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Students receive a world-class education with lots of career opportunities upon graduation.

"I found the experience very positive, the classes were the right mix of theory and practice. The major benefit was the access to relevant industry players and leaders throughout the year, I really appreciated the network I developed."

Cassandra Corbet, Strategy Manager for Prospectus Management Consultants, moved from USA to Ireland to pursue MSc Management Consultancy at UCD.

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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

PROFESSOR ORLA FEELY
PRESIDENT
UACHTARÁN

Choosing the right degree and the right university are important decisions and I hope that this prospectus, and the range of engagements we offer through UCD Global, will encourage you to join us here at this great university.

At UCD, you will find a dynamic and welcoming community, where diversity is celebrated and everyone is treated fairly, allowing you to achieve your full potential. Our educational environment is designed to stimulate you with modern, flexible teaching and learning practices, utilising the most up-to-date technology. The range of subject choice we offer is unrivalled in Ireland. Our world-leading lecturers bring their research and their scholarship into the classroom so that you can engage with the most up-to-date knowledge. Recognising the pace of change in the world in which we live, we update our curriculum content and structure regularly so that you will enjoy the best educational experience possible.

We match your ambition to succeed and develop over the course of your journey with us. This year, the QS World University Subject Rankings ranked UCD in the top 50 globally in four subjects. This achievement is a reflection on the quality of our faculty and staff and means that you will take with you an internationally recognised badge of quality when you graduate that will serve you well in your career. Our strong industry partnerships and hard-working career networks ensure that you will have every opportunity to thrive in your chosen careers, whether that is here in Ireland or globally.

Life at university is not just about lectures and study, there is so much more to life on campus at UCD. You will find that sports, societies and the social life are vital ingredients of your university experience. Our campus-based approach gives you the opportunity to explore everything on offer, recognising that critical life skills are gained through interaction with your peers and personal exploration.

Your university experience is an exciting journey of academic and personal discovery. Please check our website and social media channels to learn more about our beautiful suburban campus, our on-campus accommodation and facilities, our sports and social activities and much more.

In order to address the challenges facing our rapidly changing world, we need critical and engaged students with the skills and confidence to see opportunities in those challenges. Today's students are tomorrow's global citizens, and we will provide you with an excellent education and a student experience which will empower you to embrace, shape and address the challenges.

With over 10,000 international students from 144 countries on our campuses, you will be part of a diverse and cosmopolitan campus spread across 330 acres, with spaces for our students to think, explore and create, while also being just a 15-minute bus journey from the vibrancy of Dublin city centre. Our Global Centres in New York, Beijing, New Delhi, Kuala Lumpur, and Dubai provide an accessible first point of contact for high schools, partner institutions, students and parents in your local time zone.

As a proud alumna myself, I know that coming to UCD is one of the best decisions you will make, and I look forward to welcoming you into our vibrant and embracing community.

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The information provided in this prospectus is correct at the time of going to press, but the degree programmes are subject to continuing development and the University reserves the right to make changes at any time, before or after a student's admission. As much notice as possible will be given of such changes, but interested applicants should check www.ucd.ie regularly. All enquiries in relation to application and admission should be addressed to:

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All students featured in this prospectus are UCD students/graduates.

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CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE

A hundred thousand welcomes to Ireland - an innovative, globally connected and digitally advanced nation.

Ireland is the perfect destination for an international student looking for a world-class education in a diverse, progressive country with great career opportunities. Ireland is also perfect for students interested in stunning scenery, beautiful coastal and mountain walks, ancient culture and architecture. Students who prefer the indoors life will adore our numerous museums, art galleries, cathedrals, cafe culture and cosy Irish pubs with their traditional music and atmosphere.

Ireland is Safe

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

Ireland is 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'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 have diverse… weather

In Ireland, a daily hot (or cold, or rainy) topic for discussion 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 going to class!

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 Sceilg Mhichíl (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. With two UNESCO World Heritage sites; the Neolithic chambers of Brú na Bóinne, and the previously mentioned Skellig Michael, cathedrals, castles, museums, theatres and live music, Ireland's past and present can be explored on every corner.

We celebrate diversity

Ireland welcomes all, celebrating the enriching experience of multiculturalism, opening its doors to people from all over the world. The Irish hospitality is a major attraction for those looking to travel, study and live safely and happily.

DESTINATION IRELAND

Ireland is the ideal destination for international students who want to study abroad. The Irish education system is ranked in the Global Top 10. Ireland's graduates are in demand in government, industry, NGOs and organisations worldwide. You will study in a safe, friendly and beautiful country that combines dynamic modern cities with thousands of years of history and culture.

Our education system is excellent

Ireland's education system is amongst the best in the world. We have a higher percentage of 3rd 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 connected

Ireland is a **gateway to world markets** and is one of the most open and globally connected countries in the world. Ireland's geographic position, easy transport links to Europe, the US and the Middle East, and membership of the European Union and Eurozone, ensure easy access across the globe.

Only English speaking country in the EU

Ireland is the only English speaking member state of the European Union (aside from Malta).

Committed to the 2030 SDGs

Ireland has committed to the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to fully achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Global innovation leader

Ireland is in the Global Top 20 for the quality of our scientific research (12th) and ranks:

- 1st knowledge impact
- 2nd Immunology
- 3rd Pharmacology and Toxicology
- 3rd Agricultural Sciences
- 4th Neuroscience and Behaviour
- 5th Material Sciences

Ireland is widely regarded for excellence in research, development, science and technology.

(Source: 2020 Science Foundation Ireland report)

Great career opportunities

With a **two year stay back visa** for postgraduates, and a one year stay back visa for undergraduates, many international students choose to stay in Ireland beyond their studies and start their careers here.

Ireland is home to many of the world's leading high-performance companies including Intel, Twitter, Pfizer, Citi, Huawei, Takeda, Fujitsu, Novartis and Trend Micro.

Many sectors in Ireland attract investment and provide fantastic career opportunities for graduates. These include Financial Services, ICT, Digital Media, Pharmaceuticals, Engineering, Life Sciences and Consumer Brands among others.

SECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Ireland is positioning itself to become a world leader in the Internet of Things, Big Data, MedTech, BioPharma, Health Innovation, Finance, and Agri-Food.

ICT

IRELAND IS THE ICT HUB FOR EUROPEAN OPERATIONS.

Ireland has a legacy of ICT engagement from Apple, IBM, and Intel to TikTok, Meta and Google. 16 of the top 20 global tech companies are based in Ireland, with 106,000+ employees. Ireland is the second largest exporter of computer and IT services in the world, accounting for €50+ billion annually.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

THE MANUFACTURE OF FOOD AND DRINK IS IRELAND'S MOST IMPORTANT INDIGENOUS INDUSTRY.

With over €15.4 billion worth of product exported worldwide, Ireland is a major global supplier of dairy products, such as butter, cheese and nutritional powders. Up to 90% of food produced in Ireland is exported, and it has an unparalleled reputation for quality and safety. Irish Agri-food companies are global players in their sphere and aim to be a world leader in sustainable food systems in the near-term.

PHARMA

IRELAND IS A WORLD-LEADING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF PHARMACEUTICAL AND FINE CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

Ireland is a globally-recognised centre of excellence for innovation and development in biopharmaceutical and pharmaceutical manufacture and supply. Ireland is the third largest exporter of pharmaceuticals globally.

All of the world's top 10 BioPharmaceutical companies have facilities here and the sector has invested €10 billion in Ireland over the past decade. We have 50 FDA approved pharma and biopharma plants. Over 30,000 people are directly employed in the sector and we have yearly exports worth €80+ billion.

MED TECH

THE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SECTOR IN IRELAND IS RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE FIVE GLOBAL EMERGING HUBS.

The sector employs over 45,000 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 exports

of €13+ billion, accounting for 8% of total exports from Ireland. Ireland is the lead exporter, globally, of contact lenses and cardiac stents – and the 3rd largest exporter of artificial joints. 14 of the world's top 15 medical technology companies have a base in Ireland.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

IRELAND IS THE 5TH LARGEST EXPORTER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES IN EUROPE.

