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Further Education & Training FET Student Guide to UCD



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Why choose UCD?

No1
for
Students

1st
in Ireland for
graduate
employability

UCD is ranked
within the top
1%
of Universities
internationally.

Top
50
ranking in 4
subjects

94%
first year
retention rate.

No1
for
Education

Number
1
For course
flexibility

Best
offering of
internationally
accredited
curriculum in
Ireland

Widest
range and choice
of degrees for
students

No1
for
Student
Support

UCD has a **dedicated support network** to help ensure each student gets the most out of their time at UCD. The services and supports available encourage student's welfare, inclusiveness and guidance. We welcome every student to engage with all of the services on offer to them during their time at UCD. See page 27 for list of supports.

No1
for
Studying
Abroad

29
partner
Universities
throughout
Europe

400
exchange
partners
worldwide

450
study Abroad
opportunities

No1
for
Sport

50
meter Olympic
swimming pool

50
UCD Sports Clubs
from American
Football to
Windsurfing and
everything in
between.

UCD was the
only
university in
Europe to qualify
for the UEFA
Europa League

Over
1,000
Sports
Scholarships



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QQI-FET Pathway to UCD

Application Information

This guide is to support prospective Further Education and Training (FET) students explore their options and provide information on taking the next step in their education journey.

You can use a QQI Major Level 5 or Level 6 Award to apply for entry to specific programmes at UCD.

Application Requirements

You are eligible to apply for this progression route based on achieving a linked major award. For example, a QQI Major Award in Business Administration (5M2468) allows you to apply for Arts, Law, Social Policy and Sociology, Economics, Psychology and other programmes in UCD but not for the Computer Science or Veterinary Nursing programmes. Level 5 and Level 6 Major Awards are made up of a number of Minor Awards known as components. There may be specific component requirements for each programme— for example a Mathematics component is required to be included in your Major Award if you apply for Economics in UCD.

Different combinations of components lead to different Major Awards and each **component has a credit value, typically between 15 and 30.**

Component awards or achievement of less than 120 credits do not provide eligibility. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that his/her further education and training provider applies to QQI for a major award prior to application to the CAO.



- Arts
- Humanities
- Economics
- Law
- Law and Business
- Modern Languages
- Social Policy and sociology
- Psychology
- Commerce
- Veterinary Nursing
- Food Science
- Computer Science



- Landscape Architecture
- Humanities
- Economics
- Law
- Law and Business
- Modern Languages
- Social Policy and Sociology
- Psychology
- Commerce
- Veterinary Nursing
- Food Science
- Computer Science

Major Level 5 Business Administration (5M2468) Award links to some UCD programmes (ticked) and not to other programmes. Major Level 5 Design (5M2208) Award is linked to Landscape Architecture.



For courses in UCD (**except Sport, Health and Exercise Science, Sports & Exercise Management, Veterinary Nursing and all Nursing & Midwifery courses**), the required components can be completed over multiple sittings leading to an appropriate major award. Due to the competitive nature of the specific courses mentioned above, scores will only be calculated where the appropriate major award is presented in a single sitting, together with all the required components and results.

A number of programmes in UCD require achievement in specific component awards, or additional awards such as mathematics or a language. Your FET College Guidance Officer will also provide you with assistance.

QQI forwards all results achieved by applicants to the Central Applications Office (CAO). It is essential that you provide your correct PPS number in the CAO application form. If you omit it or if it is entered incorrectly, your results won't be forwarded on time.



FET-QQI Scoring system

Once all of the above requirements have been met, the following system is then used to calculate the score.

Each level 5 and level 6 component is scored as follows:

- 3 for a Distinction
- 2 for a Merit
- 1 for a Pass

All UCD programmes require that you have a minimum of five Distinctions. This component score is then multiplied by the individual component credit value to a maximum of 120 credits (a total of 390 points).

Example: Applying for Agricultural Science in UCD with a Level 5 QQI Major Award Laboratory Techniques 5M3807.*

You must achieve a minimum of five Distinctions including a Distinction in a Mathematics component (or Grade O6/H7 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics) and a distinction in the Biology and Chemistry components as per example below.

Example: Applying for Science in UCD with a Level 5 QQI Major Award Laboratory Techniques 5M3807.*

For this course you must be awarded eight Distinctions achieving 390 FET points on the QQI-FET scoring system. You must also have a distinction in the Mathematics component and a distinction in two of the following, Laboratory Skills, Chemistry or Biology components. In 2024 it was not possible to offer all applicants with 390 FET points so random selection was applied.

Visit the '[Going to higher education using my QQI Award](#)' page on the QQI website for more information and examples of this scoring system in practice.

Component name and code	Credit Value	Grade	3 for distinction multiply by 15 (Credit Value)
Laboratory Skills 5N2751	15	D	45
Microbiology 5N0737	15	D	45
Chemistry 5N2747	15	D	45
Mathematics 5N1833	15	D	45
Nutrition 5N2006	15	D	45
Biology 5N2746	15	D	45
Work Experience 5N1356	15	D	45
Communications 5N0690	15	D	45
Total			360
To calculate the FET points Multiply the Total (360) by 13 and divide by 12	390 FET points		

A free online points calculator is available at careersportal.ie

* Components may vary depending on where you are completing the Level 5 Major Award.

