCD in 2018.



## Nubi Kay'

### Business

Nubi Kay' is an alumnus of the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School, where he completed his Masters degree in Digital Innovation Management. He has worked in the internet and technology industry at companies such as Accenture and Mediacom. He currently works on the Sales team at Stripe. Nubi has a passion for enabling entrepreneurship which led him to co-found EasyAppetite and Travelbay, serve as a Board Member and Startup Investor at Utiva and HoaQ respectively. He is also the President of the African Professional Network Ireland (APNI), a non-profit organisation that aims to connect, empower and facilitate collaboration among its members and Irish society.



## Karen Banks

### Social Sciences and Law

Karen Banks is the Deputy Director General of the Legal Service of the European Commission. She qualified as a solicitor in 1979 and after practicing law for two years, began a Masters Degree at London School of Economics. She began work for the Legal Service of the European Commission in 1983 and worked in various roles before becoming Director and then moving into her current role as Deputy Director General.



## Dr. Keyun Ruan

### Computer Science

Dr. Keyun Ruan is Head of Security, Risk & Compliance, Google Cloud Risk Management, Alphabet Inc., and is a computer scientist and author recognised internationally for her pioneering work on cloud forensics. Her foundational work has made her one of the most cited scholars in this field in the world. Keyun holds a PhD in computer science and a diploma in art and design. She has a passion for art and trans-disciplinary innovation. She is a frequent speaker at industry and academic conferences about her work. Keyun also speaks about inclusive and female leadership.



## Amanda Bone

### Architecture

Amanda Bone is an award-winning Architect, graduating from UCD School of Architecture in 1996. Amanda has worked in Architectural Practices in Paris, New York and Dublin prior to establishing Amanda Bone Architects, a multi-award-winning Architectural Practice in Dublin. The practice specialises in one-off individual homes, ranging from contemporary new build to refurbishments of protected structures. Amanda is a presenter on the RTÉ TV show Home of the Year.



## Dr. Patricia Scanlan

### Medicine

Dr. Patricia Scanlan spearheaded the paediatric cancer treatment revolution in Tanzania. Graduating from UCD Medicine in 1997, Dr. Scanlan first went to Tanzania in 2006 as part of her Masters programme. In the space of 5 years, she revolutionised survival rates for paediatric cancer patients who presented for care from 12% to 60%. She is now committed to reaching every child - estimated to be 4,000 children in Tanzania, a country of 47m people.



## Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan

### Arts and Humanities

Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan is an Arts Manager, writer, and performer, with over 10 years of experience working in the arts. After moving to Dublin to complete her MA in Arts Management and Cultural Policy, she worked for Business to Arts, The Irish Architecture Foundation, Press Up Entertainment, and is currently Marketing and Development Manager for Fishamble: The New Play Company. She is also a Cultural consultant for a number of Irish Arts organisations.



## Rory Sexton

### Engineering

Rory Sexton has worked in high-tech manufacturing in Germany, Singapore, California & China since graduating from UCD as an Electrical Engineer. He joined Apple in 2001 and helped lead and expand its global supply chain as it rapidly grew to be one of the largest companies in the world. He now lives in Shanghai & is responsible for Apple's manufacturing operations & supply chain across Asia.

# SPORT AND RECREATION

## Sport Clubs

With 56 official sports clubs, a range of excellent facilities and a huge programme of fitness classes, there's something for everyone. So make the most of your time in UCD, get involved, get active and have fun! Learn more about UCD sports clubs at [www.ucd.ie/sport/](http://www.ucd.ie/sport/)

## UCD Sport And Fitness

Our modern Sport and Fitness Centre has an extensive range of amenities, catering for students of all fitness levels, from casual gym-user to Olympic athlete. Facilities include a 50 metre swimming pool, gym, dance and spinning studios, sauna and jacuzzi, three multi-purpose sports halls, four squash courts, handball/racquetball alley, climbing wall, changing facilities, performance and squad gyms, 17 natural grass pitches (including the UCD Bowl, home ground to both the UCD rugby and football clubs), six synthetic 5-a-side pitches, sand-based

hockey pitch, synthetic rugby, GAA and football pitches and the National Hockey Stadium.

