

# University College Dublin



## Exchange Information Sheet 2011–2012

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<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> <p><b>UCD International Office</b> <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/international">www.ucd.ie/international</a></p>

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**International Student Handbook**

[www.ucd.ie/international/information\\_for\\_students/internationalhandbook/](http://www.ucd.ie/international/information_for_students/internationalhandbook/)

**Courses:**

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

**Academic Calendar:**

[www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm)

**Residences:**

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

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**ACADEMIC  
CALENDAR  
2011/12**

**Semester 1**

**Please note that the academic term dates for 2011/12 will be confirmed in November 2010. We expect them to be broadly similar to the 2010/11 term dates available at:**

[http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/term\\_dates%202010-11.pdf](http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/term_dates%202010-11.pdf)

Orientation:

Teaching Term: September to December 2011

Revision: December to December 2011

Exams: December to December 2011

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**Semester 2**

Orientation: January 2012

Teaching Term: January to 2 April 2012 (two week break between and)

Revision: April to May 2012

Exams: May to May 2012

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**APPLICATION  
INFORMATION**

**Application Forms and  
deadline**

Online application for Erasmus students at [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)

Deadline for September start: 31 May 2011

Deadline for January start: 1 November 2011

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Credit System and  
Course Load**

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.

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**Course Selection and  
Registration**

A list of courses offered in UCD is available at:

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

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**Language of  
instruction**

English

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**Language courses**

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

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<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	
<b>Accommodation Application</b>	<p>Students may apply for accommodation on campus, but should note that there is a set allocation of rooms for Erasmus students, so not every student will be able to live on-campus.</p> <p>Full information about the process and relevant deadlines will be sent by the International Office. 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 support to students looking for off-campus accommodation.</p>
<b>IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b>Student Visa</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>Information on registration with immigration is available in section 3 of the International Students Handbook and will be further explained at orientation.</p> <p>Students with citizenship of a country <b>not</b> listed in the appendices of the International Students Handbook must contact their local Irish embassy for information about visa application.</p> <p><b>Important:</b> Visas valid for the Schengen countries are NOT valid for Ireland.</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>	Detailed information regarding health insurance and the Student Health Service in UCD is available in the International Students Handbook
<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 €7.00 single/€12.00 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>	€1,230 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>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