

# University College Dublin



## Exchange Information Sheet 2011 – 2012

<b>About UCD</b>	<p>University College Dublin is Ireland's largest and most richly diversified university. It provides a broad range of courses grouped into five Colleges (College of Arts and Celtic Studies, College of Business and Law, College of Human Sciences, College of Life Sciences, College Engineering, Mathematical and Physical Sciences).</p> <p>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'.</p> <p>Today UCD is a vibrant, modern university of over 22,000 students situated on a spacious and leafy campus some 5km to the south of Dublin city centre.</p> <p>Further information on UCD is available at: <a href="http://www.ucd.ie">www.ucd.ie</a></p>
<b>About Dublin</b>	<p>Located on the east coast of Ireland, Dublin began as a Viking settlement founded over one thousand years ago. In the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Further information on Dublin is available at: <a href="http://www.visitdublin.com">www.visitdublin.com</a></p>
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<b>Useful websites</b>	<p><b>UCD</b> <a href="http://www.ucd.ie">www.ucd.ie</a></p>

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UCD International Office  
[www.ucd.ie/international](http://www.ucd.ie/international)

International Student Handbook  
[www.ucd.ie/international/publications.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/international/publications.htm)

Courses:  
[http://www.ucd.ie/students/course\\_search.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm)

Academic Calendar:  
<http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/index.html>  
and click on 'Term Dates' in the right hand column

Residences:  
[www.ucd.ie/residences](http://www.ucd.ie/residences)

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**ACADEMIC  
CALENDAR  
2011/12**

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Orientation: Wednesday 7 September 2011  
Teaching Term: 12 September to 2 December 2011  
Revision: 5 December to 9 December 2011  
Exams: 10 December to 21 December 2011

**Semester 1**

**Semester 2**

Orientation: January 2012  
Teaching Term: 16 January to 20 April 2012 (two week break between 5 and 18 March)  
Revision: 23 April to 27 April 2012  
Exams: 30 April to 12 May 2012

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**APPLICATION  
INFORMATION**

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**Application Forms and  
deadline**

- Log onto [www.ucd.ie](http://www.ucd.ie) and click on 'Apply Online'
- Choose 'First Time User Account Creation'.
- Application Type: Choose Visiting Students
- Admission Term: **Choose 2011/12 September for both Exchanges beginning September 11 AND January 2012.**

Programme Choice:

Choose '**Non-EU Exchange Arts Celtic St CF07**' if you intend to take courses mainly in the College of Arts & Celtic Studies.

Choose '**Non-EU Exchange Human Sc CD08**' if you intend to take courses mainly in the College of Human Sciences.

Choose '**Non-EU Exchange EMPS CC10**' if you intend to take courses mainly in the College of Engineering, Mathematical and Physical Sciences. Please note that students applying for Architecture courses apply for this College.

Choose '**Non-EU Exchange Life Sc CE12**' if you intend to take courses mainly in the College of Life Sciences. Please note that students applying for Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry and Sports Science apply for this College.

Deadline for September start: 31 May 2011

Deadline for January start: 1 November 2011

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**Supporting documents  
required to be  
submitted with  
exchange application**

1. University transcripts of examinations taken to date
  2. Identity page of passport/birth certificate
  3. Students intending to study Architecture must submit a portfolio
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<b>COURSE INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Credit System and Course Load</b>	<p>UCD uses the European Credit Transfer System. 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.</p> <p>Exchange students in UCD can take less than six modules per semester if they have the permission of their home university but they must take a minimum of four modules per semester in order to be considered full-time.</p>
<b>Course Selection and Registration</b>	<p>A list of courses offered in UCD is available at: <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm">http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm</a></p> <p>Students are e-mailed a course selection form prior to arrival. The International Office registers students for their chosen courses depending on capacity, timetabling and prerequisites. Students have a two week add/drop period from the first day of classes to make changes to their course registration.</p>
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English
<b>Language courses</b>	Students can take one English as a foreign language module worth 5 credits each semester.
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	
<b>Accommodation Application</b>	<p>After students have been accepted to UCD, the International Office e-mails them accommodation application forms and instructions on how to apply. Further information on on-campus accommodation in UCD is available at: <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/residences">www.ucd.ie/residences</a></p> <p>Please note that on-campus accommodation is not guaranteed. The International Office provides advice on finding off-campus accommodation.</p>
<b>IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b>Student Visa</b>	<p>Students with citizenship of countries listed in the appendix entitled <i>List of Countries Whose Passport Holders Do Not Require Visas to Enter Ireland</i> in the International Student Handbook do not require a student visa to enter Ireland but must register with immigration after arrival in Dublin.</p> <p>Information on registration with immigration is available in the International Student Handbook and will be further explained at orientation.</p> <p>Students with citizenship of a country <b>not</b> listed on the appendix entitled <i>List of Countries Whose Passport Holders Do Not Require Visas to Enter Ireland</i> in the International Student Handbook must contact their local Irish embassy for information about visa application</p>
<b>Work</b>	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
<b>Health Insurance</b>	<p>Non-EU students are advised to obtain private health insurance in Ireland. UCD does not arrange health insurance for students. Students can purchase insurance in their home country but will need to ensure that it is valid in Ireland and in any other countries to which they plan to travel.</p> <p>Basic medical expenses insurance is available for approximately €120 from Odon Insurance Brokers. This insurance policy will satisfy the visa requirement for private health insurance and can be obtained before students arrive in Ireland. For more information on this insurance,</p>

	<p>please visit: <a href="http://www.odon.ie/ucd">www.odon.ie/ucd</a></p> <p>Health insurance can also be purchased from one of Ireland's three private health insurance providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VHI: <a href="http://www.vhi.ie">http://www.vhi.ie</a></li> <li>• Quinn Healthcare <a href="http://www.quinn-healthcare.com/">http://www.quinn-healthcare.com/</a></li> <li>• Aviva: <a href="http://www.aviva.ie/online/health/">http://www.aviva.ie/online/health/</a></li> </ul> <p>Further information on health insurance is available in the International Student Handbook.</p>
<b>Transportation from Airport to UCD</b>	Aircoach, a private bus services, operates a regular service from Dublin Airport to UCD at a cost of €8.00 single/€14.00 return. Further information is available at: <a href="http://www.aircoach.ie">www.aircoach.ie</a>
<b>COST OF LIVING</b>	
<b>Estimated total cost of living per month</b>	€1,280 per month approximately
<b>University accommodation</b>	On-campus accommodation must be paid in two installments but works out at approximately €475 per month for the undergraduate residences.
<b>Private accommodation</b>	Approximately €500 per month for own room in shared house
<b>Heat and Electricity</b>	Approximately €40 per month for own room in shared house
<b>Food/Meals</b>	€300 per month self-catering
<b>Local transportation</b>	€80 student monthly commuter ticket
<b>Academic expenses</b>	€100 per month
<b>Personal expenses</b>	€250 per month