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“The access course has been an incredible opportunity for me. It has given me the confidence and skills to pursue a bachelor’s degree. The support from staff has been amazing and made the transition to university feel achievable. I would highly recommend it to anyone considering returning to education.”

— Jamie Waddick, AHSSL

Welcome

Welcome to our University Access Programme

Welcome to Ireland's longest established University Access programme. We are delighted that you are considering studying with us, to prepare for the exciting prospect of a degree programme at UCD.

UCD welcomes and highly values our students. We are delighted to provide foundation courses to get you started on a life-enhancing educational journey. You will be pleased to hear that UCD Access and Lifelong Learning (ALL) is a leader in the field of lifelong learning and in supporting students in their return to learning, and preparation for university. We aim to provide a stimulating and supportive setting, where you will feel comfortable in approaching members of the Access team for guidance and direction. Our goal is to introduce you to many happy years of learning at UCD. The purpose of these courses is to pave the way for adult learners to progress in their educational journey into UCD. So, join our learning community in the great adventure that is the life of a student, we will be with you every step of the way!



Dr Bairbre Fleming

Director - UCD Access and Lifelong Learning
Chair of PATH Open Learning group

A Welcome from your Student Support Officer

Welcome from Therese Fitzgerald

Welcome to UCD and thanks for considering us for this exciting step into university life!

I am here to provide you with support and guidance throughout the year and to link you in with other services around campus – of which there are many. I'm at the end of an email or phone call at any time during the year, and you can book an appointment for a chat at a time that suits or avail of my regular drop-in hours during the week. You'll also be seeing me at the various events we hold. I really look forward to getting to know you and to see you progress in your education journey!



Therese Fitzgerald
Access Student Support Officer
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Meet OBAAT – Our Access Mascot

OBAAT: One Bite at a Time

Meet OBAAT, our friendly Access mascot! Inspired by the saying “The way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time,” OBAAT is a gentle reminder that big goals are achieved through small, steady steps.

You’ll spot OBAAT throughout this guide, cheering you on with useful tips and encouragement from our students and staff — because every big ambition starts with a first step!

Slán go fóill/ bye for now,



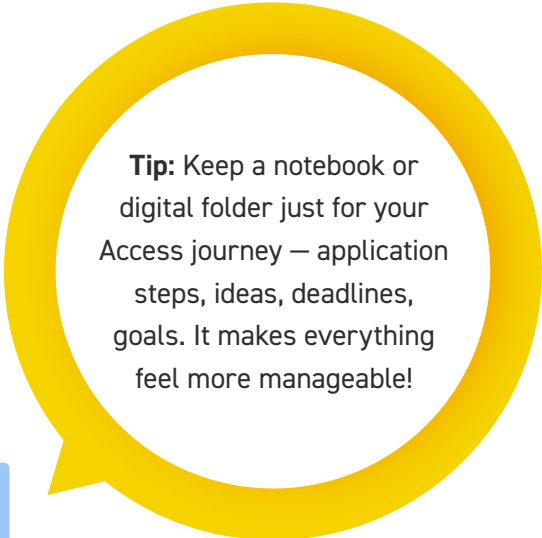


**“Everyone here wants to see you
succeed and will support you every
step of the way.”**

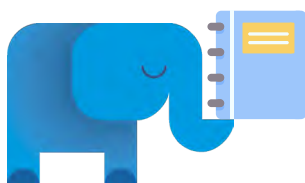
— Aoife McLoughlin, SEAM+ Graduate

Why Choose University Access at UCD?

- **Possibility** — Rediscover the joy of learning and open doors to new opportunities.
- **Flexibility** — Part-time study designed to fit around your work, family, and personal commitments.
- **Support** — Guidance and community every step of the way.
- **Belonging** — Be part of an inclusive, empowering environment.
- **Progression** — Clear pathways to UCD degrees in Arts, Humanities, Science, Law, Social Sciences, Medicine, Vet Medicine, and more.



Tip: Keep a notebook or digital folder just for your Access journey — application steps, ideas, deadlines, goals. It makes everything feel more manageable!



What Are Access Courses?

Access courses at UCD are Special Purpose **Level 6 Diploma Awards**. They are year-long, part-time, foundation programmes designed to introduce students to university life and learning.