It is home to over 430 international financial institutions in world leading areas such as aircraft leasing and fund administration.

Jobs in the sector have grown 25% since 2015, with 47,000+ people employed and annual exports worth €11+ billion.

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. It employs 23,000+ people and exports €5.6 billion annually.

DESTINATION DUBLIN

UCD is located in Ireland's capital city, Dublin. This lively, cosmopolitan and friendly city 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 named in the list of Europe's friendliest cities 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

Dubin hosts many annual events such as the St Patrick's Festival, Chinese New Year Festival, Culture Night, the Dublin Film Festival, and is home to the national football and rugby teams.

We have an incredible arts and performance scene

Dublin has jaw-dropping creative talent, and amazing authors such as James Joyce, Roddy Doyle, and Anne Enright are all 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, and 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 food stores 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.

DESTINATION UCD

UCD is one of the top universities in the world according to the 2022 QS World University. UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutes worldwide.

Ireland's Most International University

With over **9,500 international students** from more than 152 countries UCD has the largest international student population in Ireland.

Top Rankings in Subject Areas

In the 2023 QS World University Rankings by Subject, UCD ranked in the world top 50 in four subjects: Library & Information Management, English Language & Literature, Petroleum Engineering, and Veterinary Science. Alongside four subjects ranked in the Top 50, UCD has nine other subjects now ranked in the QS top-100 and, in total, 36 subjects among the Top 200.

UCD continues to be named among the best universities globally across 42 out of 54 subjects, and it remains Ireland's strongest institution in the league table.

Number one for global community

Many of the **300,000 global alumni network**, living in 184 countries, hold positions in leading organisations around the world. The UCD alumni network is influential, successful, active and truly international.

Number one for education

- The best **internationally accredited curriculum** in Ireland.
- The widest **range and choice of degrees** for students.
- The best teaching and learning structure for **quality education.**
- The most **flexible, fully modularised curriculum** in Ireland.

Top university for international faculty

International academics make up over 36% of UCD's faculty.

Number one for research

- UCD has the **highest volume of publications** per year across all Irish universities.
- UCD collaborated with more than **5,800 institutions worldwide** on 15,000 co-authored publications, from 2017 to 2021.
- It has the **2nd highest** citations per paper globally in the area of Food Science.

Number one for culture

- UCD is recognised as one of Europe's largest archives of **oral tradition and cultural history.**
- Home to the National Folklore Collection, and inscribed in 2017 to the **UNESCO Memory of the World Register.**
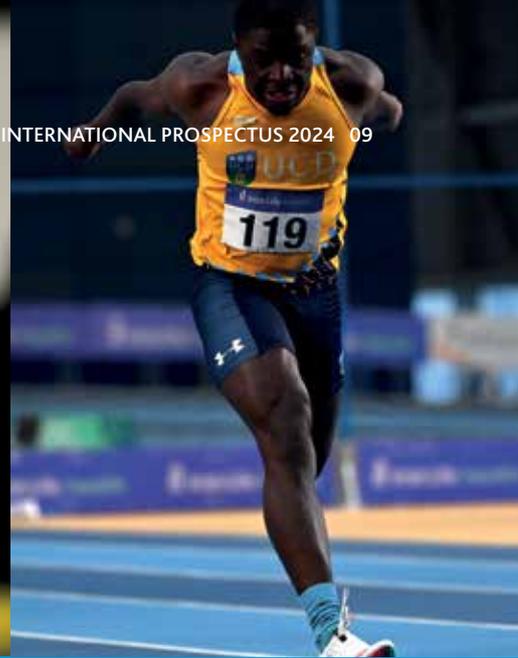
Number one for global connections

- UCD is a member of several international research and education networks and alliances such as **Universitas 21 (U21), UNICA and Una Europa alliance.**
- UCD has **three joint international colleges in China,** partnering with Beijing University of Technology, Chang'an University, and South China Agricultural University.
- UCD has global centres in **Beijing, New Delhi, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai and North America.**
- UCD provides and accredits degree programmes overseas in **cooperation with partner institutions** in China, Singapore, Malaysia, and Hong Kong.
- UCD established the **first Confucius Institute in Ireland** in 2006. It has been declared "Confucius Institute of the Year" three times.

Number one for sport

UCD is an outstanding university for sports, with a community of athletes competing at elite levels of their sports. UCD also provides Sport for All to encourage all our students to get involved.

- **Athletics:** Four UCD athletes were selected for the World Indoor Championships in March 2022. Israel Olatunde (Men's 60m), Luke McCann (Men's 1500m), Darragh McElhinney (Men's 3000m), and Sarah Healy (Women's 1500m) were part of the selected 19 athletes to represent Ireland. Many Irish U23 records were broken by UCD athletes in so far in 2022; McElhinney in the 5,000m (13:17.17) and 3,000m (7:44.01), Healy in the 1500m (4:02.86) and 3,000m (8:46.14), and Olatunde in the 100m (10.26).
- **Rowing:** UCD graduate Katie O'Brien won a gold medal in the PR2 W1x, also in a new world best time, at the 2022 World Cup II in Poznan in June 2022. Eimear Lambe was part of the Women's 4 crew which claimed a bronze medal.
- **Ladies Hockey:** Seven UCD students competed and helped Ireland finish in ninth place in their first ever Junior World Cup campaign held in Potchefstroom, South Africa in April.
- **Rugby:** The Irish Rugby side who claimed this year's Under 20s Six Nations Grand Slam title had no less than 11 UCD Rugby representatives involved throughout the campaign. UCD's James Culhane was named the U20 Six Nations Player of the Championship. Former UCD Ad Astra Academy Elite Sports scholar Josh van der Flier was named the EPCR European Player of the Year for 2022.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND STUDY SUPPORTS

UCD offers a number of support services to students who need to improve their English language skills, either during their studies or in advance of starting their degree.

English Language Requirements

All UCD programmes are taught through English, and applicants must provide evidence of equivalent competence in English language through a recognised English language test, as outlined below.

- IELTS: An average score of 6.5 over all components and a minimum of 6.0 in each band on the Academic Version.

- TOEFL: A minimum score of 90 is required in the Internet-based TOEFL (iBT) with no less than 21 in writing and at least 19 in every other section. UCD TOEFL DI Code 0087.

- Pearson English Language Test (PTE): Minimum of 63 and at least 59 for each item in the Communicative Skills section.

- Cambridge Examinations: 176+ on Cambridge English scale (with no less than 169 in each skill and use of English). Acceptable Examinations: Proficiency Certificate, Grade C (i.e. CEFR Level C1 or C2); Advanced Certificate, Grade C (i.e. CEFR Level C1 or C2); First Certificate, Grade A (i.e. CEFR Level C1).

- Trinity ISE 3: At least merit in each skill category.

- University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES): English at grade C or above (incorporating the Oxford Examining Body's English as a Foreign Language (Higher Paper)).
- Cambridge English Language (1119) conducted overseas by UCLES (Malaysia): B4 or better.

- English Test for Academic and Professional Purposes (ETAPP): Grade C1 (i.e. CEFR Level C1 or C2).

- UK Examining Boards/Bodies: GCE O-Level English Language at Grade C or above, GCSE English Language at Grade C or above, GCSE English Literature at Grade C or above.

- Duolingo English Test (DET): A minimum DET score of 120 is required with at least 110 in each subscore.

- Other evidence of proficiency in English may be accepted, for example some high school exams (i.e. IB Diploma) or degree through English or English major. For further advice please contact UCD Global at **internationalenquiries@ucd.ie**.