UCD QQI-FET Information Events

January, 7 2025, Online information event

UCD QQI-FET Information Session for the following degrees:
Agriculture (DN250), Food Science (DN261), Computer Science, (DN201),
Science (DN200) Sustainability (DN240)

Date: January 7 2025

Location: Online

Registration: Open now at www.myucd.ie/visiting-ucd/events/

Start Time: 4 to 5 pm

January, 15 2025, in person information event

QQI-FET progression to the following UCD degrees:

Social Sciences (DN700), Economics (DN710), Psychology (DN720),
Social Policy & Sociology (DN750), Law (DN600), Business and Law (DN610) and
BSc Criminology with Psychology (DN620).

Date: January 15 2025

Location: Sutherland School of Law

Registration: 9:30am

Start Time: 10 am with introduction.

10:30am Accessing all Law degree programmes - academic and student experience.

11:00am Coffee Break

11:20am The application process to UCD

11:35am Progression pathways to UCD, financial support including scholarships and assistance on offer from the Access and Lifelong Learning (ALL) Centre to QQI-FET students as you apply and begin your course.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions about any of the courses at the end of the talk and hear from students.



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Central Applications Office (CAO)

The Central Applications Office (CAO) is a centralised applications system that processes full-time undergraduate programme applications for the higher education institutes in the Republic of Ireland including UCD.

Applicants can use the CAO system to apply for undergraduate programmes across a mixture of universities and levels using a single application. The levels available on the CAO are Level 6 higher certificates, Level 7 ordinary degrees and Level 8 honours degrees.

Take your time when completing the application to ensure that you are picking the right course for you.

The CAO homepage provides you with a demonstration application to allow you to familiarise yourself with the process and each step before you apply.

Things to remember when completing your CAO application form.

- ◆ Consult the CAO Handbook which is available on the CAO website.
- ◆ List your programmes in order of preference
- ◆ Think about your work experience and consider if you would like to continue this path or change direction.
- ◆ When deciding on programmes, check any minimum entry requirements, deadlines, restrictions and supplementary information.
- ◆ Pay attention to CAO communications, deadlines and verify your application details. If you do not receive a Statement by June 1st, contact the CAO immediately.



Timing for Offers:

Offers will be made to FET applicants in Round 0 (normally early August).

Application Timeline:

Application portal opens:	5th November 2024
Normal application deadline:	1st February 2025
Change of Mind system opens:	Early May 2025
Change of Mind system deadline:	1st July 2025
Round 0 offers:	Early August 2025

Please be advised that dates and times may change; visit www.cao.ie for up-to-date information.

The list of UCD programmes with a QQI-FET entry pathway and the specific requirements for programmes are listed on the following pages.

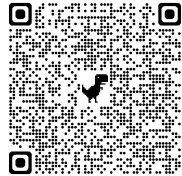





UCD Programmes and QCI-FET entry requirements 2025

CAO Code	UCD Degree Programme Title	No of Anticipated QCI-FET places 2025	Accepted Major Awards Requirements	Scan QR Code for further information on specific component requirements
DN120	Landscape Architecture	3	5M2208	
DN200	Science	20	5M3807 CASLT 5M2768 CELTX CITXX	
DN201	Computer Science	6	CITXX 5M0529 5M17817 5M0536 5M17814 Level 6 Major Awards 6M0695 6M0691	
DN240	Sustainability	5	5M2768 5M5028 5M2181 5M2468 5M2102 5M0536 5M0828 5M3635 5M5267 5M2067 5M3807 5M0529 CITXX CELTX Level 6 Major Awards 6M4985 6M0695 6M0691	
DN250	Agricultural Science	30	5M2768 CASLT CASHX 5M3807 5M2586 5M5267	
DN261	Food Science	6	5M5267 5M3807 CASLT	
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	9	CASLT 5M3807 CASAC 5M2768	

CAO Code	UCD Degree Programme Title	No of Anticipated QQI-FET places 2025	Accepted Major Awards Requirements			Scan QR Code for further information on specific component requirements
DN425	Sport, Health and Exercise Science	2	6M5147			
DN430	Sport and Exercise Management	2	6M5147			
DN450	General Nursing	20	DCHSN 5M4349	DCHSX 5M4468	DHSXX 5M4339	
DN451	Children's and General Nursing (Integrated)	4	DCHSN 5M4349	DCHSX 5M4468	DHSXX 5M4339	
DN452	Midwifery	6	DCHSN 5M4349	DCHSX 5M4468	DHSXX 5M4339	
DN453	Mental Health Nursing	9	DCHSN 5M4349	DCHSX 5M4468	DHSXX 5M4339	



CAO Code	UCD Degree Programme Title	No of Anticipated QQI-FET places 2025	Accepted Major Awards Requirements	Scan QR Code for further information on specific component requirements
DN520	Arts	25	5M5028 5M2181 5M2468 5M2102 5M3050 5M4468 5M0536 5M5048 5M2155 5M2154 5M20588 5M2009 5M21473 5M0828 5M3635 5M5158 5M18519 5M3114 5M1995 5M2067 5M2111 5M2464 5M3807 5M2073 5M3789 5M2069 5M0528 5M18518 5M2146 5M2011 5M1997 5M5151 5M4511 5M0529 5M2149 5M5163 5M5152 5M5011 5M4732 Level 6 Major Awards 6M5013 6M4029 6M3618 6M5149 6M4985 6M5545 6M5128 6M0695 6M20595 6M20496 6M3566 6M2007 6M5159 6M18534 6M3115 6M4587 6M5130 6M20602 6M3732 6M0691 6M2115 6M5012	
DN530	Humanities	18	Accepted awards are the same as DN520 above	
DN541	Modern Languages	2	Accepted awards are the same as DN520 above	
DN600	Law	7	5M2181 5M2468 5M2102 5M2786 5M3050 5M4468 5M2154 5M0828 5M3114 5M2111 5M2464 5M2073 5M3789 5M2069 5M5165 5M4732 Level 6 Major Awards 6M5013 6M4985 6M3674 6M2007 6M2263 6M3115 6M4587 6M2218	