We offer two Access courses:

- **AHSSL: Diploma in Access to Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Law.**
- **SEAM+: Diploma in Access to Science, Computer Science, Sustainability, Engineering, Agricultural Science, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.**

Courses are designed to build your skills and confidence while providing the flexibility to balance your studies with other life commitments.

What's included?

- Small class sizes.
- Supportive learning environment.
- Study skills workshops.
- Degree progression opportunities.

If you successfully complete an Access Programme and get the required Grade Point Average (GPA) you'll have the chance to apply for a set number of guaranteed places on a range of UCD Degree Programmes (See pg 10 and pg 27 - 28).



Access to Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Law (AHSSL)

Welcome from the UCD College of Social Sciences & Law

As College Principal in the College of Social Sciences and Law, I am delighted to welcome you to Access to Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Law, and to UCD. We are the largest centre for education, research and outreach in social sciences and related disciplines in Ireland. Values are at the heart of what we do. We have a strong culture of excellence, collegiality and collaboration and one of our core goals is to support all to thrive and reach their full potential.

This programme provides a unique opportunity for you to develop the skills you need to thrive in a university environment and the knowledge in a range of subject areas that will help you better understand, and contribute to, humanity and society.

As a community of scholars, we are proud of our excellent teachers and the collaborative and supportive environment they create in partnership with our students and professional colleagues on campus.

My hope is that your participation in this programme will give you a window into what might be and that, at its completion, you will consider further study with us by progressing on to our degree programmes. We will support you as you take this first step as a university student towards achieving your full potential so that you can become beacons of hope and role models within your communities, families and beyond.



Professor Niamh Moore-Cherry
College Principal, College of Social Sciences & Law

About Access to AHSSL

Access to AHSSL (Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Law) is the oldest Access course in Ireland and is designed to prepare learners for successful study at university. It leads to a Special Purpose QQI Level 6 Diploma Award.

Our programme is student-centred, offering you dedicated support and guidance throughout your Access year. You'll experience a wide range of teaching approaches, including:

- Group work.
- Case studies.
- Reviews.
- In-class discussions in both small and large supportive group settings.

You will experience a wide range of assessments, such as:

- Reflective journals.
- Presentations.
- Essays.
- Exams.

During your University Access year, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Sample university lectures.
- Hear from UCD colleagues about degree options.
- Meet Access graduates who can share their experiences and insights to help you make informed decisions about your CAO application and your next steps towards a degree.

As a University Access student, you'll also be welcome to take part in additional academic skills workshops, digital literacy sessions, and the full range of supports offered by UCD Access and Lifelong Learning.

This is your chance to build the skills, confidence and knowledge to begin your journey to university and beyond.

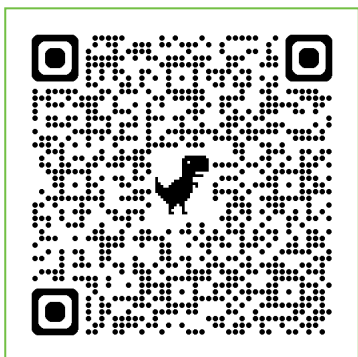
Progression Opportunities

Students who achieve a **Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.6** or more can apply for a **guaranteed minimum number of places** on the following degree programmes in UCD¹.

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|-----------------------|---------|--|
| ● BA Arts | (DN520) | ● BSocSc Social Policy & Sociology (DN750) |
| ● BA Humanities | (DN530) | ● BSc Criminology with Psychology (DN620) |
| ● BCL Law | (DN600) | ● BSc Psychology (DN720)* |
| ● BSc Social Sciences | (DN700) | |

In addition to meeting the required standard on the course, you must make an application through the CAO for your progression. *An asterisk (*) means a different GPA or requirements apply.*

Please note: To be considered for progression to **BSC Psychology (CAO code DN720)**, you will need a **GPA of 3.08 or higher**.



For the most up to date information on progression pathways please visit our website:

[https://www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/
applying/universityaccesscourses/
accesstoartshumanitiessocialsciencesandlawahssl/](https://www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/applying/universityaccesscourses/accesstoartshumanitiessocialsciencesandlawahssl/)

Please note: University Access results are valid for two years only, i.e. results from this year are valid for entry in this year and next year only.

¹ Where there are more qualified applicants for entry (i.e. students with a GPA greater than 2.6 or 3.08 for the BSc Psychology Degree), than there are places, the allocation will be made by the highest GPA.