- For some graduate courses the requirements may be higher. Please visit the UCD Minimum English Language requirements information for further details:
→ **https://bit.ly/3o0ZNSf**

UCD Centre for English and Global Languages

The UCD Centre for English and Global Languages provides a wide range of language-learning programmes and services for all students. The emphasis is on the acquisition of communication skills to ensure that students develop the competence and confidence to use the target languages for study or work purposes. The ALC centre offers the following:

- Global Language Modules for all students. Languages on offer: Arabic, Chinese, English for Academic Purposes, French, German, Irish Sign Language, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swahili.
- English language modules for Erasmus, non-EU/ Exchange and full time international undergraduate and graduate students.
- Pathway programmes (Pre-sessional and Pre-Master's programmes) that offer students the best preparation for their degree studies at UCD.
- An MA/Graduate Diploma in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

For more information, send an email to **languages@ucd.ie.**

Pre-sessional English courses

UCD's Pre-Sessional Pathways help you gain your required level of English for entry to UCD degree programmes. They are suitable for students who:

- Need to improve their language skills as a condition of entry to their UCD degree programme
- Have already met the English Language conditions for entry, but wish to improve their proficiency and acclimatise to life and study at UCD before the academic year begins

→ **www.ucd.ie/cegl**

International Pre-Master's Pathway Programme (IPMP)

This programme is designed primarily for international students who meet the academic entry requirements of their chosen UCD graduate taught programme but do not yet meet the English language requirements for direct entry. The principal function of the Pre-Master's Programme is to prepare students to successfully undertake their chosen UCD Master's Programme by:

- **Increasing their English language skills** to the level necessary to undertake their UCD Master's programme, and
- Allowing them to become **familiar with how their chosen subject area is delivered** in UCD while also gaining experience of life as a UCD student before commencing their graduate studies.

Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to check whether or not UCD ALC programmes meet entry requirements.

→ **www.ucd.ie/alc**

International Foundation Year

The UCD International Foundation Year is specifically designed for international students who need additional study before starting an undergraduate degree programme at UCD. The programme consists of three terms. Each programme combines study skills, English language training and academic study to prepare you for degree-level study. We take special care to provide international students with the set of academic study skills that are required of domestic students but may not be taught in other countries, so that the transition to a different education system is as easy as possible for you.

Depending on the degree you want to access, you can choose from three routes:

- Business, Economics and Finance
- Engineering and Sciences
- Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities

On the programme, you will study four core subject modules and four subject-specific modules designed to focus on the academic areas most useful for your degree. The full list of eligible programmes is available on page 30 of this prospectus. You can find more information about the programmes you can progress to at

→ **www.dublinisc.com**

English Language Preparation (pre IFY)

If you require additional language training before you start your UCD ISC International Foundation Year, you can first join the intensive Language for Study (LFS) course, taught at the International Study Centre. The course will improve your English language skills to the required level equivalent of IELTS 5.0.

If you have an IELTS level of 4.5 or equivalent, you will need one term of LFS. You can either start in July or September. At the end of your LFS course, you will not be required to retake your IELTS, but will progress to the International Foundation Year, providing you have achieved the required module grades.

APPLYING TO UCD FOR **UNDERGRADUATE** STUDENTS

Applying to UCD is easy! With information online, and supports offered by our Global Centres and International Admissions Team, our application process is quick and efficient.

General entry requirements for A-level and International Baccalaureate Diploma can be found on the programme pages of this prospectus. These are provided as the guideline entry requirements that applicants must meet when applying on the basis of school-leaving results. For country-specific entry requirements, please select your country at:

→ **www.ucd.ie/global**

If your country is not listed, or to check the acceptability of your qualifications, please email us at

→ **internationalenquiries@ucd.ie**

In addition to satisfying the general academic criteria, there may be further programme-specific requirements, such as proof of competency in mathematics (e.g. Engineering). Please refer to the programme pages for information on required or recommended subjects (e.g. French, Biology, etc.).

Visas and Immigration

Some, but not all non-EU/EEA students require an entry visa for Ireland. You can check on the Irish Immigration Service Delivery website (**www.inis.gov.ie**) for the list of countries that are not visa required. If your country is not on the list, then you require a visa. For example, USA, Canadian, and Malaysian students do not require a visa but Indian, Chinese and Russian students do.

If you are applying from China, India, Nigeria or Russia, please also check the Irish Embassy website for details of further documentation which may be required.

Note: *Ireland is not a member of the Schengen Agreement. You will, therefore, still have to apply for an Irish visa even if you have a visa for a Schengen country.*

All students from countries outside the European Union or European Economic Area, after they have registered with UCD, **must** register with Immigration Service Delivery in order to obtain a permission to remain in Ireland. This registration must take place before the expiry date stamped on your passport by immigration officials at the airport. This requirement also includes countries such as USA and Canada, which,

although they do not require a visa to enter Ireland, they are required to register with Immigration Service Delivery after arrival. Further information on registration will be provided at orientation.

Visit the websites for more information.

→ **www.inis.gov.ie**
→ **www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/studentimmigration**

Medical and travel insurance

Non-EU Students: Because of the regulations of the Irish Immigration Service Delivery, students from outside the EU **must** obtain private health insurance. UCD does not arrange health insurance for students. 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.

EU Students: Students from EU Member States in possession of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to public health services in Ireland. The EHIC card is available from the health authorities in your home country. For further information and information on your entitlements to healthcare while in Ireland, please see the European Health Insurance Card website **www.ehic.ie**

Virtual UCD Campus Tour

Explore the amazing UCD campus for yourself through our 3D, immersive virtual tour. Our huge, urban campus is nature-filled with a beautiful woodland walk, features world-class learning facilities, modern comfortable student accommodation, and our fab Global Lounge.

→ **www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/campustours/**

International Education Fairs

We regularly attend virtual and in-person international education fairs with academics from the University to meet with potential students around the world throughout the year. Come along to meet us and we'll be happy to discuss any questions you have about living and studying in Dublin.

→ **www.ucd.ie/global/events**
→ **internationalenquiries@ucd.ie**

APPLYING TO UCD FOR MASTERS STUDENTS

Two types of Graduate courses are available at UCD, Taught and Research.

Graduate Taught courses, such as Graduate Diplomas, MA, MSc and ME, are taken by students who hold an undergraduate degree. The majority of the course will involve taught modules.

Research courses, such as Master's by Research or PhD, involve students carrying out their own research and academic study under the one-to-one guidance of their academic supervisor.

In all cases, to graduate with a Master's Degree, you will need to complete a dissertation or participate in a credit-bearing internship (in which case a report might replace the submission of a thesis).

There is a comprehensive website dedicated to Graduate students at UCD. Please visit **www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies** for further information on Masters and postgraduate courses at UCD.

Admission requirements to taught programmes

The normal requirement is a recognised Bachelor's Degree at Second Class Honours, Grade One (2:1), or equivalent. Applicants should check the programme specific requirements as some degrees may require a higher standard for entry. For applicants who do not have the required minimum academic entry standard, a year-long qualifying course, such as a Higher or Graduate Diploma, may be available in some cases.

Admission requirements to research programmes

For Master's by Research Degrees, coursework and examinations may also be specified by the College at entry. Normally these have to be satisfactorily completed in the first year of a Master's Degree programme.

To be eligible to enter one of UCD's PhD programmes, a candidate must have reached a high honours standard in their primary degree. In a significant number of cases, a Master's Degree may also be required. Specific information on entry requirements can be found on the relevant UCD School website.

Medical and travel insurance

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SCHOLARSHIPS, FEES AND FUNDING

Tuition Fees

UCD tuition fees vary according to the degree taken. They cover the cost of study at the University, as well as charges for registration, tuition, supervision, research consumables and equipment usage, examinations and graduation. For up-to-date details of tuition fees by programme of study, including additional programme costs, please check the UCD Fees website at **www.ucd.ie/students/fees**

Cost of Living

This table gives a rough guide to the cost of living in Dublin over the course of one month.

MONTHLY COSTS	Lowest*	Median	Highest
Accommodation (based on the majority of UCD accommodation rates)	€750	€1,030	€1,350
Electricty/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
Miscellaneous	€45	€100	€150
Social/Personal	€90	€160	€225
Total:	€1,388	€1,995	€2,695

Important Note on Costs: 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. An important cost to also consider is the annual cost for health insurance for non-EU/EEA students. This can range from €135 to €680 per year depending on your age and the duration of your course.

All non EU/EEA students **must** also 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 2022, the fee for this card is €300 and should be included in your budgeting calculations.