CAO Code	UCD Degree Programme Title	No of Anticipated QQI-FET places 2025	Accepted Major Awards Requirements	Scan QR Code for further information on specific component requirements
DN610	Business and Law	7	5M2181 5M2468 5M2102 5M2786 5M3050 5M4468 5M2154 5M0828 5M3114 5M2111 5M2464 5M2073 5M3789 5M2069 5M5165 5M4732 Level 6 Major Awards 6M5013 6M4985 6M3674 6M2007 6M2263 6M3115 6M4587 6M2218	
DN620	Criminology with Psychology	3	5M2181 5M2468 5M2102 5M2786 5M3050 5M4468 5M2154 5M0828 5M3114 5M2111 5M2464 5M2073 5M3789 5M2069 5M5165 5M4732 Level 6 Major Awards 6M5013 6M4985 6M3674 6M2007 6M2263 6M3115 6M4587 6M2218	
DN650	Commerce	20	5M2102 BBSXX	
DN700	Social Sciences	60	5M5028 5M2181 5M2468 5M2102 5M21473 5M2786 5M3050 5M4468 5M0536 5M2071 5M5048 5M2155 5M2154 5M2009 5M0828 5M3635 5M5267 5M3114 5M1995 5M4339 5M2067 5M1761 5M2111 5M2464 5M3807 5M2073 5M3789 5M2767 5M2069 5M5162 5M0528 5M18518 5M2146 5M2011 5M4349 5M1997 5M18294 5M2105 5M0529 5M5011 5M5165 5M4732 Level 6 Major Awards 6M5013 6M3618 6M5149 6M4985 6M3674 6M0695 6M20496 6M2007 6M4978 6M2263 6M3115 6M5014 6M4749 6M4587 6M5130 6M4385 6M2218 6M0691 6M5147 6M2115 6M2382 6M5012	

CAO Code	UCD Degree Programme Title	No of Anticipated QQI-FET places 2025	Accepted Major Awards Requirements			Scan QR Code for further information on specific component requirements
DN710	Economics	3	5M5028 5M2102 5M3050 5M2071 5M2154 5M3635 5M1995 5M1761 5M3807 5M2767 5M0528 5M2011 5M18294 5M5011 Level 6 Major Awards 6M5013 6M4985 6M20496 6M2263 6M4749 6M4385 6M5147 6M5012 6M5012	5M2181 5M21473 5M4468 5M5048 5M2009 5M5267 5M4339 5M2111 5M2073 5M2069 5M18518 5M4349 5M2105 5M5165 6M3618 6M3674 6M2007 6M3115 6M4587 6M2218 6M2115	5M2468 5M2786 5M0536 5M2155 5M0828 5M3114 5M2067 5M2464 5M3789 5M5162 5M2146 5M1997 5M0529 5M4732 6M5149 6M0695 6M4978 6M5014 6M5130 6M0691 6M2382	
DN720	Psychology	13	5M5028 5M2102 5M3050 5M2071 5M2154 5M3635 5M1995 5M1761 5M3807 5M2767 5M0528 5M2011 5M18294 5M5011 Level 6 Major Awards 6M5013 6M4985 6M20496 6M2263 6M4749 6M4385 6M5147 6M5012 6M5012	5M2181 5M21473 5M4468 5M5048 5M2009 5M5267 5M4339 5M2111 5M2073 5M2069 5M18518 5M4349 5M2105 5M5165 6M3618 6M3674 6M2007 6M3115 6M4587 6M2218 6M2115	5M2468 5M2786 5M0536 5M2155 5M0828 5M3114 5M2067 5M2464 5M3789 5M5162 5M2146 5M1997 5M0529 5M4732 6M5149 6M0695 6M4978 6M5014 6M5130 6M0691 6M2382	

CAO Code	UCD Degree Programme Title	No of Anticipated QQI-FET places 2025	Accepted Major Awards Requirements			Scan QR Code for further information on specific component requirements
DN750	Social Policy and Sociology	20	5M5028 5M2102 5M3050 5M2071 5M2154 5M3635 5M1995 5M1761 5M3807 5M2767 5M0528 5M2011 5M18294 5M5011	5M2181 5M21473 5M4468 5M5048 5M2009 5M5267 5M4339 5M2111 5M2073 5M2069 5M18518 5M4349 5M2105 5M5165	5M2468 5M2786 5M0536 5M2155 5M0828 5M3114 5M2067 5M2464 5M3789 5M5162 5M2146 5M1997 5M0529 5M4732	
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DN760	Education with Gaeilge & Modern Languages	TBC	5M5028 5M2102 5M0536 5M2154 5M0828 5M5158 5M2067 5M3807 5M2069 5M2146 5M5151 5M2149 5M5011	5M2181 5M3050 5M5048 5M20588 5M3635 5M18519 5M2111 5M2073 5M0528 5M2011 5M4511 5M5163 5M4732	5M2468 5M4468 5M2155 5M2009 5M3114 5M1995 5M2464 5M3789 5M18518 5M1997 5M0529 5M5152	
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UCD QQI-FET student experiences

“ I do believe that my QQI/FET courses only benefitted me in my pursuit of university. I have a solid foundation in many concepts which has aided my learning in many of my modules in UCD. I thought I was prepared leaving secondary school for university, doing my level 5 and 6 courses was an eyeopener. I truly think I would've struggled with the transition to university had I not completed QQI/FET qualifications beforehand.



