

**Open
Learning
Progression
Pathway
Readiness
Checker**

Welcome to the Open Learning Readiness Checker

ARE YOU READY?

Here's a short checklist to help you find out some essential aspects of being college ready for starting your Open Learning journey. There's no grade. Once you're done, take some time to reflect on your responses. Based on your answers you will find further resources, tips and information available to help you prepare. Ready?

Directions

For each of the five foundation areas shown below, you will find a number of questions. Mark yes/No accordingly, take some time to review your answers, then scroll down to the bottom to get further tips and information or simply register for one of our information sessions.

My Plan

	Yes	No
I know which academic areas I am interested in studying.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand the module/programme/course objectives and the class layout (tutorials and lectures per week).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can anticipate the workload (eg reading, assignments, exams, MCQs) and time involved (eg 10 hours of lectures + 20 hours of reading/assignments).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a clear set of goals (eg learn more about a specific subject, try out university life, prepare for a degree, etc) for what I hope to achieve through the Open Learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Progression Pathway

	Yes	No
I understand the admission requirements, grades and GPA (Grade Point Average) I need to achieve for the programme that I hope to study next year.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have explored which modules I can use from Open Learning as a progression into a degree.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

My Motivation

	Yes	No
I have attended an information session and I started to read about how Open Learning can help me achieve my educational goals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am excited about the opportunity to join Open Learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand that I will need to motivate myself throughout my studies and I have strategies in place to do this.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand the importance of attending lectures and engaging in University activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

My Academic skills

	Yes	No
I have sufficient command of the English language in writing, reading and speaking to succeed in my studies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am prepared to do the reading required for the college course independently.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel comfortable using the internet and online applications.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If it is necessary for my programme I have the fundamentals of mathematics and numerical thinking.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand that I will be studying independently	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Managing my time

	Yes	No
I am prepared to balance study and other life commitments outside University.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have explored a possible commuting options and the cost/time involved to get to UCD.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know what my week would look like with college work and other responsibilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a sense of the time that I will need to commit to my studies to successfully complete a module.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

We hope you found this prompts useful in planning your next steps. Look at your results along with tips and resources to help you on your educational journey towards a progression pathway.

Foundation Area	Resources
Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Learning Module List
Future Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MyUCD - check out UCD's degree programmes • Hear from our student Access Leaders about how they chose their courses
My motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take some time to pause and reflect about why you want to pursue your degree. It might be handy to grab a notebook and pen and scribble down some ideas!
My Academic skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop Loan • Digital Ambassadors • Check out our mini tutorials for key IT Skills • Be an active learner • Academic skills and wellbeing workshops
Managing my Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out our masterclass on avoiding procrastination • Take a look at our workshop on time management • Take the time to plan your route and your costs getting to and from UCD

Register for our free Ready for Open Learning workshop for tips to begin your educational journey at UCD. You will leave with simple actions to prepare you for university.