Loans

US Federal Student Loans

For comprehensive information on loans and aid for North American students, please go to the Scholarships and Finance option at **www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/northamericaloans/usfederalaid** United States (US) citizens and permanent residents attending UCD are eligible to apply for Federal Student Aid from the US Department of Education. UCD participates in the William D. Ford Direct Loan programme. Additionally, it recognises aid provided for US Veterans through the GI Bill. Students may also be able to access private loans and 529 plans, if necessary.

Canadian Student Aid

The government of Canada offers Canadian Student Aid to full-time and part-time post-secondary students who demonstrate financial need in most provinces and territories across Canada. UCD is approved to administer these loans.

For more information, please see

→ **www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/northamericaloans/canadianloans/**

Loans for students from other countries

The University does not currently administer loans from countries other than Canada and the US. You should check with your country's government to see whether it provides loans for study in Ireland and what the process is to apply for one.

Other Funding Opportunities

Some international students at UCD are funded from their home governments or other funding bodies. For more information, you should contact the Ministry of Education or other appropriate government agency directly in your home country.

Some multinational aid organisations and other large corporations also provide scholarship funding for international students. If you wish to apply for assistance, please contact the nominated administrator within that organisation directly.

Scholarships

Student excellence and achievements are recognised in UCD through a wide variety of scholarships and awards. UCD supports a range of scholarships and awards (at undergraduate and postgraduate level), which celebrate the diverse talents of our students. Many of these awards are highly regarded by employers and industry. All available scholarships for students on the non-EU fee rate can be found here: **www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships**

Scholarships for International Students

To award outstanding achievement and to attract students of the highest calibre from around the world, UCD is pleased to offer a number of scholarships to international students. These scholarships are competitively awarded based on academic merit and offered by country and/or by discipline. Recipients of these scholarships are presented with a full or partial tuition fee scholarship, (and larger awards may require a separate application).

The University also offers a range of other scholarship opportunities to enrolled students, including:

300 separate awards, prizes and medals, presented annually to undergraduate and postgraduate students who excel in specific subject areas or modules. For more information, please see

→ **www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships**

Global Excellence Scholarships are awarded to incoming top performing students on non-EU fees through an annual competition. Students are awarded either a 100% or 50% scholarship for the duration of their programme.

For more information, please see:

→ **www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/globalexcellencescholarships/**

The UCD Ad Astra Academy recognises exceptional students through one of three highly competitive scholarships:

- Ad Astra Academic Scholarships. Outstanding students who have been awarded a 100% Global Excellence Scholarship will be invited to apply for the Ad Astra Academic Scholarship.
- Ad Astra Elite Sports Scholarships, for students who have competed in recognised, major sporting competitions.
- Ad Astra Performing Arts Scholarships, for young instrumentalists, vocalists and actors in any programme at UCD.

For more information, including application details, please see:

→ **www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy**

Scholarship

My University College Dublin (UCD) journey began on a sunny Sunday afternoon in Thailand. I did part-time work on weekends near the Siam Paragon mall. During a break I headed to the mall for some air conditioning, and the OCSC Education Expo happened to be going on. At the time, I had just finished my undergraduate degree at Mahidol University's International College which I'd financed through two part-time jobs. And, for financial reasons I wasn't planning to do a Masters any time soon. But I figured there was no harm in gathering some information!

I happened to walk past the UCD booth. And what followed was an absolutely lovely conversation that inspired me to go home and research UCD straight away. I asked all of my professors for their advice and their response was unanimous. They all advised me to apply to UCD, but I felt I simply couldn't afford it. The Global Excellence Scholarship however made it a possibility for me. And with a 4.0/4.0 GPA - and my extracurricular history – I felt I should try for the scholarship. And to my joy I was accepted!

UCD has been everything I wanted. It's an incredible university that's in the top 1% of higher education institutions world-wide, and number one in the country for producing employable graduates. The modules are both useful and interesting, and I'm greatly enjoying them. Plus, the internship option is fantastic! I'm planning on directly entering the workforce after studying, so that practical, hands-on experience will be hugely beneficial in helping me develop. As a half-Swiss, half-Filipino raised in Thailand who'd majored in Intercultural Studies, the fact that UCD is so international is also very important for me, especially considering I'm majoring in International Development.

The real cherry on top is the student life. Having so many extracurricular opportunities here at UCD (seminars, sports clubs, student societies, and more) is fantastic. My time here at UCD has been marvellous so far, and I'm sure it'll only get better.

Rosemary Gosteli Dela Cruz

LIFE ON CAMPUS

The main UCD Belfield campus has a huge range of facilities including restaurants, cafés, a bookshop, a bike shop, a barber shop, a bar, a grocery store, a large student centre and outstanding sports facilities.

UCD Student Centre

The Student Centre and the UCD Sport and Fitness complex are the hub of student life on campus. **Student Centre** facilities include a state-of-the-art 3D cinema, drama theatre, debating chamber, 600-seat auditorium, meeting rooms for student clubs and societies, TV studio, radio pod, seminar room, medical centre, pharmacy, barber shop and newsagent, UCD Clubhouse (bar and function room), cafés, shops and social spaces.

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. Here you will find a world class gym, extensive fitness classes, a 50 metre Olympic swimming pool, football, rugby and hockey pitches, as well as tennis and basketball courts.

Student Gym Membership entitles current UCD students to free access to the 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.

Students' Union shops are run by the UCD Students' Union and are stocked with student needs in mind.

UCD's Student Societies organise multiple events throughout the year, and are a great social network for students. The International Student Society organises regular trips throughout Ireland, and there are societies and clubs to cater for all interests.

For more information on the fantastic range of student societies, visit:

→ **www.societies.ucd.ie**

UCD also offers a wide range of Sports Clubs for you to join. With over 50 official sports clubs, 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! Find out more at **www.ucd.ie/sport**

UCD AND SUSTAINABILITY

UCD is committed to being a green and sustainable campus. The Green Campus initiative aims to encourage students and staff to work together to implement projects and initiatives to raise awareness of environmental issues and improve the environmental performance of their institution. The UCD Green Campus project is focused on delivering projects where students can become actively involved.

Please see UCD Global's Sustainability Green Guide: www.ucd.ie/global/sustainability

UCD Student Accommodation

UCD has a vibrant student community with over 4,000 students living on a state-of-the-art campus close to Dublin city centre. UCD Residences provides safe, comfortable and modern accommodation. Students can choose from apartments, halls and catered accommodation, and all UCD accommodation is single-room and apartment-style. Campus safety is a priority, and 24-hour security is in operation. For further information, please visit Residences website:

→ **www.ucd.ie/residences**

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

UCD aims to guarantee first year, international students on-campus accommodation as we recognise you may need a little more support to help you get started at UCD.

Graduate Student Accommodation at Blackrock

Residences at the UCD Smurfit School campus in Blackrock consist mostly of fully-furnished, six-bedroom apartments with individual ensuite facilities and study areas.

Further details are available at:

→ **www.ucd.ie/residences**
→ **Email: residences@ucd.ie**
→ **Tel: +35317161031**

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/**

STUDENT WELFARE

Support Services for Students

At UCD we take great care to ensure that all of our students feel supported throughout their time here. From Student Advisers, to academic supports and health and welfare services, you can be sure that students feel safe at UCD.

UCD Student Health Service provides an on campus primary care medical service for all students of UCD. Our staff of doctors, nurses and a part time psychiatrist offer professional, confidential care with a wide range of medical services available **www.ucd.ie/stuhealth**

Along with all other support services, UCD has a variety of supports available specifically for students with a disability.

These include:

- Orientation activities and academic skills support
- Advice and guidance on academic, personal and practical issues
- Needs assessment for exam accommodations and assistive technology support
- Independent learning skills
- Specialised student adviser support

Students with a disability studying in UCD may avail of post-entry academic and exam accommodations. Students wishing to avail of these supports must attend a needs assessment appointment. Supports are agreed between the student and UCD, based on national guidelines, course demands and the student's anticipated needs.

→ **www.ucd.ie/all**

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 & Humanities) 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, academic, personal or practical issues, and help students to access other support services where necessary.