When I started last year, there was definitely a period of adjustment. I settled in and made friends, and it has been great. I love my course and I this semester I got to pick electives which are super interesting. One of which is in the School of Veterinary Medicine which is one of the aspects of UCD that I love - that you can study modules outside of your Programme area and that your degree is very customisable.”

Mollie Fagan-Hartnett.

Year 2 College of Health and Agricultural Sciences, Majoring in Animal Science

“ My journey to UCD's Law school is a testament to the power of alternative routes. Without the Irish Leaving Certificate, I was able to rely on my QQI Level 5 qualification to gain entry. The FET course equipped me with a strong foundation in key subjects, developed my study skills, and gave me the confidence to handle the workload at university level. It also introduced me to independent learning, which is crucial at UCD, and helped me become familiar with academic expectations which made my transition to UCD smoother. I felt ready for the challenges I encountered in my course.



Initially, it took some time to adjust, but UCD has such a diverse and inclusive environment that I soon felt like I belonged. The support system in place for students is great in UCD. Now, I am proudly studying Law, enjoying my course, challenging norms and continuing to forge my own unique path. I also received valuable support from ALL.”

Sadaf Taqawi,

Year 2 College of Social Sciences and Law, Majoring in Law



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What will going to UCD cost me?

Everyone knows the cost of living is difficult to manage at the minute and attending a fulltime third level course in UCD may be financially challenging. Listed below are the main fees for which you as a UCD student may be liable.

1. Programme Course Fee

The good news is that most undergraduate students attending UCD, which is a publicly funded third-level institution, do not have to pay tuition fees. Under the terms of the Free Fees Initiative, the Department of Further and Higher Education pays the fees to the colleges.



The criteria for eligibility for the Free Fees Initiative are:

- ◆ You must have been living in an EEA member state or Switzerland or United Kingdom (UK) for at least 3 of the 5 years before starting your course.
- ◆ You must be one of the following, or have been granted one of the following:
 - A citizen of an EEA member state, Switzerland or the UK
 - Have refugee status, family members of refugees, those with leave to remain, and/or international protection
- ◆ You must be starting a full-time undergraduate course for the first time. However, you may also qualify for free fees if you:
 - Already hold a Level 6 or a Level 7 qualification and are progressing to a Level 8 qualification on the National Framework of Qualifications, or
 - Previously attended a course but did not complete it, and are returning to study an approved course at the same level after a break of at least 3 years.

2. Student Contribution Levy

This annual levy is also known as a registration fee and it covers student services and examinations. The maximum rate of the UCD student contribution for the academic year 2024-2025 is €2,000.

If you are getting Back to Education Allowance (BTEA), you may qualify for exemption from the student contribution.

If you are eligible and are awarded a SUSI grant your Student Contribution Levy may cover the contribution.

3. Student Centre Levy

This Levy must be paid by the student and provides you, as a student of UCD, the opportunity, support and facilities required to enjoy student life outside of the lecture theatre. It helps support the provision of facilities clubs and societies the it also grants you access to two gyms and over 100 fitness *classes* per week at UCD Sport & Fitness.

While there are costs associated with attending third-level, there are steps that can be taken to reduce or minimise those costs.

Budgeting for life in UCD

It is important to be aware of your income and expenditure before you begin your academic year. Preparing a budget prior to commencing your year, reassessing it monthly and adjusting, when necessary, will assist you in this goal. See sample below to guide you to think about the income and your expenses.

Sample monthly Income /Expenditure calculation	Expenditure	Income
Household income		€ 3,406
SUSI Grant -if awarded		€147
Rent/Mortgage	€741	
Transport – Leap Card cap €64pm or Fuel €140pm	€140	
Gas/Electricity/Oil	€200	
Groceries/Toiletries	€500	
On/Off campus meals	€100	
Internet and phone	€67	
Medication	€22	
College Materials e.g., printing, books etc.	€54	
Childcare	n/a	
Car Insurance, Car Tax. Car Maintenance/NCT	130	
Medical Insurance	n/a	
TV License	€13	
Bin Charges	€18	
Extra-Curricular Activities e.g., Gym/Clubs & Socs/Sport	€45	
Other: Basic clothing	€45	
Social work-life balance/Cinema/Coffee Friends	€100	
Total Monthly expenses and income (Surplus)	€2,179	€3,553



Budgeting Tips

MABS Money Advice & Budgeting

MABS provide Money Tools which assist you to determine your financial health. Click on QR code to access the MABS Money Tools website.

The UCD Access and Lifelong Centre offer workshops with MABS at the beginning of each academic year.



Check out deals

According to switcher.ie, the average electricity customer could save up to €327 a year by switching from a standard tariff to the cheapest deal on the market, and the average gas customer can currently save up to €213 by switching to the cheapest deal.

Cycling

For those who like to cycle, **UCD Bikes** have a Buy Back Scheme offering to buy back any bike it has sold to a student for up to 50% of the purchase price. Scan the QR Code to find out more information.

Dublin Bikes a service that may save you money. An annual subscription for students with a valid ID is €20 and the first 30 minutes of every journey is free. After this, rental charges apply in accordance with the company's fees structure.



Leap Card

Young Adult Leap Card: is for those aged 19-25 year olds. This allows for 50 per cent fare reductions on Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus, Iarnród Éireann (including the Dart), Go-Ahead Ireland, Luas, and participating TFI Local Link services.