Student Gym Membership entitles current UCD students to free access to UCD Sport & Fitness Gym and the Performance gym. When you activate your Student Membership you can gain access to the pool on a pay-as-you-go basis or can pay a once-off annual charge for unlimited access to the pool area.

For more information about our Sports Facilities, please visit: [www.ucd.ie/sportandfitness](http://www.ucd.ie/sportandfitness)

## Student Societies

Regularly recommended by international students as the best way to make friends and fill your social calendar in UCD, when you get here find a club, society or group that interests you, and JOIN IT! Student societies and networks are a great way to explore your interests and develop





new ones. UCD has over 80 active student societies so there is something for everyone. Many of our societies bring together international students from different backgrounds, and networks such as the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) and International Student Society run lots of events and activities throughout the year, including trips around Ireland.

For more information on UCD Societies, please visit: [www.ucd.ie/sportandsocieties.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/sportandsocieties.htm)



## UCD Students' Union (UCDSU)

All UCD students are automatically members of UCDSU, which represents students' views and opinions, and works on a number of university committees from all areas of university life. Five elected officers offer support and advice to students during their time in UCD – the President, Welfare Officer, Education Officer, Graduate Officer.

The UCDSU is there to advise, support and direct students through any kind of situation in which they may find themselves. All the UCDSU officers are UCD students, so they understand the issues facing students. Students can call over at any time and have a chat with them.

Throughout the year, the UCDSU Entertainments (Ents) Office runs class trips and parties, gigs, comedy nights, mystery tours and The Freshers Ball. They also run an award-winning newspaper, The University Observer.

For more information about the UCDSU, please visit: [www.ucdsu.ie](http://www.ucdsu.ie)

# DESTINATION IRELAND

**Recognised as having one of the best education systems in the world, and graduates who are sought after in governments, industry, NGOs and organisations the world over, Ireland is an ideal choice for students who want the best possible springboard for their futures.**

Despite being a small country with a population of almost five million, we are a well-connected nation, with over 70 million people around the world who claim Irish heritage!

## **Our Education System is Excellent**

Ireland's education system is amongst the best in the world. We lead in the skills race with a higher percentage of third level graduates than the UK, US and OECD averages. Ireland also ranks in the top 10 globally for:

- **Quality** of the education system
- University education that **meets the needs of a competitive economy**
- **Knowledge transfer** between universities and companies.

## **We're Safe**

Ranked **3rd out of 163** countries in the Global Positive Peace Index 2022.

## **We're Happy**

Ireland is ranked **13th in the World Happiness Report 2022**. This happiness leads to friendliness, and the Irish people are renowned for their friendly and welcoming nature the world over.

## **We Have Diverse... Weather**

In Ireland, a hot (or cold, or rainy) topic of conversation is the weather! You might experience **four seasons in one day** – so be sure to pack your sunscreen, umbrella, rain jacket, sweater and sunglasses when heading to class!



## We're Young

Ireland has the **youngest population in Europe** with a third of the population under 25 years old and almost half the population under the age of 34.

## We Speak English

Ireland is the only member state of the European Union (apart from Malta) whose **first language is English**.

## We're Compact, Easy to Navigate – And Close To European Capitals

As a small country, Ireland's beautiful landscapes and vibrant cities are easily accessible. Dublin is just a two hour drive from Galway in the west and Cork in the south, meaning that the entire country can be explored by students with ease while they are based in Dublin. An island located off the western edge of Europe, next to the United Kingdom, Ireland is within easy reach of all major European capitals, so you can enjoy European adventures during your time with us too!

## You've Seen us on Screen

Ireland is **famous for its beautiful countryside**, and is featured in many films and TV shows. In Kerry you can see Sceilig Mhichil (Skellig Michael), AKA planet Ahch-To in 'Star Wars', in Wexford you can wander the beaches featured in 'Saving Private Ryan', in Clare you can explore the incredible Cliffs of Moher and see the location of the Horcrux Cave from 'Harry Potter', and in Down you can travel the Kingsroad from 'Game of Thrones'.