→ **www.ucd.ie/studentadvisers**

UCD Peer Mentoring

Every new undergraduate student in UCD is assigned a Peer Mentor, who is usually a second or third year student from the same or similar subject area as you. They will be your informal point of contact during your transition into university, guiding you through Orientation, helping you settle in and arranging group activities in your first year. They also provide important advice around assignments and exams and introduce you to other first year students, making it easier to meet new friends.

→ **www.ucd.ie/peermentoring**

KEY FACT

UCD has the largest Peer Mentor programme of any Irish university, with over 600 Peer Mentors last year.

www.instagram.com/ucdpeermentors/

→ **www.ucd.ie/students/help**

→ **www.ucd.ie/stuhealth**

→ **www.ucd.ie/studentcounselling**

UCD Global Guides and the Global Lounge

Global Guides are current UCD students who work in the Global Lounge. They are available to answer questions regarding UCD and student life, point you in the right direction or to just have a chat with. You can also connect with them on the UCD Global Instagram account, just send them a DM!

The Global Lounge is a relaxed space for you to hang out in during your time at UCD. Open five days a week and available for event bookings, the Global Lounge plays host to a range of events and activities throughout the year. It is the centre of global engagement on campus and provides a "home away from home" experience to all UCD students.

⬡ **www.instagram.com/ucdglobal**

→ **www.ucd.ie/global/studentexperience/theucdgloballounge/**

UCD Students' Union (UCDSU)

All UCD students are automatically members of UCDSU, which represents students' views and opinions on a number of university committees from all areas of university life. It is the voice of the student population. Five elected officers offer support and advice to students during their time in UCD - the President, Welfare Officer, Education Officer, Graduate Officer and Campaigns & Communications Officer.

The UCDSU is there to advise, support and direct students through any situation that arises. All the UCDSU officers are UCD students, so they understand the issues facing students. Students can visit 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.

⬡ **www.ucdsu.ie**

⬡ **www.instagram.com/ucdsu**

⬡ **www.twitter.com/UCDSU**

> "My favourite thing about being a Global Guide was to learn more about new cultures. I met people from all around the world at our various exciting cultural and social events held in the Global Lounge and have made countless friends in the process.
>
> Being able to help fellow international students and welcoming them on their journey in UCD gives me a feeling of fulfillment and happiness. My favourite time of the year is Orientation where we have many creative and fun events to meet people and make them feel welcome at our global university.
>
> Arno Banerjee, India,
> UCD Global Guide
> and Science student"

Learning Support

For new students entering first year, UCD provides dedicated resources to support learning and development.

IT Services

Online services can be accessed 24/7 whether you are at home or abroad through UCD Connect. UCD Connect gives you access to your personal files, library resources and online learning resources.

A large amount of software is available to students at no charge when you come to UCD, including AutoCAD, EndNote, Microsoft Office and SPSS.

There are two IT Centres on campus, located in the Daedalus and Health Sciences buildings. Look out for our mobile IT Centre which will be on the move across campus during term time! UCD is a BYOD (bring your own device) campus so come to us for all your device queries. UCD also has 1,000 computers available in open-access laboratories across campus. Online support is available at

→ **www.ucd.ie/itservices**

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.

→ **www.ucd.ie/library**

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.

→ **www.ucd.ie/msc**

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

→ **www.ucd.ie/writingcentre**

Religious Worship

Students from many different countries and religious faith traditions come to study at UCD. Prayer rooms for Muslim students are located in different spaces on the Belfield campus. There is also a Christian prayer room in the Health Sciences Centre. The Clonskeagh Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre is a short walk from campus. A contemplation room is located in the St Stephen's Chaplaincy Centre, and Our Lady Seat of Wisdom church is located near the Student Centre. A faith directory is available at the chaplaincy which contains reference information.

→ **www.ucd.ie/chaplaincy**

UCD Dignity and Respect Support Service

The Dignity and Respect Support Advisers offer confidential and proactive support to students and staff who are impacted by issues of bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct. Should you experience these issues while studying at UCD the D&R Support Advisers can support you through informal resolution options and give you information and guidance on formal options. They are located on the 5th floor of the James Joyce Library Building and offer a drop-in and appointment booking service. For appointments email respect@ucd.ie. Further information is available from

→ **www.ucd.ie/dignityandrespect**

www.instagram.com/ucd_respect/

COMING TO UCD

Our Global Centres teams are on hand to answer any questions you may have about coming to UCD.

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, if your country falls outside these regions, please contact our central office in Dublin at internationalenquiries@ucd.ie

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North America

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12 E. 49th Street, 11th Floor,
New York, NY 10017, USA

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Email: **northamerica@ucd.ie**

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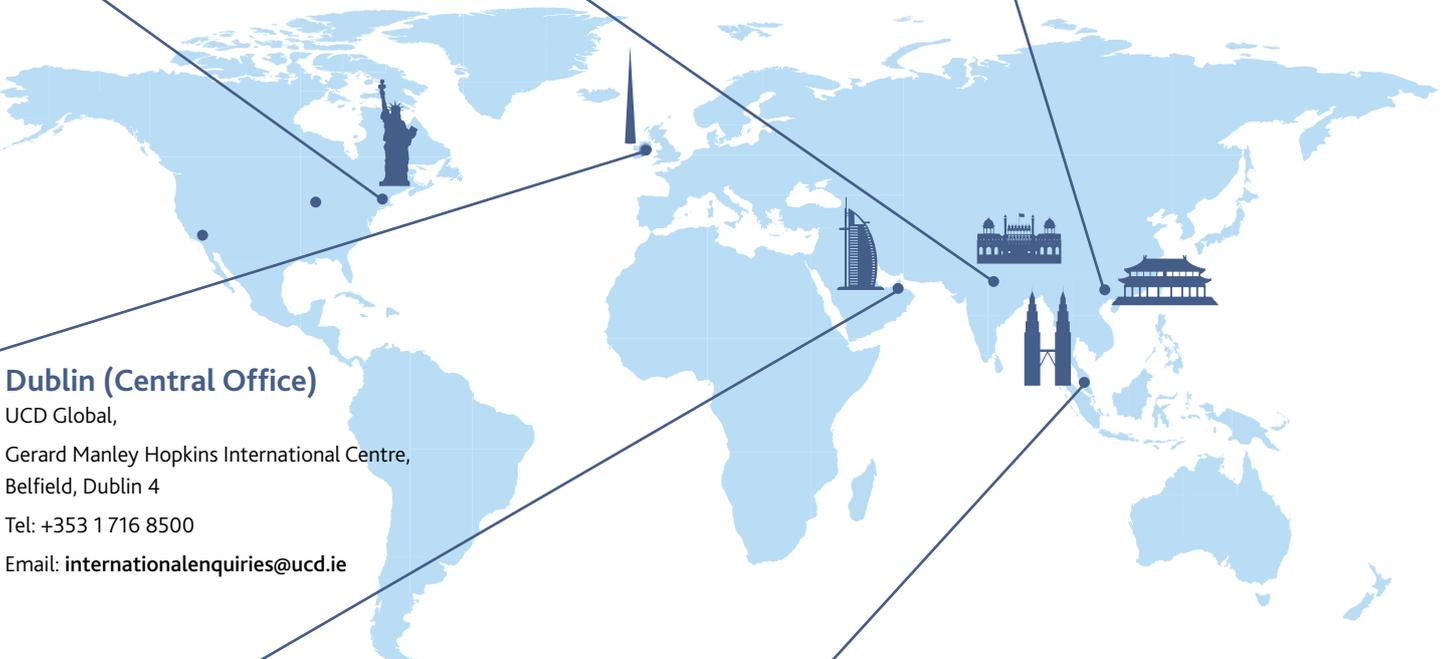UCD Weibo: 爱尔兰都柏林大学UCD

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UCD WELCOME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We understand that moving to a new country can be stressful. UCD Global coordinates a series of social, cultural and informational events throughout the year to help new international students settle in.

Arrival to Dublin – Airport Welcome

A dedicated team of UCD Global Guides are based in the Arrivals Hall of Dublin Airport during peak arrival times 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.

What happens during Orientation?