A daily and weekly cap has been put on the amount you can spend while using your Leap Card. Once you hit the cap, you travel free for the rest of the day or week.



For example, the weekly cap for a student using the Dart is €14.80. Students who have not yet reached their 19th birthday are eligible for even cheaper child fares, meaning they will get a week on the Dart for a €10.

Student Leap Card: is available for students in full time education who are either 16 -18 years of age or 26 years and above.

Trying to reduce your outgoing expenditure will help as will applying for grants, scholarships and bursaries outlined on the following pages for which you may be eligible.

National grants, allowances and scholarships for full-time students

SUSI Grant

SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) provides financial support to eligible students. There are two elements to the student grant – a maintenance grant (contribution towards living costs) and a fee grant (cover all or part of the student contribution fee plus the costs of essential field trips).

The grant is means-tested, based on your family’s gross income for the previous full tax year, so for those entering university in 2025, it would be the 2024 accounts.

If a family has more than one child in college at the same time, the reckonable income limits are increased. The distance a person normally lives from the college is also a factor in how much an individual is eligible to receive. For details on the Student Grant Scheme and other important information see the [SUSI website](#).

Use the SUSI [eligibility indicator](#) to check your eligibility.

Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)
UCD FET students may be eligible for HEAR Supports up until the age of 23. To qualify for HEAR, you must meet certain indicators or criteria related to your financial, social and economic circumstances, listed below:

1. Low Income
2. Medical card
3. Social welfare
4. Socio-economic group
5. DEIS school
6. Area

If eligible, UCD FET students may avail of HEAR supports, the most relevant support being access to the HEAR Support Fund.

[Find out more about the HEAR Support Fund here](#)

Back to Education Allowance (BTEA)

If you are unemployed, a lone parent, or you are receiving a disability allowance from the Department of Social Protection, you may be able to participate in a second or third level education course and get a Back to Education Allowance (BTEA)

It is important to note that you cannot be in receipt of both the BTEA and the maintenance component of a student grant. In order to receive the BTEA, you must accept your place on a full-time course, and then notify the Department of Social Protection by completing the BTEA application form.

Further information on eligibility requirements and application can be found at Citizens Information website: [citizensinformation.ie](#)

Higher Education Scholarships for Adult Learners

Uversity is a Registered Charity that grants Higher Education Scholarships to Adult Learners seeking to unlock their potential and realise their academic, personal and professional ambitions.

Uversity’s Scholarships help to alleviate the financial barriers that may be preventing older students, aged 23 and over, from earning a Bachelor’s Degree for the first time.

Find out more at the uversity website: [uversity.org](#)

UCD scholarship and bursary funding for students

The scholarships and bursaries listed below do not impact on your SUSI grant as they are not considered reckonable income in the SUSI eligibility calculations. All of the scholarships require that you satisfy one of specific eligibility criteria which include : Student with a disability, first-time mature student, member of the Traveller community, Further education award holder, lone parent who are in receipt of a means-tested social welfare payment, a member of an ethnic minority, a refugee, or with leave to remain, and international protection and a student who have successfully completed a UCD Access Programme.

There may be variations in eligibility criteria for some of the scholarships listed below so consult the ucd.ie/all website or email all@ucd.ie for further information.

Full-time Undergraduate Students

Cothrom na Féinne	For incoming first-year students. There are over 145 Cothrom Na Féinne Scholarships that have a value of €1,500/ €2,000 per year
1916 Bursary	For incoming first-year students. It has a value of between €2,000 and €5,000 per annum for the duration of your studies. You will also be able to receive the bursary if you progress to postgraduate programme. There is also a €1,500 once-off Bursary. The 1916 Bursary is awarded to applicants that present the greatest need.
NUI Scholarship	One-time payment for incoming students with a disability physical and sensory disabilities.
Think Again	A scholarship for women aged 23 and over living in a low income households to cover living costs, as well as a range of other vital supports such as career and personal development. An awardee may secure up to €7,000 per student per year of study.
Sanctuary Programme	For incoming students who are refugees, international protection applicants, and those with humanitarian leave to remain.
Sanctuary Programme - for displaced Palestinians	

National scholarship and bursary funding

The student support fund provides funding for students who are on full time programmes

Student Support Fund

Means-tested annual funding for Irish/EU students on full-time programmes. Students can get assistance towards rent, medical bills, food etc. Students apply in October, it's a once-off payment during the year .

Parenting Support Fund

Means-tested annual funding for Irish/ EU students who are parenting.

Find out about [sources of student finance here](#) or by clicking the QR code:



Funding from Charitable organisations

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul recognises the importance of further education. However, for many people accessibility and affordability are real barriers to obtaining a third level education and training.

The SVP Education and Training Bursary Fund has been established to support students of all ages who may financially struggle to access or stay in third level education and training programmes.

The Bursary Programme will consider all recognised third level education and training programmes for funding. However, postgraduate studies (Master or PhD) or private colleges are not eligible.

Go to the [Society of St Vincent De Paul here](#) or by clicking the QR code:





UCD School Specific Scholarships

Specific Schools in UCD may have scholarships available for students who satisfy specific criteria. For example, The UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business awards the KPMG Denis O'Connor Memorial awards. These awards are designed for promising students whose circumstances may present challenges towards fully accessing and availing of college opportunities. Each year, four scholarships are awarded based on merit, achievement and enabling impact. Overall, the programme's goal is to assist scholars to thrive in their college experience and to widen and deepen participation across the learning community.

