University College Dublin

Erasmus+ Information Sheet 2018-2019

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 25,000 students situated on a spacious and leafy campus some 5km to the south of Dublin city centre.

Further information on UCD is available at: www.ucd.ie

About Dublin

Located on the east coast of Ireland, Dublin began as a Viking settlement founded over one thousand years ago. In the 21st century, with a population of over one million people, Dublin is the thriving capital of the Republic of Ireland and is the centre of the political, diplomatic, administrative and commercial life of the country.

Famous for its literary tradition, Ireland’s capital has been home to writers from Jonathan Swift to William Butler Yeats and James Joyce. A visit to Dublin allows you to explore both the historical and the modern, from castles and churches to cafés and clubs.

Further information on Dublin is available at: www.visitdublin.com

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Useful websites

UCD
www.ucd.ie
UCD International
www.ucd.ie/international
International Student Handbook
http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/international-student-handbook/
Incoming Exchange Students:
http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/
Courses:
www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm  
Academic Calendar:  
www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm  
Residences:  
www.ucd.ie/residences

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2018/19

| Semester 1 | Orientation: Tuesday 4 September to Friday 7 September 2018  
| Teaching Term: Monday 10 September to Friday 30 November 2018  
| Revision: Saturday 1 December to Sunday 9 December 2018  
| Exams: Monday 10 December to Friday 21 December 2018 |

| Semester 2 | Orientation: week beginning Monday 14 January 2019 (exact date to be confirmed)  
| Teaching Term: Monday 21 January to Friday 8 March 2019  
| Spring break: Monday 11 March to Friday 24 March 2019  
| Teaching Term: Monday 25 March to Friday 26 April 2019  
| Revision: Monday 27 April to Friday 5 May 2019  
| Exams: Tuesday 7 May to Saturday 18 May 2019 |

Students **MUST** arrive in UCD in time for the start of classes. Those who do not do so may have their admission cancelled by UCD.

### APPLICATION INFORMATION

| Application Forms and deadline | Nomination deadlines: 1 May and 1 October  
| Email nominations to erasmus@ucd.ie |

Online application for Erasmus students at www.ucd.ie/apply  
Deadline for September start: 15 May 2018  
Deadline for January start: 15 October 2018

### COURSE INFORMATION

| Credit System and Course Load | UCD uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). A full course load is 30 credits per semester. At undergraduate level each module is worth 5 credits and students take six modules per semester. Exchange students may take fewer modules if permitted by their home institution. |

| Course Selection and Registration | A list of courses offered in UCD is available at: http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm |

Students will be sent information about course selection during the summer. The International Office registers students for their chosen courses. Students have a two-week add/drop period from the first day of classes to make changes to their course registration.

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

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

| Language of instruction | English – incoming students are advised to have a level of B1 (CEFR). |

| Language courses | Students can take English as a Foreign Language modules (worth 5 credits) each semester. These modules may be taken for credit only, attendance is otherwise not permitted. |

| Students with disabilities | UCD welcomes students with disabilities and they may receive support from our Access Centre (http://www.ucd.ie/openingworlds/ucdaccesscentre/). Partner institutions are advised to contact the International Office as early as possible if they intend to nominate a student with a disability so we can ensure that suitable supports are available. |
## ACCOMMODATION

**Accommodation Application**

Students may apply for accommodation on campus if available, but should note that there is a limited supply for Erasmus students.

Full information about the process and relevant deadlines will be sent by the International Office. It is very important that incoming exchange students should follow the information given by the UCD International Office regarding the accommodation application procedure. See also [www.ucd.ie/residences](http://www.ucd.ie/residences).

The International Office provides support to students looking for off-campus accommodation.

## IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

**Student Visa**

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 [http://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 erasmus@ucd.ie to request supporting documentation.

**Work**

Exchange students in UCD can work up to 20 hours per week part-time during term-time and full-time during the university holidays either on or off-campus.

**Insurance**

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. Please direct other insurance queries to erasmus@ucd.ie.

**Transportation from Airport to UCD**

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

## COST OF LIVING

**Estimated total cost of living per month**


**University accommodation**

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