## We're Proud of Our Culture and History

Ireland's incredible culture and history is celebrated countrywide. Our two **UNESCO World Heritage sites, the neolithic chambers of Brú na Bóinne, and the aforementioned Skellig Michael**, are unforgettable experiences. With many museums, cathedrals, ancient monuments and castles, Ireland's past and present can be explored on every corner.





# GREAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

With one and two year stayback visa options for students who have graduated from their course, many UCD students now choose to stay in Ireland beyond their studies and start their careers here.



ICT



MED TECH  
& PHARMA



ENGINEERING



FOOD &  
AGRICULTURE



FINANCIAL  
SERVICES

## ICT

Ireland is known as the internet and games capital of Europe and is home to the top five global software companies, nine of the top ten US tech companies, all of the top three global security and global enterprise software companies, four of the top five IT services companies and all ten of the top 'born on the internet' companies.

## MED TECH AND PHARMA

Ireland is home to all of the top ten global pharma companies and has over 30,000 people employed in the industry. Over €10 billion has been invested in new biological production in the last decade. Ireland has exported almost €73 billion in biopharmaceutical product. The medical technology sector in Ireland is recognised as one of the five global emerging hubs. The sector employs over 40,000 people in Ireland and is the second largest employer of medtech professionals in Europe, per capita. Ireland is one of the largest exporters of medical products in Europe with annual exporters of €12.6 billion and companies here directly export to over 100 countries worldwide.

## ENGINEERING

The Engineering industry in Ireland is strong and vibrant. It supports a very broad range of companies in various fields, including environmental, biomedical, aerospace, energy, ICT and medical devices to name but a few. The industry is also a very strong contributor to Irish exports generating €5 billion in exports annually.

## FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The manufacture of food and drink is Ireland's most important indigenous industry, with over €13 billion of product exported every year to 180 markets worldwide. Ireland supplies 15% of the world's infant milk formula and three of the four best-selling infant formula companies in the world are based in Ireland.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

Ireland is the 4th largest provider of wholesale Financial Services in the EU, and is home to over 400 international financial institutions in world-leading areas such as fund administration and aircraft leasing.

# DESTINATION DUBLIN

**Dublin is located on Ireland's east coast, and is served by a large international airport. With major European capitals just a short flight away, Dublin is an ideal base from which you can easily explore the rest of Europe.**

A compact, cosy, yet bustling city, Dublin is easy to navigate and the city centre is within walking distance, or just a short bus ride, from UCD.

## **We're Friendly and Popular!**

Dublin is one of the three most visited capital cities in Europe, and is regularly voted friendliest city in Europe by TripAdvisor.

## **We're Europe's Tech Hub**

Regarded as Europe's tech capital, Dublin's thriving digital hub is home to international IT giants such as Google, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, AirBnB, Hubspot and Squarespace.

## **We're an Eventful City**

Dublin hosts many annual events such as the St Patrick's Festival, a Chinese New year festival, Culture Night, the Dublin Film Festival, and is home to the national football and rugby teams. You can catch many Gaelic football and hurling games at Croke Park Stadium.

## **We Have an Incredible Arts and Performance Scene**

Dublin has spawned jaw-dropping creative talent, and amazing authors such as James Joyce, Roddy Doyle, and Anne Enright hail from the city. Dublin is also home to a multitude of world-famous bands, including U2 and The





Script, and actors such as Colin Farrell and Domhnall Gleeson. Storytelling is not just confined to books, music and movies – Dublin has a vibrant stage scene and theatres such as The Gate and The Abbey have performance runs throughout the year. You can also take many tours in Dublin, where the guides will make history come alive through their stories!

## We're All About The Craic (It's Our Word For Fun!)

The pubs, coffee shops, and music venues of Dublin are important meeting and social venues for both Dubliners, and visitors to the capital. You can enjoy coffee in a bookshop, have a drink overlooking the city, or see musicians perform any night of the week.

## We Have Food to Cater for Everyone's Tastes!

Dublin has a vibrant, young, multicultural population, and the city centre is packed with shops and restaurants to suit everyone's budget and tastes. There is an Asian strip just north of the River Liffey, home to many authentic and award-winning restaurants, and the many supermarkets in the city centre stock ingredients from around the world.