Part-Time Courses

You may feel that you do not want to start a fulltime course yet. There are a number of part-time courses available in UCD which will give you a taste of UCD.

Access courses - Preparing you for college life

The UCD Access courses are ideal if you want to study an undergraduate degree but don't quite feel ready or don't fully meet the admission requirements. These courses are designed to help you find your feet, explore subject choices, and develop your study skills before you take that next step. UCD offers a range of Access options depending on what you hope to study and the time you can commit.



Find out more about the Part-time access courses by scanning the QR Code.

Open Learning Pathways

This is UCD's most flexible part-time study option. You can build your own timetable, choosing from more than 200 modules taken directly from UCD undergraduate degrees. You will participate in classes, labs and tutorials with full-time students. This is an excellent way to try out the university experience.



There are 2 NFQ awards available through Open Learning: a 30 credit (6 modules) NFQ Level 7 Certificate, or a 60 credit (12 modules) NFQ Level 7 Diploma. Students who complete the Certificate with the necessary GPA may apply for direct admission into 13 UCD degree programmes.

Part-time Student scholarship and support funding

Part-time students are not eligible to apply for SUSI funding however there is an opportunity in UCE to apply for some Scholarship funding and other support funding

Cothrom na Féinne UCD	Fee reduction for students participating in UCD Access Course
Part-Time Student Support Fund	Means-tested payment for Irish / EU students who are studying part-time.
Parenting Support Fund	Means-tested payment for Irish / EU students who are parenting.
Think Again	Other part-time students may avail of €1,000 per student per year of study.

Supports available if you have a disability

All students who enter UCD through the FET Pathway and have a disability are eligible for all of the Disability Supports available at UCD.

UCD students with a disability or significant ongoing illness have the opportunity to receive relevant reasonable accommodations or supports. Documentation confirming the disability or significant ongoing illness is required in order to receive supports. These supports are related to the student's needs and may include academic supports such as awareness supports for your lecturers and/or exam supports such as extra time for exams.

Each year you are registered as a UCD Student your disability supports will roll over, there is no need to have another Needs Assessment meeting each year.

Examples of classroom accommodations used by students in UCD include:

- ◆ Use of Assistive Technology such as a recording device in lectures, if eligible.
- ◆ Provision of an Irish Sign Language (ISL) Interpreter and/or Note Taker for Deaf students, if eligible.
- ◆ Provision of required reading in an alternative format for Blind or visually impaired students, if eligible.
- ◆ The student's lecturer is made aware of their disability, if desired.

Assistive Technology.

Assistive Technology (AT) is a range of tools that make learning more accessible. This includes, for example, software that helps with spelling and grammar, digital pens or software for recording lectures, adapted tools for those with visual or hearing impairments, and alternative inputs for students with mobility issues.

UCD Access & Lifelong Learning has an Assistive Technology Specialist who can provide technology and training to students who avail of disability support.

Tips for managing University in relation to your disability.

Click on the relevant link to see the

[ADD/ADHD](#)

[Autism/ASD](#)

[Blind or vision impaired](#)

[Deaf or hard of hearing](#)

[Dyscalculia](#)

[Dyslexia](#)


[Dyspraxia/DCD](#)

[Mental Health Difficulties](#)

[Physical Disability](#)

[Significant Ongoing Illness](#)

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Contact
disability@ucd.ie
to make a
Needs
Assessment

UCD ALL Welcome

The UCD Access and Life Long Learning (ALL) Centre offers you an **ALL Welcome** before the start of term.

Our day long Welcome Programme is the first step you will take to becoming a successful student in UCD. We will share strategies and the 'college knowledge' that is going to help you learn to be an autonomous student.

The advice and common sense we will share with you will give you the confidence to start your programme and make connections with ourselves and your fellow students.

The Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome is designed to give you a head start in getting settled into your successful university life. During the Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome you will have a chance to meet current students who were in your shoes this time last year. They will share their first-hand experience and advice with you as they show you around YOUR University. You will also meet other students in your programme and have all your queries answered.

The ALL Welcome really helped me socialise with some people from similar circumstances to me; as I felt that I would not be able to see anyone like me in UCD.

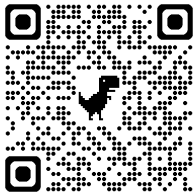








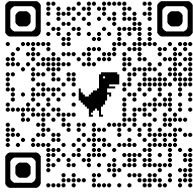
I really enjoyed the day as we got a tour, listened to speakers talking about their experiences so far in UCD and had a nice lunch. It really helped me settle my nerves for the coming year.
- Saoirse Clandillon,


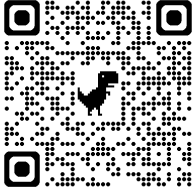



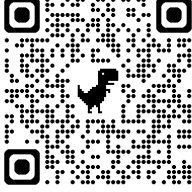







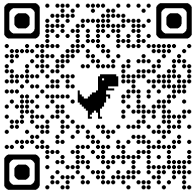


2024 Student entrants getting a head start around campus at the ALL Welcome Programme Day.



Your UCD Supports


Support	More Information
<p>Student Advisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Each academic programme has a dedicated adviser who can offer you time and space to explore any issues of concern in confidence. ◆ Your Student Adviser can help you to find ways to deal with personal, social, financial and emotional issues; can help you navigate UCD policies, procedures and services to ensure you get the most from your UCD university experience, even when things are difficult. 	
<p>Disability Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Disability Support service is for students with disabilities or significant ongoing illnesses. ◆ It provides academic and exam accommodations, subject to documentation and a Needs Assessment. <p>  ucd/all.ie  disability@ucd.ie </p>	
<p>UCD Access & Lifelong Learning (ALL) Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Located in UCD Access & Lifelong Learning, Level 1, James Joyce Library Building. ◆ UCD ALL Supports offers many student supports and financial assistance. <p>  ucd/all.ie  all@ucd.ie  01 7167123 </p>	
<p>Chaplaincy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Provides pastoral care, spiritual direction, and community events. ◆ Offering a free 'LifeHacks,' course that offers great content to help you through college and free pizza as we gather to explore various topics. ◆ Open to students from all faiths and none. <p>  ucd.ie/chaplaincy/ </p>	