Make new friends and get to know people.
- Meet your UCD Orientation Guides and Peer Mentors (current UCD students), who will show you around campus, introduce you to your classmates and help you get settled into life at UCD.
- Meet your lecturers and support staff.
- Receive academic advice to help you finalise your choice of modules so you have your timetable in place before the first day of lectures.
- Collect your student card.

- Hear about all the student services at UCD.
- Meet and learn about the Students' Union.
- Attend the President's and Dean's welcome ceremonies to mark the official start to your UCD journey.

The best part of Orientation is that it's fun! Annual Orientation traditions include comedy, tapas and salsa dancing, debates, movie nights, sports tournaments, DJ and band nights in the Student Club, scavenger hunts and the Orientation Céilí.

UCD Global Orientation

When you come to UCD, you will be among 4,000 other new incoming students, many of whom you will interact with both during Orientation and throughout your time at UCD. You are now part of the UCD family!

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 fellow students through events such as the International Students' Welcome, Student Café & Fair, social and cultural

excursions and 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

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 Saints and Scholars 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.

Pick up items through the Great Donate

On arrival in Ireland, many students will want to pick up some items for their homes. There will be an opportunity for you to collect free items, including pots and pans, on-campus via the Great Donate initiative organised by Students' Union.

Activities and services offered by UCD Global are popular. When you arrive, make sure that you visit the UCD Global Guides for more information on events and activities. The Global Guides are current students who work in the UCD Global Lounge!

→ **www.ucd.ie/global/offerholders/orientation/**

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The Airport Welcome was really helpful; it was nice to see smiling faces when I first arrived!

I really enjoyed the International Students' Welcome because it made me feel at home at UCD, plus I got a free scarf!

The staff in the UCD Global Lounge were very helpful whenever I came in.

The Discover Dublin Day Trip was my favourite part about Orientation, as it was a good opportunity to travel in Dublin. The Global Guides were friendly and enthusiastic.

The International Student Café and Fair in the UCD Global Lounge was a chance for me to learn more about UCD and make new friends.

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STUDENT EXCHANGE & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

UCD encourages undergraduate students to study overseas. UCD has over 450 exchange partners worldwide in over 40 countries, and when you go on exchange you remain a fully registered student of UCD with all of our student services available to you. There are also fantastic volunteer opportunities for students.

Erasmus+ Exchanges

Students can participate in exchanges with partner universities in 29 countries in Europe through the Erasmus+ programme. Students on an Erasmus+ exchange are eligible to apply for Erasmus grant funding.

Universitas 21

As a member of the Universitas 21 global network you can study with one of our Universitas 21 partners. These include the National University of Singapore, University of Auckland and University of Melbourne. Within Europe, there are Universitas 21 partner universities in Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK. Alternatively, you can also choose other exchanges with universities in Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore and the USA.

International Volunteering Opportunities

Established in 2003, UCD Volunteers Overseas (UCDVO) is a registered charity. It provides students, staff and graduates with the opportunity to participate in a volunteering and global citizenship programme. This includes four weeks volunteering (onsite or online) with one of UCDVO's overseas partners in India, Tanzania and Uganda. The programme also includes a structured series of global citizenship education workshops, relevant training and debriefing.

In collaboration with partners UCDVO creates opportunities for transformative learning and responsible volunteering for a fair and sustainable world. Applications for volunteer placements open in September each year. You can also visit the UCDVO website for upcoming evening course or events around global citizenship:

→ **www.ucdvo.org**

"Going on exchange at the University of Auckland for a year has really changed the way I see the world! To have the opportunity to study unique subjects like Maori and Pacific studies was incredible, and to experience living in another country has been so rewarding. It might sound like a cliché, but I feel like studying abroad truly has given me so much confidence in myself and my future!'"

Yara Wooning

My involvement in the UCDVO programme has been one of the most important experiences of my life, one that has shaped my outlook on the world to be more diverse and culturally aware as well as completely changing my mind on what I want to do with my life after college. Most importantly, I have been lucky enough to have met the most amazing group of like-minded people who are now like my family. The relationships made through this experience are ones that never fade, and I look forward to 10 years down the line reminiscing on one of the hardest, sweatiest, most rewarding months of our lives.

Sophie Gorman, Assam Don Bosco
University, Northeast India, 2019

UCD Volunteer Overseas (UCDVO) has enabled me to form new connections, opened my eyes to my role as a global citizen, made me consider numerous social justice inequalities and inspired me with a flame of hope and a thirst for action - this was all without having to take a single step abroad.

Roisin Hiney, UCDVO Volunteer
2019-20.

YOUR CAREER PATHWAY

A qualification from a university of UCD's reputation places graduates in a strong position when it comes to finding a job. UCD remains a targeted university and each year hundreds of employers recruit directly on campus, while thousands of vacancies are advertised through the 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.
- Learn how to best research, identify and compete for graduate and internships jobs.
- Develop a winning CV, cover letter and interview techniques for face-to-face, telephone, video and group interviews.
- Develop the skills, competencies and career knowledge needed for success.

There are many resources available to students:

- You can **Jumpstart** your career in Ireland by learning about the Irish graduate recruitment market, develop the skills employers are seeking, and apply for jobs in Ireland, via this free online resource.
  www.ucd.ie/careers/resourcesforinternationalstudents/
- When you join UCD you can meet with a Career Consultant online or in person for a one-to-one career consultation.
- Our vacancy portal hosts thousands of internships and graduate positions targeted at UCD students. We also have an extensive programme of career and recruitment fairs and employer-led events annually.

- You will also have access to extensive digital resources via our MyCareer platform with a variety of e-learning content, career information and interactive tools available to you 24/7.
- You can register for the **UCD Advantage Award**, the University's co-curricular award which recognizes your achievements and activities outside the classroom.

Internships

Many UCD programmes offer internships to students. An internship provides a great opportunity for you to get practical experience in the industry which is related to your field of study/interest.

An academic internship is an internship that you complete as part of your programme of study for which you receive course credit. These are only offered as part of certain courses, so you should read your course description carefully to see whether your course includes an academic internship. If this is the case, you will complete your internship either during your academic year or immediately afterwards and you will be contacted by an Internship Manager after your arrival to Ireland to find out more. The Internship Manager will support you to apply competitively for roles advertised.

