UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
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About UCD

University College Dublin is Ireland's largest and most richly diversified university. It provides a broad range of courses grouped into six Colleges (College of Arts & Humanities, College 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 32,000 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
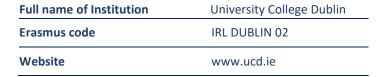

About Dublin

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

Institutional Details

Full name of Institution	University College Dublin
Erasmus code	IRL DUBLIN 02
Website	www.ucd.ie

1 General Information

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Useful websites	UCD UCD Global International Student Handbook Incoming Exchange Students Module Catalogue Access and Lifelong Learning centre Academic Calendar Orientation for Exchange students will commence the week before the teaching term begins.

2 Nomination and Application Information

Nominations:

European partners please email your nominations to incoming.erasmus@ucd.ie

Partners from outside of Europe please email your nominations to incoming.exchanges@ucd.ie

Nomination deadlines:
Autumn Trimester - 1st May
Spring Trimester - 1st October

Applications:

Application instructions will be emailed to all nominated students.

The online application for Exchange students is available at www.ucd.ie/apply

Please note that UCD does not accept Erasmus freemover students.

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:
www.ucd.ie/residences

Please note that on-campus accommodation is not guaranteed and is limited.

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

4 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:
www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm

Restrictions apply in some subject areas:
Health
Agricultural Sciences
Education
Psychology
Business
Law
English Literature
History
Masters level classes

Students will be sent information about course selection before they arrive. 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 to all students and they are notified by email regarding the date they will be available. 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:
http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/elr.html

Grading system

Full information on the UCD grading system is available at www.ucd.ie/students/assessment/results.html.

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/

5 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 Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) after arrival in Dublin.
To find out whether or not you need a student visa, please consult:
http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa

Information on registration with INIS is available on
http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/visasandimmigration/
and will be further explained at Orientation.

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

Important:
Visas valid for the Schengen countries are NOT valid for Ireland.

Incoming students should email
incoming.exchanges@ucd.ie / incoming.erasmus@ucd.ie
to request supporting documentation.

Work

Exchange students from outside Europe cannot seek employment in Ireland. EU/EEA students are entitled to work in Ireland without a work permit. EU/EEA students can seek casual employment meaning they can work for 20 hours per week during term time or full-time (up to 40 hours) during June, July, August and September, and also from 15th December to 15th January inclusive.

Transportation from airport to UCD

Aircoach, a private bus service, operates a regular service from Dublin Airport to UCD at a cost of €10.00 single or €16.00 return. Advance booking is available online, along with further information at
www.aircoach.ie

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 INIS. Please see
http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/visasandimmigration/ for more information.

6 Cost of Living

Estimated total cost of living per month

See information at https://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/livingcosts/

University accommodation

Details of the costs of the various on-campus residences are found at:
http://www.ucd.ie/residences/bookings/finance/