Support	More Information
<p>Counselling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Confidential service offering professional psychological support. ◆ Free for all registered students. <p> ucd.ie/studentcounselling/</p>	
<p>Health Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ On-campus primary care medical service. ◆ Includes doctors, nurses, and a part-time psychiatrist. <p> ucd.ie/stuhealth/  student.health@ucd.ie  01-716 3134</p>	
<p>Dignity & Respect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Promotes a respectful and dignified study and work environment. ◆ Policies against bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct. <p> ucd/dignityandrespect/  respect@ucd.ie  01 7167716</p>	
<p>Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Supports and advises students' to choose a career and professional development. ◆ Has a dedicated career management platform to assist you in enhancing your employability skills. ◆ Provides advice in creating a relevant CV and preparing for interviews. ◆ The UCD Advantage Award is your chance to get recognition from UCD for skills, knowledge and experience that you have gained through participation in co-curricular activities. UCD Advantage will help you stand out from the crowd and is a great addition to your CV. <p> ucd.ie/careers/  careers@ucd.ie  01 7167574</p>	

Support


UCD Student Centre

- ◆ Provides various student services and supports.
- ◆ You can find the UCD pharmacy, the Student's Union shop, a barber shop, cinema, a poolside café and many more amenities in the student centre.
- ◆ UCD Sports and Fitness Club.

 ucd.ie/studentcentre/



UCD Students Union

- ◆ Campaigns for a quality academic and student experience.
- ◆ Advocates for progressive change and a fairer society.

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Student Desk

- ◆ Provides assistance with module registration, fees, official documents and more.

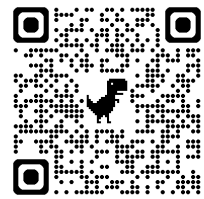
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UCD Gaeltacht

- ◆ Promotes the Irish language and culture.
- ◆ Offers courses, activities and scholarships.

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More Information



Starting
my journey
to UCD.
To do

Discuss with your FET
Guidance Officer about
the choices you have
available to you at UCD

UCD Open Day
November 9, 2024
Come along to our
UCD Open Day to
explore your
options

Find out about student
supports and services
that will be available to
you in UCD. ucd.ie/all

Apply for your place in
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**Deadline 1 February
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and grant applications.

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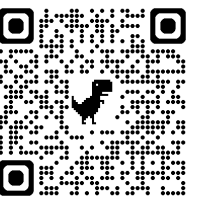
Early September

Attend the
ALL Welcome to help
you make friends and
find your way around.

Email: all@ucd.ie
ucd.ie/all

Your UCD academic supports

Support	More Information
<p>Maths Support Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Free drop-in service for help with maths. <p> ucd.ie/msc/  msc@ucd.ie  01 716 7536</p>	
<p>Writing Support Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Offers free support to help with academic writing. <p> ucd.ie/writingcentre/  writingcentre@ucd.ie  01 716 7777</p>	
<p>Computer Science Support Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Free drop-in service for computer science help. <p> csintranet.ucd.ie/CSSC/  cssc@ucd.ie</p>	
<p>Library Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Includes laptop loans and academic resources. <p> ucd.ie/library  libraryinfo@ucd.ie  01 716 7583</p>	
<p>Academic Jargon Explained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Key terms like College Office, Major, Module, Core Module, Elective Module, and more. <p> ucd.ie/students/services/ucdstudentjargonbuster/</p>	
<p>Digital Ambassadors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Digital ambassadors assist you with all your technology related challenges. Digital Ambassadors are Access Leaders - your fellow students who can help with tech queries you might have in UCD - Brightspace, Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel etc), email, file saving and organisation and more. <p> ucd/all.ie  all@ucd.ie  01 7167123</p>	

Support	More Information
<p>Access Leader Programme</p> <p>Access Leaders give peer support and mentoring to new entrants about to undertake a degree programme or progression pathway to undergraduate study. This includes students who entered UCD via the QQI-FET Pathway.</p> <p> Access Leaders</p>	
<p>Societies/Clubs/Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Explore UCD's diverse range of societies and have fun, make friends and take part in a variety of activities and events. From arts and culture to science and social service, try something new or find your community and experience UCD student life. <p> UCD Societies</p>	
<p>UCD Student Volunteering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Opportunities to volunteer and develop skills.◆ Do you want to get involved in volunteering but don't know where to start? There are lots of volunteering opportunities available right here on campus. <p> studentvolunteer.ie/ucd  ucdic@ucd.ie  01 716 2409/ 01 716 2268</p>	
<p>Peer Mentor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ UCD is a big place and starting college is exciting adventure that can also be a bit overwhelming. That's where our amazing UCD peer mentors come in! They welcome new undergraduate students and help make their transition to university life easier. Peer mentors are seasoned students who share their knowledge and wisdom of university life with new students. Peer mentors provide guidance, advice and support, they can signpost new students to the various supports services available in UCD. <p> Peer Mentors  nadia.clarkin@ucd.ie  01 716 1207 </p>	
<p>Withdrawal/Leave of Absence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ You should contact your student advisor on guidance on taking a break or withdrawing from your programme. <p> Contact the Student Desk</p>	

UCD Academic Calendar 2025-2026

Dates are subject to change.

