



# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

## EXCHANGE FACTSHEET

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# 1 General Information

## 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](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

**Full name of Institution** University College Dublin

**Erasmus code** IRL DUBLIN 02

**Website** [www.ucd.ie](http://www.ucd.ie)

# 1 General Information

## UCD International Office

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## 2 Nomination and Application Information

### Nominations:

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European partners please email your nominations to [incoming.erasmus@ucd.ie](mailto:incoming.erasmus@ucd.ie)  
Partners outside of Europe please email your nominations to [incoming.exchanges@ucd.ie](mailto:incoming.exchanges@ucd.ie)

**Nomination deadlines:**  
Semester 1 - 1st May  
Semester 2 - 1st October

### Applications:

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Application instructions will be emailed to the nominated students.  
The online application for exchange students is available at [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)  
Please note that UCD does not accept Erasmus freemover students.

**Application deadlines:**  
Semester 1 - 15th May  
Semester 2 - 15th October

## 3 Accommodation

After students have been accepted to UCD, the International Office e-mails them instructions on how to apply for the UCD Residences. Further information on on-campus accommodation in UCD is available at: [www.ucd.ie/residences](http://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](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 20ECTS for immigration reasons.

## Course Selection and Registration

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

Restrictions apply in some subject areas:  
UCD College of Health and Agricultural Sciences  
School of 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

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Examination results are released online to all students and they are notified by email regarding the date they will be available. Erasmus Students are later sent a formal Statement of Results by post, to their home address.

Students from outside of Europe are later sent their formal Statement of Results by post, to their home institution.

## Language of instruction

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

Erasmus students are not required to provide a proof of their English language 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/international/study-at-ucd-global/uc-denglishlanguagerequirements/](http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/uc-denglishlanguagerequirements/)

## Grading system

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Full information on the UCD grading system is available at [www.ucd.ie/students/assessment/results.html](http://www.ucd.ie/students/assessment/results.html).

## 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 is otherwise 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.

# 5 Immigration requirements

## Student Visa

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Students with citizenship of countries listed in the appendices of the [International Students Handbook](#) do not require a student visa to enter Ireland but must register with immigration after arrival in Dublin. Information on registration with immigration is available in section 3 of the [International Students Handbook](#) and will be further explained at orientation.

Students with citizenship of a country not listed in the appendices of the [International Students Handbook](#) must contact their local Irish embassy for information about visa application.

### Important:

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

See also [www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/visa-and-immigration/](http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/visa-and-immigration/).

Incoming students should email [incoming.exchanges@ucd.ie](mailto:incoming.exchanges@ucd.ie) to request supporting documentation.

## Work

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Exchange students from outside Europe cannot seek employment. 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

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Aircoach, a private bus services, operates a regular service from Dublin Airport to UCD at a cost of €10.00 single/€16.00 return. Advance booking is available online, along with further information, at [www.aircoach.ie](http://www.aircoach.ie)

## Insurance

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Detailed information regarding health insurance and the Student Health Service in UCD is available in the [International Students Handbook](#). EU students should have an EHIC card. All students from outside of Europe are required to have health insurance in order to register at the immigration office. Please see Page 9 of the student handbook for more information.

# 6 Cost of Living

## Estimated total cost of living per month

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See information at [www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/living-costs/](http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/living-costs/)

## University accommodation

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Details of the costs of the various residences on-campus are found at: [www.ucd.ie/residences/residential-services/finance/](http://www.ucd.ie/residences/residential-services/finance/)