If your programme does not include an academic internship, it may be possible for you to complete a non-academic internship during the summer months when students can work full-time. For more information on your working rights, see the 'Working in Ireland' section on the UCD Global website at
www.ucd.ie/global/studentexperience/workinginireland/.
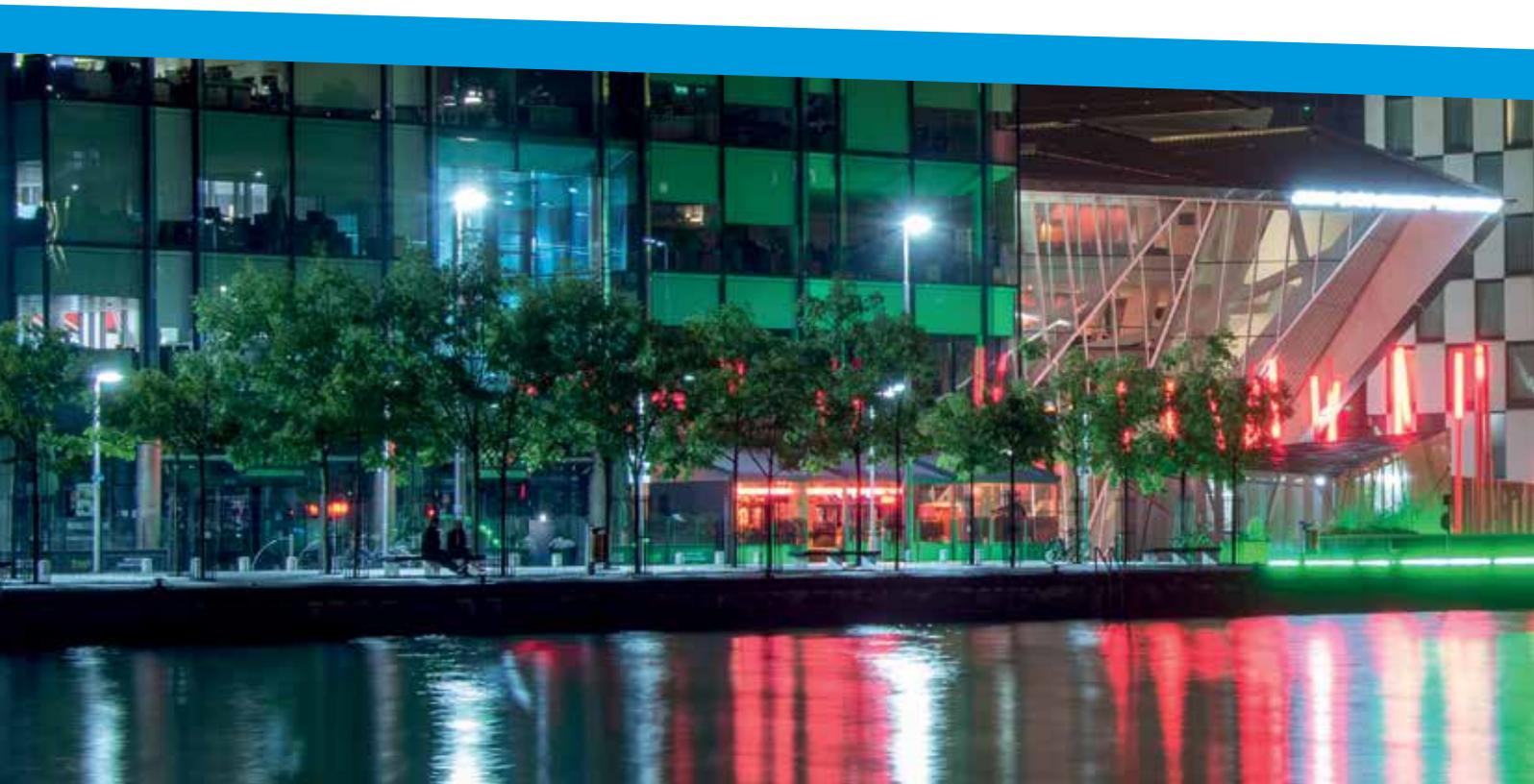
Many employers offer internship programmes and most of these are paid. Additionally, UCD hosts an Internship Fair on campus every year where employers promote opportunities to current students.

Find out more information at **www.ucd.ie/careers** and connect to the Careers Network through social media:

@UCDCareers

facebook.com/ucdcareers

@ucdcareers

Ireland's Stayback Visa (Third Level Graduate Scheme)

This scheme allows non-EU/EEA students who have completed a qualification from Irish higher education institutions to remain in Ireland to seek employment. Undergraduate students have the option to extend their stay in Ireland for 12 months, while Masters or PhD students can extend it for 24 months.

Employers can hire graduates who are eligible to work for up to 40 hours per week. After 24 months, you may be eligible for the Work Permit Scheme. More information about this scheme can be found at

→ **www.irishimmigration.ie**

When you're a student at UCD, make sure you:

- Attend the bespoke careers and professional development workshops delivered for your programme of study. You will get more information on these when you start.
- Register for the **UCD Advantage Award.**
- Come along to the **Recruitment Fairs and Employer Events on campus** (UCD login required to access events listing).
- Make an appointment for a **one-to-one consultation with a Career & Skills Consultant**.
- Check out the **online jobs portal** (UCD login required).

Deloitte.
At Deloitte, we seek graduates from all academic backgrounds to collaborate, explore and grow. Our people's diverse perspectives allow us to solve real challenges in business and society. Our graduate programme inspires and energises students while developing their leadership skills early on. We are proud to hire from UCD and have been consistently impressed with its students. If you're eager to learn, collaborate and grow, you'll make an impact here.

Jen Gallivan, Head of Talent Acquisition, Deloitte.

Deloitte.

UCD'S GLOBAL ALUMNI

UCD has a significant global network of alumni, living and working in all corners of the world. Our alumni are proud to call UCD their alma mater, and credit UCD with giving them the opportunities and foundations of their career success.

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 UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business, Andy completed the Quinn Internship Programme, interning with Google 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), an non-profit organisation that aims to connect, empower and facilitate collaboration among its members and Irish society.

Annie Atkins
Arts & Humanities

Annie Atkins is a graphic designer for film based in Ireland. Annie creates graphic props and set pieces for movie productions shooting all over the world. She has designed the graphics for three Oscar-nominated films: the animated feature The Boxtrolls, Spielberg's Cold War thriller Bridge of Spies and Wes Anderson's Grand Budapest Hotel – which went on to win the Academy Award for Best Production Design.

Bernard Looney
Engineering

Bernard Looney is chief executive officer of BP. He joined the organisation in 1991 as a drilling engineer, working in the North Sea, Alaska, the Gulf of Mexico and Vietnam. He later ran BP's oil and gas operations worldwide. He is a committed advocate of diversity and has worked to increase understanding of and support for mental health in BP. Bernard is a fellow of both the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Energy Institute and is a mentor in the FTSE 100 Cross-Company Mentoring Executive Programme.
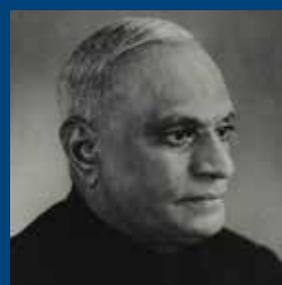
VV Giri

'When I am not an Indian, I am an Irishman'.'

V.V. Giri, who became the fourth President of India between 1969 - 1974, studied Law at UCD between 1913-1916. Giri studied at both the King's Inns and at UCD where, on top of legal studies, he studied for a BA in English and Political Economy.

When you receive an offer to study at UCD, you can connect with our alumni through the UCD Alumni Network - or through the Incoming Student Portal.

Judge Síofra O'Leary
Law

Judge Síofra O'Leary is a 1989 Bachelor of Civil Law graduate from UCD. In 2022 she was appointed President of the European Court of Human Rights becoming the first woman to take up the role in the courts 63-year history. Prior to her career in the Court of Human Rights, she was awarded a PhD from the European University Institute in Florence and lectured in a number of leading universities, including the University of Cambridge where she was appointed a fellow.

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 RTE TV show Home of the Year.

Dr. Patricia Scanlan
Medicine

Dr. Patricia Scanlan spearheaded the paediatric cancer treatment revolution in Tanzania. Graduating from 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.

www.instagram.com/ucdalumni/

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES PATHWAY

International students have the choice of two pathways to a Bachelor's degree at UCD: Direct Entry and the Liberal Arts & Sciences Pathway. Liberal Arts & Sciences allows students who are not sure what degree they want to study to sample several subject areas. Over the course of four years, students can experience a range of different study areas before deciding on their degree programme.

This programme offers you the flexibility to experience a range of different subject areas before you make your final decision on a degree. You can decide on your degree in Year 1 or 2.

Liberal Arts & Sciences is ideal for international students with diverse interests. If you are trying to decide between a degree in Science, Engineering, Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Business, Agricultural or Food Science, Human Nutrition or Architecture – this course is for you!

This breadth of study in the natural, physical, and social sciences, arts, humanities and business is intended to enrich intensive study in your selected degree major. Through this process, you have the opportunity to discover subjects and ideas that may become lifetime interests, or that offer the creative stimulus to view your chosen degree from different perspectives.

Degrees are completed as a series of stages, which usually correspond to years of study. In Science, Agricultural Science, Social Sciences, Food Science or Human Nutrition, Stage One is usually completed in Year 1. In the other subject areas, Stage One is usually completed during Years 1 and 2.

Please scan the QR code to visit the Liberal Arts & Sciences webpage for more information.

Entry Requirements

To apply for the Liberal Arts & Sciences Pathway, you will need either an International Baccalaureate Diploma total of 24, a Cambridge A Level CCC, or a US curriculum GPA of 3.0/4.0 (or equivalent).

A high level of English language competency is normally required. Please visit the UCD Global entry requirements web-page for more details, and search for the specific entry requirements for your country:

→ **www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/undergraduate/ entryrequirements**

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I can honestly say this was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I had the opportunity to explore so many of the subjects I love like Biology, Linguistics and Music. I ended up pursuing History and Folklore, two subjects that had not even been on my radar! Now I can't see myself studying anything else. Some people go to University knowing exactly what they want to study – and it's really OK not to be one of those people!