Autumn Trimester - Monday, 1 September 2025 – Sunday, 18 January 2026 (inclusive)

Student Orientation Activities	Monday, 1 September – Friday, 5 September	No. of days varies depending on course
Teaching term	Monday, 8 September – Friday, 28 November	12 weeks
Revision	Saturday, 29 November – Friday, 5 December	1 week
Exams	Saturday, 6 December – Saturday, 20 December	2 weeks

Spring Trimester - Monday, 19 January 2026 – Sunday, 17 May 2026 (inclusive)

Teaching term	Monday, 19 January – Friday, 6 March	7 weeks
Fieldwork/Study period	Monday, 9 March – Sunday, 22 March	2 weeks
Teaching term	Monday, 23 March – Friday, 24 April	5 weeks
Revision	Saturday, 25 April – Friday, 1 May	1 week
Exams	Saturday, 2 May – Saturday, 16 May	2 weeks

Summer Trimester - Monday, 18 May 2026 - Sunday, 30 August 2026 (inclusive)

Teaching term	Monday, 18 May – Friday, 7 August	12 weeks
Revision Saturday,	8 August – Friday, 14 August	1 week
Exams	Saturday, 15 August – Saturday, 22 August	1 week

Bank Holiday and holiday closure

October Bank Holiday	Monday,	27 October 2025
Christmas closure	Tuesday,	23 December 2025
St Brigid's Day	Monday,	2 February 2026
St. Patrick's Day	Tuesday,	17 March 2026
Good Friday	Friday,	3 April 2026
Easter Bank Holiday	Monday,	6 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday,	4 May 2026
June Bank Holiday	Monday,	1 June 2026
August Bank Holiday	Monday,	3 August 2026



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Sample Timetables

Day	Time Period	Module Code	Module Title
BA Arts and Humanities specialising in English, Archaeology and Geography			Year 1
Monday	1000 - 1050	ARCH10160	The Human Past
Monday	1100 - 1150	GEOG10140	Mapping a Sustainable World
Monday	1200 - 1250	GEOG10130	Geography Matters
Tuesday	1000 - 1050	ENG10130	Contemporary Irish Writing
Tuesday	1200 - 1250	ENG10230	Reading World Literature
Tuesday	1400 - 1450	GEOG10140	Mapping a Sustainable World
Tuesday	1600 - 1650	ARCH10010	Exploring Archaeology
Wednesday	1100 - 1150	GEOG10130	Geography Matters
Wednesday	1300 - 1350	ENG10130	Contemporary Irish Writing
Wednesday	1500 - 1550	ENG10230	Reading World Literature
Thursday	1400 - 1450	GEOG10140	Mapping a Sustainable World
Thursday	1500 - 1550	ARCH10160	The Human Past
Social Policy & Sociology			Year 2
Monday	1100 - 1150	SOC20270	Sociology Health & Inequality
Tuesday	0900 - 0950	SPOL20050	Economics of Social Policy
Tuesday	1000 - 1050	SPOL20210	Investigating Social Services
Tuesday	1200 - 1250	SOC20100	Sociological Theory Level 2
Tuesday	1700 - 1750	SOC20260	Quantitative Research Methods
Wednesday	1100 - 1150	SOC20270	Sociology Health & Inequality
Wednesday	1200 - 1250	SOC20260	Quantitative Research Methods
Wednesday	1300 - 1350	EDUC10170	Human Learning
Wednesday	1500 - 1550	SOC20100	Sociological Theory Level 2
Wednesday	1600 - 1650	SPOL28150	Global Social Policy
Thursday	0900 - 0950	SPOL20050	Economics of Social Policy
Thursday	1100 - 1150	SPOL28150	Global Social Policy
Thursday	1700 - 1750	SOC20260	Quantitative Research Methods
BSc in Zoology			Year 3
Monday	1000 - 1050	ZOOL30050	Diversity of invertebrates
Monday	1300 - 1350	ENVB30010	Systems Ecology
Tuesday	1000 - 1050	AESC10010	Land Use & Environment
Tuesday	1200 - 1250	ZOOL30030	Evolutionary Biology
Tuesday	1300 - 1350	ZOOL30050	Diversity of invertebrates
Tuesday	1500 - 1650	ZOOL30050	Diversity of invertebrates
Wednesday	1000 - 1050	ZOOL30030	Evolutionary Biology
Wednesday	1300 - 1350	ENVB30010	Systems Ecology
Wednesday	1600 - 1750	ENVB30010	Systems Ecology
Thursday	1000 - 1050	AESC10010	Land Use & Environment
Thursday	1100 - 1150	BIOL30040	Scientific Writing for Biology



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About the UCD Festival

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The UCD Festival is an inspirational and fun-filled showcase of the education, innovation, creativity and research that takes place within UCD through performances, engaging talks, hands-on science, interactive exhibits and play.

The UCD Festival is a day when we open our doors to friends like you providing an opportunity to see behind the scenes and discover something new while meeting our students and world-class academics.

UCD is constantly evolving with the changing world and festival goers will get to see first-hand some of our breakthrough discoveries and how UCD is addressing societal challenges.