## Experience The Best of Both Worlds

Flanked by beaches to the east and mountains to the south, and dotted with parks, Dublin boasts wonderful amenities for everyone to enjoy.





# RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR STUDENTS

As Ireland's Global University, UCD welcomes thousands of students from around the world to campus each year. Here are some top tips from our current and past students for incoming first years!

## Food, Drink and Coffee!

Dublin has a large array of excellent supermarkets, restaurants, pubs and coffee shops, with a food and drink culture that is truly global. The city centre is bursting with stores stocking ingredients from around the world, and a world food market pops up on campus every Thursday for lunch!

### Supermarkets

**For everything on a budget:** Lidl and Aldi

**For affordable Chinese groceries delivered to your door:** [www.chinese.ie](http://www.chinese.ie)

**Asian staples:** Asia Market in the city centre, Eurasia in Fonthill (huge supermarket, with great cheap hot food too – their onion bhajis are amazing!)

**For Halal butchers and grocers** try the shop at the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland (10 minute walk from UCD)

**Other options nearby:** Tesco, Centra (on-campus), Dunne's Stores, SuperValu

### Eating out / lunch

**For vegetarians & vegans:** The Saucy Cow (Temple Bar), Nutbutter, Umi Falafel (meal deals before 5pm), Cornucopia,

**Markets:** Dun Laoghaire People's Park (Sundays, crafts and food), Blackrock Food Market, UCD Food Market (Thursdays).

## MY FAVOURITE SPOT

"Kilmainham Gaol is one of my favorite spots, and also go to a GAA match at Croke Park or a Rugby or Football match at Aviva Stadium and grab pre-drinks at a pub close to the stadiums." Miesha Roberts



From left: The historic General Post Office on O'Connell Street; wild deer roam freely in the Phoenix Park, the largest enclosed public park in any capital city in Europe; and Kilmainham Gaol, where many of the leaders of the 1916 Rising were held before their execution.

**Burritos and Burgers:** Bunsen, Wowburger, Boojum (student discounts and giant portions), Tolteca.

**Restaurants:** Milano's (pizza and Italian), Neon (affordable, large portion Asian food with a fill-your-own ice cream cone option!), Platform 61, 3 Leaves Blackrock (affordable home cooked Indian food with good vegan options).

### Coffee

**Dublin city:** 3FE, Coffee Angel, Beanhive, Kaph, Butlers Chocolate and Coffee Shop (chain).

**Blackrock:** Bear Market, Parlour, Hatch.

**Dun Laoghaire:** Miami Cafe.

## THINGS TO DO IN DUBLIN!

A true mountains to sea experience, Dublin is a vibrant capital that is both steeped in culture and at the forefront of technology. The city centre is compact, and everything is within easy walking distance. Venture further afield (via foot, bus, tram or train) and find the real gems.

### Outdoors

Glasnevin Cemetery (followed by a visit to The Gravediggers' pub), Dublin Bay cruise to Howth and Howth cliff hikes (good seafood and views), Viking Splash Tour, Phoenix Park (find the deer,

visit Dublin Zoo, hire a Segway, see Áras an Uachtaráin (President's house), have a picnic, or check out Farmleigh House for cultural events, Marlay Park (for markets, open air movies, and walking), Happenings (sign up to their mailing list and follow them on social media for outdoor yoga, outdoor cinema, and other events), Botanical Gardens (Birdwatch Ireland do amazing talks here – watch out for their insanely popular crow series!).

## DO EVERYTHING!

"Definitely do everything you can in Dublin and in Ireland in general. Whether it's the Guinness storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral, or Sandymount Beach, It's such an incredible country that offers so much to people who live here and that's what I love about it! I still go into Dublin all the time and it never gets old for me because I always find a new hidden bar, or a place I haven't previously been. Hit Kilkenny, Cobh, Cliffs of Moher, Kinsale, Galway and Cork when you have the chance to do so. It's so much fun to explore Irish cottages that are a bit kept away from everything else. Castles and pubs are great too! They can be found anywhere in any city or town."

