Student Exchange at University College Dublin 2021/22
UCD 2020
A Welcome Awaits You

#HelloUCD
Welcome

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Why choose Ireland?

- Worldwide reputation for high quality education
- We speak English!
- Extensive culture and history, offering both cityscapes and lush countryside
- The country is compact, easy to navigate
- In 2018, Ireland has been ranked 2nd of the world’s ‘Most Excellent’ countries, by TripAdvisor.
Why go to Dublin?

• Top three most visited capital cities in Europe
• Regularly voted friendliest city in Europe by TripAdvisor
• Thriving cosmopolitan city
• Incredible arts and performance scene
• Compact and easy to navigate, walkable, and with public transport
• Flanked by beaches to the east and mountains to the south
Leading Global Companies in Ireland
Why pick UCD?

Ireland’s Largest and Most International University

30,000 students; 7,000 international students from 138 countries; 50% of our research staff and 30% of our academics are international

Supported by

- Global Office, Immigration Support & Advice, Buddy Programme
- Student Advisors (one in each School), Student’s Union (representing all students, including exchange students)
- Maths Support Service & Writing Support Service
- Career Development Centre (internships, job applications)
- Counselling Service and Chaplaincy Service
Why pick UCD?

Most comprehensive range of degree programmes

- 90 Undergraduate programmes
- 184 Graduate programmes
- Ranked among the top 1% of higher education institutes worldwide
Why pick UCD?

Research & Innovation Culture

• Highest volume of publications across all Irish universities

• Over 1,000 companies collaborate on research

• NovaUCD, the Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, has supported over 250 start-ups

• 40+ UCD spin-out companies incorporated since 2003

• 460+ patents filed
Why pick UCD?

Global Community

- Over 830 active partners in more than 60 countries worldwide
- Member of international research and education networks e.g. Universitas 21, the World Universities Network, and UNICA
- Global centres in Beijing, Delhi, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai and New York (Chicago, Los Angeles)
- First Confucius Institute in Ireland
- The UCD Volunteers Overseas Programme has placed >1,500 students on overseas aid missions
Why pick UCD?

Clubs and Societies

- **70 student societies** (including International Students Society, Erasmus Student Network, Harry Potter Society, Microbiology Society)
- **60 sports clubs**
- **Sports Facilities on Campus** include
  - A Gym
  - An Olympic size swimming pool
  - 12 natural grass playing fields
  - Tennis courts
  - 4 squash courts, climbing wall and sports halls
Why pick UCD?

Campus Facilities include

- 86-seater Cinema
- 117-seater Drama Theatre
- UCD Clubhouse Bar
- A family run Barber
- Physiotherapy services
- Health Service providing medical, psychological and psychiatric care
- Pharmacy
- Parliament style Debating Chamber
- Nearly 10km of Woodland Walks
- Church on campus
- Campus Bookstore
- UCD Student Legal Service providing free & confidential legal advice for students
Students apply for their Exchange at home university

Home university processes applications, selects students and nominates students to UCD

UCD records nominations and sends application information to students

Students apply online for a course closest to their major

UCD processes applications and registers the students as UCD students

Residences send email about on-campus accommodation (early June/November)

15 May (Trimester 1) 1 October (Trimester 2)

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Academic Structure

UCD College of Arts & Humanities
- UCD School of Art History & Cultural Policy
- UCD School of Classics
- UCD School of English, Drama & Film
- UCD School of History
- UCD School of Irish, Celtic Studies, & Folklore
- UCD School of Languages, Cultures & Linguistics
- UCD School of Music

UCD College of Business
- UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business (restricted)
- UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School (restricted)

UCD College of Engineering and Architecture
- UCD School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy
- UCD School of Biosystems & Food Engineering
- UCD School of Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering

UCD College of Health and Agricultural Science
- UCD School of Agriculture & Food Science
- UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy & Sport Science (restricted)
- UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems (n/a)
- UCD School of Medicine (n/a)
- UCD School of Veterinary Medicine (n/a)

UCD College of Science
- UCD School of Biology & Environmental Science
- UCD School of Biomolecular & Biomedical Science
- UCD School of Chemistry
- UCD School of Computer Science
- UCD School of Earth Sciences
- UCD School of Mathematics & Statistics
- UCD School of Physics

UCD College of Social Sciences and Law
- UCD School of Archaeology
- UCD School of Economics
- UCD School of Education (restricted)
- UCD School of Philosophy
- UCD School of Geography
- UCD School of Information & Communication Studies
- UCD School of Politics & international Relations
- UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work & Social Justice (restricted)
- UCD School of Sociology
- UCD School of Law (restricted)
- UCD School of Psychology*  
*non-Psychology Majors: max 2 courses per term
Trimester Breakdown

• **Trimester 1**
  • (Autumn Trimester)
  • Early September to late December

• **Trimester 2**
  • (Spring Trimester)
  • Late January to mid-May

• **Summer Trimester**
  • Late May to late September
  • (only for Summer School)

**Orientation**
1 week before start of lectures
Credit structure - ECTS

Minimum
• Non-EU students: 20 ECTS per semester (Immigration requirement)
• EU-students: none

Maximum / Full Course load
• 30 ECTS Semester
• 60 ECTS Full Year

Most courses carry 5 ECTS
→ Roughly 6 courses per semester for a full course load

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## Popular courses amongst Exchange students

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