How the Course Works



Core Modules

The core modules in Access to AHSSL are key to your success as a university student. We have been working with Access students for decades and have established that the key to a positive outcome is having good study skills. How you study, and the habits you develop during the year, will sustain and support you as you progress through UCD. Our Study Skills are taught in a positive and accessible way. You will learn the key approaches and skills you need to be an effective and engaged student.

You can then put your skills into practice with your optional subjects. There are additional free academic workshops and supports you can also use to support your learning on the University Access course.

These three core modules are compulsory for all students.

- 1. First Steps** - Introduction to Higher Education - Autumn
- 2. Digital Literacy for University** - Autumn
- 3. Applied Academic Writing** - Spring

In the autumn trimester, you will register for two core study skills modules First Steps in Higher Education (5 credits) and Digital Literacy (5 credits) along with one optional module.

Core Modules

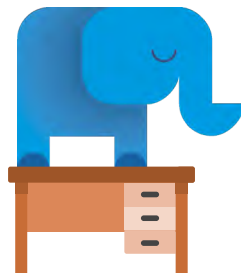
 Credits

5 Core Module 1	5 Core Module 2	5 Core Module 3
Autumn	Autumn	Spring
First Steps - Introduction to Higher Education	Digital Literacy for University	Applied Academic Writing

Optional Modules - Choose 3 from:

Module	Credits
Making History – only available in the autumn trimester	5 credits
Introduction to Archaeology	5 credits
Ways of Reading (English Literature)	5 credits
Introduction to Law in Ireland	5 credits
Introducing our Social Worlds	5 credits

For full details, see: www.ucd.ie/all



Study skills are your superpower. Build habits that work for you – and don't be afraid to try different approaches.

Optional Modules

 Credits

5

Optional Module

Making History
– autumn only

5

Optional Module

Introduction to Archaeology

5

Optional Module

Ways of Reading
(English Literature)

5

Optional Module

Introduction to
Law in Ireland

5

Optional Module

Introducing our
Social Worlds



“One of my favourite modules was ‘First Steps’ which gave me the fundamental knowledge I need to excel as a student here in UCD.”

— Othniel Zola, AHSSL



Course Structure

Autumn Trimester

Core Module 1	Core Module 2	Optional Module
Autumn	Autumn	Spring
First Steps - Introduction to Higher Education	Digital Literacy for University	Optional Module of your choice
Complete 2 mandatory Core Modules		Plus 1 Optional Module

Spring Trimester

Core Module 3	Optional Module	Optional Module
Autumn	Spring	Spring
Applied Academic Writing	Optional Module of your choice	Optional Module of your choice
Complete 1 mandatory Core Module	Plus 2 Optional Modules	

Timetable

Trimester 1

Daytime					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00		First Steps – Introduction to Higher Education (Core)	First Steps – Introduction to Higher Education (Core)		
11:00					
12:00		Digital Literacy (Core)	Digital Literacy (Core)		
Evening					
18:00				Ways of Reading: English Literature (Optional)	
19:00					
20:00					

*The timetable is subject to change.

Trimester 2

Daytime					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00		Applied Academic Writing (Core)			
11:00		Introduction to Archaeology (Optional)	Ways of Reading: English Literature (Optional)	Introduction to the Law in Ireland (Optional)	
12:00					
Evening					
17:00				Applied Academic Writing (Core)	
18:00				Introducing our Social Worlds (Optional)	
19:00					
20:00					

*The timetable is subject to change.



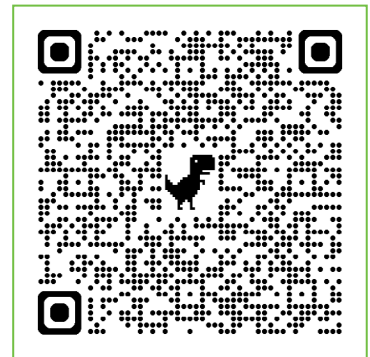
Requirements

Age Requirement

- University Access Mature applicants (You must be 22 or over on January 1st of the year you apply).
- University Access Young Adult applicants (You must be 21 or under on January 1st of the year you apply and must meet the stated access criteria - see pg 21).