Sydney Turner



The Aran Islands off the west coast of Ireland, famous for its natural beauty and character.

### Indoors

Christchurch & St Patrick's Cathedrals, Guinness Storehouse, Kilmainham Gaol, IMC Cinemas do special discount days.

### Sports and Entertainment

Go to a game in Croke Park (GAA) or Aviva Stadium (football and rugby). You will find live comedy acts at the International Bar (keep an eye on big acts performing in Dublin, as they are known to appear in the International Bar the night before their big gigs!).

### Discover Ireland

From your base in Dublin, the whole island of Ireland is readily accessible. Hire a car, or take a bus or train, and explore one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Visit Planet Ahch-To from Star Wars (Skellig Michael, Co. Kerry), experience the majestic Wild Atlantic Way (maybe try surfing!), and visit places like Galway, Cork, Kilkenny and the Aran Islands.

UCD Res Life and the International Students Society organise trips around Ireland, so keep an eye on their social media for information.

### Top UCD Tips

The number one tip from current and previous international students is to join societies when you come to UCD. This is an awesome way to meet people with the same interests as you, and they also organise events throughout the year that will keep your social calendar full!

### Other top UCD tips

Get involved in the newspapers / Belfield Radio & UCD TV, find the secret lake, try any sport, the Global Lounge is good for quiet time and study, get involved with UCD Volunteers Overseas, get in touch with your flatmates as soon as you know who they are (posted on SISWeb), and ResLife organise great events.

### JOIN SOCIETIES

"I joined about ten societies when I first got to UCD (and used that for the free food events, covering the two euro charge alone), but there are two that I really recommend joining because they are the ones I ended up sticking around for: LitSoc and GameSoc. Every night of the week, there is a GameSoc event where you can play games and meet people. LitSoc has a writer's group that meets once a week (along with other events). Between those two, I had a full social calendar." Blake Oliver



# UCD Transport Map



# Transport Links

The Belfield campus is located 5km from Dublin city centre on the N11. With thousands of students and staff attending the University every day, there are many travel options from the various parts of the city, and indeed the whole country. Many bus routes service Belfield, taking you to and from the city, local suburbs and beyond. High quality, frequent bus services also serve the Clonskeagh side of campus.

The local DART station, at Sydney Parade, is within walking distance. It will take you north to Howth via the city centre and south to Greystones via Blackrock and Bray. A shuttle bus service between UCD and Sydney Parade DART Station operates during term time between the hours of 8am to 10am, and from 4pm to 6pm.

Please see [ucdestates.ie/commuting](http://ucdestates.ie/commuting) for more details.

The DART interconnects with the Red Luas line at Connolly Station/Busaras, which in turn connects with Heuston Station. The 145 Dublin Bus Route also offers a direct bus service from UCD to Heuston Station. The Green Luas line, at Windy Arbour and Milltown, is also within walking distance. For the most up-to-date information on bus services near UCD, visit [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie).

Please note, Dublin Bus routes are subject to change.

Below is a list of routes serving UCD and nearby areas, at the time of going to print.

**7B, 7D, 11, 17, 25x, 27x, 32x, 39A, 41x, 46A, 46E, 46N, 47, 51x, 66x, 67x, 77x, 84N, 84x, 116, 118, 142\*, 145**

\*to Portmarnock

UCD also has over 4,000 bicycle parking stands - please use [www.journeyplanner.ie](http://www.journeyplanner.ie) to plan your journey to or from UCD using public transport, bicycle or on foot. Students holding a Student Leap Card can save money on their transport costs (bus, DART, LUAS and train). UCD students can apply for this on campus or online at

[about.leapcard.ie/young-adult-and-student-card-launch](http://about.leapcard.ie/young-adult-and-student-card-launch)

For motorists, UCD operates a paid permit parking system during term. Parking spaces are very limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Students who live on campus in UCD Residences are not entitled to purchase a parking permit.

-  Walking distances
-  10 minute cycle distances
-  20 minute cycle distances
-  Green Luas line and stations
-  Red Luas line and stations
-  DART line and stations
-  DART feeder bus
-  Bus routes
-  Main roads



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