Mackenzie Sawyer, New Mexico,
Liberal Arts and Sciences

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UCD UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

The best international students from around the world study at UCD, because it is one of the world's top universities (2023 QS World University Rankings by Subject). We are also Ireland's most international university. Over 10,000 students are from more than 152 different countries!

Our international undergraduate students love the wide range of programme areas, as well as the flexibility of the curriculum. This flexibility is unmatched by other universities in Ireland.

Explore the wide range of courses on offer in the following pages. Use the QR codes to take you to the Application Portal for each programme area. You will find more detailed information on the Application Portal pages.

For entry requirements, you can scan the QR code.

If you have any queries, our friendly team at
→ **www.ucd.ie/global/enquire**
will help you.

A LEVEL / INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

NB The equivalences shown in the following Undergraduate Course pages are indicative only.

In addition, please note that the equivalences shown are the minimum required to be eligible for consideration on a competitive basis.

IB Mathematics: Both Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches and Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation are acceptable for meeting the stated Math requirements. However, for programmes with a Higher Level Mathematics requirement, we strongly recommend Analysis and Approaches.

For all other examinations see: www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/undergraduate/entryrequirements/
Entry requirements are reviewed on an annual basis.

International Foundation Year.

Below is a full list of the eligible programmes for the International Foundation Year. You can visit **www.dublinisc.com** for up to date information on entry requirements, fees and more for the International Foundation Year.

Major Code	Programme	Major Code	Programme	Major Code	Programme
ANS1	Animal Science	EMS1	Economics Maths & Statistics	LWW2	Law with History
ATS4	Architecture	ENS5	English Literature	LWW3	Law with Politics
AYS1	Languages Linguistics & Cultures	ENS6	English with Creative Writing	LWW4	Law with Economics
B722	Business (BSc)	ENS7	English Drama & Film	LWW9	Law with Social Justice
BAU4	Modern Languages	ESS1	Agri-Environmental Sciences	MCS4	Music Film & Drama
BAU5	BA Joint Honours	ETS2	Agricultural Systems Technology	MDS4	Radiography
BHS1	Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences	EQS1	Animal Science - Equine	MDS8	Health and Performance Science
BSJ4	Business and Law	FAS1	Food & Agribusiness Management	NUS1	Engineering
BSS1	Commerce	FAW1	Food Business	RCS1	City Planning and Environmental Policy
CAS1	Classics Art History & Archaeology	FOS1	Forestry	SBU2	Social Policy & Sociology
CAS2	Classics English & History	FSS2	Food Science	SBU3	Social Sciences
CCS2	Creative & Cultural Industries	HLS6	Horticulture	SCS1	Computational Social Science
COS1	Philosophy Politics & Economics	HPS1	History & Politics	SCU1	Science
CPS1	Animal & Crop Production	HSS3	History	SMS2	Sport and Exercise Management
CPS3	Crop Science	LDS2	Landscape Architecture	STS1	Sustainability
CSSA	Computer Science	LWS2	Law with French Law	UAS1	Agricultural Science
DBS1	Dairy Business	LWS6	Law		
ECS4	Economics	LWW1	Law with Philosophy		

Need help? Contact: www.ucd.ie/global/enquire

UCD UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Getting started

- Choose your course using the QR codes for each programme area to bring you to the Application Portal where you will find more detailed information.
- Check the specific course entry requirements
- Fill out the application form at **www.ucd.ie/global/apply**
- Press Submit; you will then receive a confirmation email. This will include the list of documents required to process your application. Only complete and submitted applications will be reviewed

Checking your application status

- You can check the progress of your application by logging in to your application account
- You will receive an automated email alerting you of a change in the status of your application when a decision has been made

Accepting your offer

- Log in to your application account, accept your offer and pay the deposit (if required). The deadline to take this step will be clearly stated on your offer letter.
- Your acceptance **will not be recorded until you pay the deposit** (if required)

Next steps

- Check out **www.ucd.ie/global**
- Apply for a visa (if required)
- Apply for Scholarships
- Join the Incoming Students Facebook group at **@UCD Global Facebook** page
- Use your UCD login to access the Incoming Student Portal
- Follow **@ucdglobal** on Instagram
- Research accommodation options
- Attend a UCD pre-departure session
- Take part in Orientation and registration
- Start your classes!

This prospectus provides information and guidance on entry requirements for international (non-EU/ non-EEA) students only. Please be advised that your fee assessment status determines how you should apply. In all cases, UCD applicants who are granted EU fee status will only be admitted through the Central Applications Office (CAO) system and in line with CAO policies and procedures and National University of Ireland (NUI) matriculation regulations. If you are eligible for EU fees please contact UCD Registry-Admissions for further advice (**www.ucd.ie/askus**).

Students with UK citizenship and who MEET the residency requirement will continue to be assessed for EU fees in the normal manner and should apply via the Central Applications Office (CAO). All other prospective applicants with UK citizenship who are assessed for non-EU fees should apply directly to UCD. For more detailed information on the EU fee assessment process and the conditions which require a formal assessment to be submitted to UCD Registry, please visit **www.ucd.ie/students/fees/**

AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NUTRITION

To find out more about Agriculture, Food & Nutrition at UCD, please scan the QR codes to go to the Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Application Portal. You can select Applications – Course Finder and then you can type in the code of the course you are interested in to find out more.

Our focus at the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science is to develop the next generation of agriculture, forestry, horticulture, food and human nutrition leaders. Our graduates have an excellent record in obtaining challenging and fulfilling employment in a variety of sectors. Our exciting range of programmes cover a wide variety of different subjects offering a broad choice of lifestyle and career paths.

The UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science is ranked number one in Ireland and is placed 24th globally and sixth in Europe, based on the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings for the study of agricultural science. Also, 11th globally and 1st in Europe for the study of Food Science and Technology.

Graduates from the School have gone on to hold a variety of leadership positions, such as Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Chief Executive Officer of Bord Bia, Director of Teagasc and Chief Inspector in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Students will be exposed to the latest scientific discoveries and knowledge that underpins each of our four-year honours degree programmes. The modular and innovative syllabus includes Professional Work Experience (PWE) and international study abroad opportunities.

FOOD SCIENCE & HUMAN NUTRITION

Course	Course Code	Duration	General Entry Requirements A Level	General Entry Requirements International Baccalaureate	Subject Requirements Mathematics	Subject Requirements Laboratory Science
BSc Food Science	FSS2	4 Years	ABB / BBBD / BBB + D AS Level	29	GCSE C / AS Level D / A Level E IB SL 4 / HL 3	GCSE C / AS Level D / A Level E IB SL 4 / HL 3
*BSc Human Nutrition	HMS1	4 Years	A*A*B / AAAB / A*AA + D AS Level	37	GCSE C / AS Level D / A Level E IB SL 4 / HL 3	GCSE C / AS Level D / A Level E IB SL 4 / HL 3

*Note: Candidates are required to undergo a mandatory healthcare screening process and Garda Vetting.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Duration	General Entry Requirements A Level	General Entry Requirements International Baccalaureate	Subject Requirements Mathematics	Subject Requirements Laboratory Science
4 Years	ABC / BBCD / BBC + D AS Level	26	GCSE C / AS Level D / A Level E IB SL 4 / HL 3	GCSE C / AS Level D / A Level E IB SL 4 / HL 3

Each programme listed below is available either through the omnibus UAS1 or by selecting the individual course code at the time of application. Entry Requirements are the same for each programme. See table below.

Course	Course Code
Agricultural Sciences - Omnibus	UAS1
Animal Science	ANS1
Animal & Crop Production	CPS1
Crop Science	CPS3
Dairy Business	DBS1
Agri-Environmental Sciences	ESS1

Course	Course Code
Agricultural Systems Technology	ETS2
Animal Science - Equine	EQS1
Food & Agribusiness Management	FAS1
Food Business with Chinese Studies	FAW1
Forestry	FOS1
Horticulture	HLS6