English Language Requirement

- If English is not your first language, you must satisfy UCD's English Language requirements. A score of 6.5 in an IELTS or equivalent exam is required. Please find full details on UCD's Minimum English Language requirements as well as a list of acceptable qualifications on this webpage: <https://www.ucd.ie/registry/prospectivestudents/admissions/policiesandgeneralregulations/generalrequirements/minimumenglishlanguagerequirements/>
- If you do not have this formal qualification and would like further information on the assessment options listed, please contact all@ucd.ie



There are no other formal entry requirements, but you must:

- Be able to demonstrate a readiness to pursue third level programmes and a level of learning ability suitable to do so.
- Share life experience and any formal or informal learning undertaken. Provide as much information as you think is relevant on the application form and include all educational history.
- Attend an informal interview and complete a short written assessment on the day. In the written assessment you must demonstrate engagement and interest in your response to the question.

Please note: Applicants who already hold a level 8 degree qualification are not eligible to apply.

Access Criteria for Young Adults

UCD is delighted to welcome students under 22 to apply for the Access to AHSSL Programme. This is specifically for applicants who have experienced socio-economic disadvantage and/or educational disadvantage.

To be eligible, you **must meet three of the criteria** below:

1. You have attended a DEIS post primary school for at least two years.
2. Your household income last year must be on or below €55,924.
3. You or your family are/were in receipt of a medical card/GP visit card that was in date at the end of last year.
4. Your family received a means tested payment from the Department of Social Protection for at least 26 weeks last year.
5. You live in an area of urban or rural disadvantage. To meet this indicator your address must be in an area classified as disadvantaged, very disadvantaged or extremely disadvantaged. We use [Pobal Maps](#) to verify area of disadvantage.
6. Your parents/guardians have not gone to college.

OR

You can provide proof that you are eligible for HEAR (Higher Education Access Route) from either last year or this academic year.



“I absolutely loved it. I was terrified when I had to come in for my interview but the staff were so lovely and encouraging. Don’t second guess yourself any longer and just go for it!”

— Geraldine Magee, AHSSL

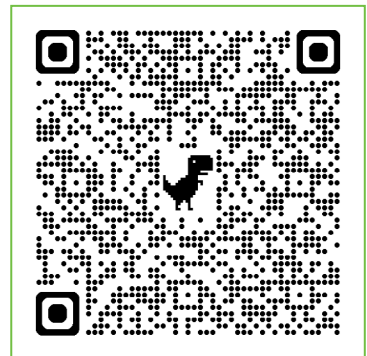
Applying

Applications are made online, directly to UCD. Please note that there is **no application fee** for Access to AHSSL.

For deadline dates please go to the below webpages for more information:

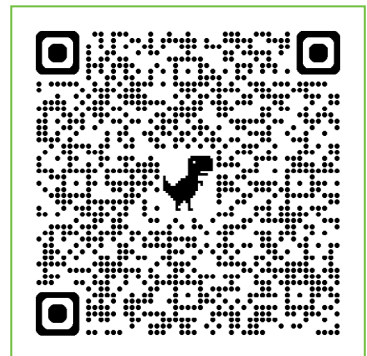
- **AHSSL Young Adult webpage:**

[www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/
applying/universityaccesscourses/
accesstoartshumanitiessocialsciencesandlawahssl/
ahsslyoungadultapplicants/](http://www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/applying/universityaccesscourses/accesstoartshumanitiessocialsciencesandlawahssl/ahsslyoungadultapplicants/)



- **AHSSL Mature Applicant webpage:**

[www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/
applying/universityaccesscourses/
accesstoartshumanitiessocialsciencesandlawahssl/
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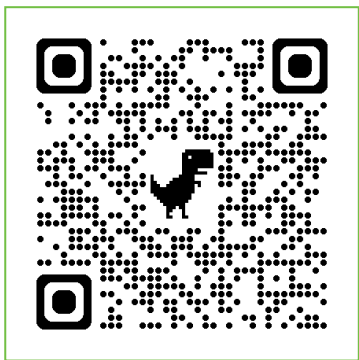
Once you have submitted an online application you will be invited to come and meet with us for an informal interview. During this time, you will also be asked to produce a short written piece. This written piece will form the basis of a conversation where we can explore how the course meets your needs and expectations. The interview is an opportunity for you to discuss your study plans, as well as allowing us the space to discuss whether the access course will suit you at this point. After the interview, you will be informed of whether you are being offered a place on the course.

Interviews are typically scheduled during June, July, and August by arrangement.

Fees

The fee for the Access Course to Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Law (AHSSL) Programme is €890 for this academic year. This can be subject to change year on year so please refer to the website for the most up to date information:

<https://www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/applying/universityaccesscourses/>



Fees are paid in September when you begin the course; See “[How to Pay](#)” for more information on paying your fees or visit: <https://www.ucd.ie/students/fees/howtopay/>

There is no application fee for the Access course.

There is a fee reduction scholarship that eligible students can apply for. Please see the ‘Scholarship & Financial Support’ section pg. 37.

Please note: Young Adult applicants who meet the access criteria for the Access to Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Law are eligible for a fee reduction.

Access to SEAM+

Welcome from the College of Science

A very warm welcome to SEAM+ - the UCD Access programme into Science, Computer Science, Sustainability, Agricultural Science, Medicine and Vet Medicine. UCD is a long-established university with a global reputation for excellence, and this is particularly so in these discipline areas. You will find that UCD provides an inclusive environment, in which diversity is embraced and where new ideas to solve global problems are warmly welcomed.

There has never been a better time to study one of the SEAM+ disciplines, and our degrees offer unparalleled opportunities for each of you to develop your knowledge and advance your career ambitions. The time spent at university is also about making new friends, connections and networks, which will serve you well throughout your time with us and beyond. I personally look forward to meeting and teaching many of you, and I wish you the very best as you embark on this exciting journey of discovery.

Best wishes,



Professor Jeremy C Simpson
College Principal & Dean of Science

About SEAM+

Access to SEAM+ is a Special Purpose Level 6 Diploma Award designed to prepare adult learners for successful study at university, especially in the areas of Science, Engineering, Agricultural Science, Computer Science, Sustainability, Medicine and Vet Medicine.

Our programme is student-centred, meaning you'll have dedicated support and guidance throughout your Access year.

You'll experience a variety of teaching approaches, including:

- **Lectures**
- **Laboratory experience**
- **In-class discussions in small group settings**

This Access course is perfect for adults who may not have formal qualifications but have the ambition and interest to pursue university study.

Applicants must be 22 or over on January 1st of the year they apply for SEAM+ to qualify as a university access mature applicant.

Our aim is to:

- Facilitate you in finding a degree course that best suits your aptitude and interest.
- Give you the confidence and skills necessary to plan and organise study for your particular needs.
- Provide you with analytical skills to fully understand the material presented in all subject modules.
- Equip you with the skills and confidence to take on a degree course in Science, Computer Science, Sustainability, Engineering, Agricultural Science, Medicine, or Veterinary Medicine.

Throughout the year, you'll be supported every step of the way as you build your skills, confidence, and future.

Progression Opportunities

Students who achieve a **Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.08** or more can apply for a **guaranteed minimum number of places** on the following degree programmes in UCD².

- Bachelor of Science (CAO number DN200)
- Bsc Sustainability (CAO number DN240)
- Bachelor of Computer Science (CAO number DN201)
- Bachelor of Agriculture (CAO number DN250/DN261)
- Bachelor of Engineering (CAO number DN150)*
- Medicine (CAO number DN400)**
- Veterinary Medicine (CAO number DN300)**

* Entry to Engineering is also contingent on obtaining an A- or higher in each of the mathematics modules.

** Entry to Medicine is also contingent on obtaining a minimum grade of A- in the module 'Introduction to Chemistry, Physics & Biology'. Applicants will be required to submit a learning journal and obtain an expected HPAT Ireland score of 150. Two places will be offered per year and will be allocated on a competitive basis. Applicants to this course should also note the following guidelines: [Access to Medicine for Mature Students](#) or follow the below link and go to the 'Progression Section': <https://www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/applying/universityaccesscourses/accesstoscienceengineeringagriculturalscienceandmedicineseam/>

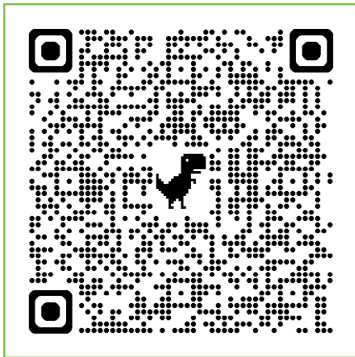
*** Entry to Veterinary Medicine is also contingent on obtaining a minimum grade A- in the module 'Introduction to Chemistry, Physics & Biology'.

Entry to Veterinary Medicine will require a minimum of 60 hours animal experience, with one or more species. The animal experience should be within the past two years. Applicants will be required to submit a report reflecting on this experience and their interest in the Veterinary profession. Applicants will be interviewed to assess their Critical Thinking, Communication Skills and their Interest and Knowledge of the Veterinary profession and the veterinary course.

² Where there are more qualified applicants for entry (i.e., students with a GPA greater than 3.08) than there are places, the allocation will be made by highest GPA.

In addition to meeting the required standard on the course, you must be eligible to apply on the grounds of mature years and make an application through the CAO.

Please note: University Access results are valid for two years only i.e. results from this year are valid for entry in this year and next year only.



For the most up to date information on University Access programmes please visit our website:

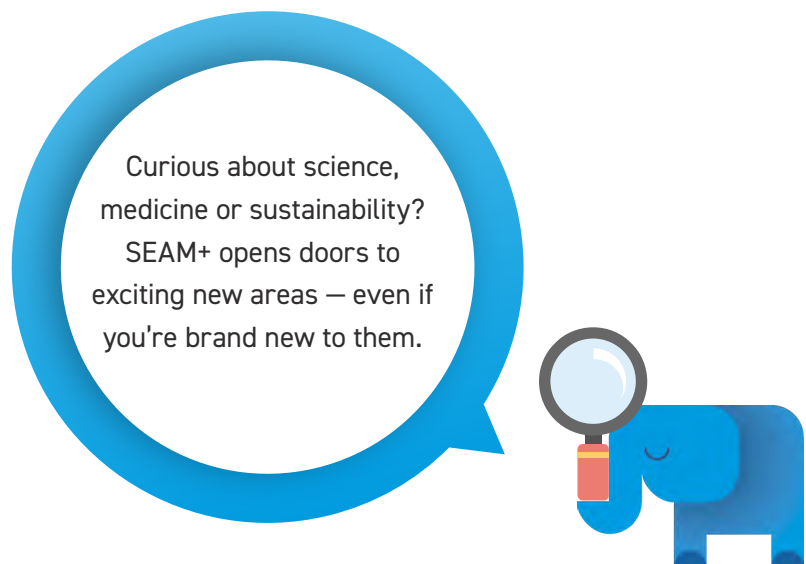
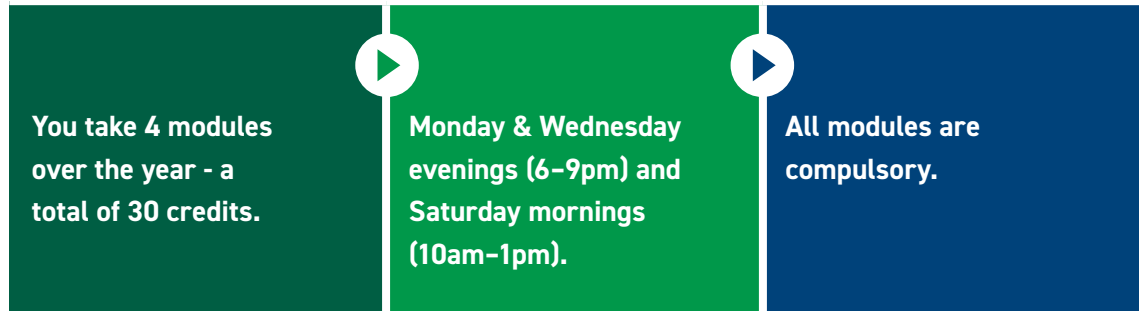
<https://www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/applying/universityaccesscourses/accesstoscienceengineering/agriculturalscienceandmedicineseam/>



**“The SEAM access course
was the best decision I could
have made for myself”**

— Dorota Fiedor, SEAM+

How the Course Works





“SEAM+ has been an incredible journey, I have gained the confidence to change careers, I have made wonderful friends and I have received invaluable advice and support. My advice to someone considering an access course is to not let self doubt get in your way.

– Aoife McLoughlin, SEAM+ Graduate

Modules

Module	Credits
Flipped Classroom (SCI00010)	10 credits
Mathematics I (MATH00030)	5 credits
Mathematics II (MATH00040)	5 credits
Introduction to Chemistry, Physics & Biology (SCI00020)	10 credits

See: www.ucd.ie/all for more details.

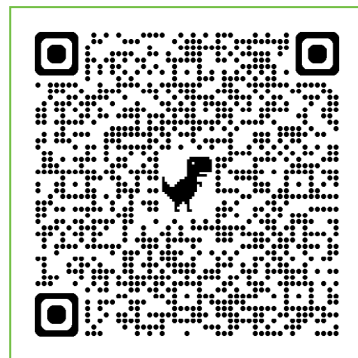
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English Language Requirement

- If English is not your first language, you must satisfy UCD's English Language requirements. A score of 6.5 in an IELTS or equivalent exam is required. Please find full details on UCD's Minimum English Language requirements as well as a list of acceptable qualifications on this webpage: <https://www.ucd.ie/registry/prospectivestudents/admissions/policiesandgeneralregulations/generalrequirements/minimumenglishlanguagerequirements/>



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There are no other formal entry requirements, but you must:

- Be able to demonstrate a readiness to pursue third level programmes and a level of learning ability suitable to do so.
- Share life experience and any formal or informal learning undertaken. Provide as much information as you think is relevant on the application form and include all educational history. Evidence of recent prior learning is most relevant, ability in maths, and prior learning in at least one of the science subjects is important.
- Complete the Maths & Written Assessment: The selection process includes a Maths assessment, Science lecture & written piece to be shortlisted for interview.

Please note: The purpose of this pathway is to provide an access route to those who have not yet had the opportunity to attend university. **Those who have successfully completed a QQI Level 8 degree will not be considered.** Those with a QQI Level 7 degree, who have no progression route to obtain a Level 8 may be considered.



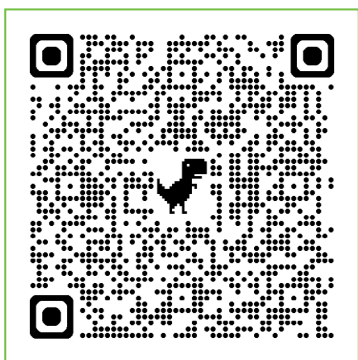
“To me the SEAM course has no doubt been enjoyable and it has absolutely played a great role by giving me hopes of where to start”

— Isaac Ssekitooreko, SEAM+

Applying

There are four steps in applying for SEAM+ Programme:

- Complete an Online Application.
- Attend four pre-entry maths workshops (including a maths assessment).
- Attend a pre-entry science lecture (including a short written assignment).
- Interview.



For deadline dates please go to this webpage:

<https://www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/applying/universityaccesscourses/accesstoscienceengineeringagriculturalscienceandmedicineseam/>

Attendance at the workshops, lectures, and interviews is mandatory. Please go to the above webpage to get detailed information on the dates and times, under the 'Applying' section.

Fees

The fee for the UCD SEAM+ Programme is €1,800 for this academic year.

Fees are paid in September when you begin the course; See "[How to Pay](#)" for more information on paying your fees or visit <https://www.ucd.ie/students/fees/howtopay/>

There is no application fee for the Access course.

There is a fee reduction scholarship that eligible students can apply for. Please see 'Scholarships & Financial Support' section (pg.37).

How to make an online application to either the Access to AHSSL or SEAM+ Programme?

Step 1	▶ Connect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connect through the UCD University Access webpage or go to the UCD Application Website: Visit www.ucd.ie/apply.
Step 2	▶ Create an Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Click "Create Account". ● Fill in your basic details (name, email, etc.). ● Choose a username and password. ● You'll get a confirmation email – click the link in the email to activate your account.
Step 3	▶ Start a New Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Log in to your account. ● Go to the "My Applications" tab ● Choose the right application type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SBU4 Continuing Education Access to Arts, Humanities, Social Sci & Law: Diploma of Continuing Education. – SCU4 Science, Comp Sci, Sustainability, Eng, Agri Sci, Med & Vet Sci: Diploma of Continuing Education.
Step 4	▶ Fill in Your Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Personal information (name, address, contact). ● Education background (schools, grades, qualifications). ● English language proof. ● Complete all sections. ● Upload relevant supporting documents in the files section.
Step 5	▶ Review and Submit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Double-check your info. ● Click "Submit". <p>There is no application fee.</p>
Step 6	▶ Track Your Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Log in anytime to see updates. ● UCD will contact you by email to follow up on your application.





There are resources to help with your application, you can find them on this [webpage](https://www.ucd.ie/registry/prospectivestudents/admissions/graduateapplicants/applying/) or scan the QR code for more guidance.

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Student Tip: “Don’t second guess yourself any longer — just go for it!”
– Geraldine Magee, AHSSL



Double-check your application details before you hit submit. And don't worry — there's no such thing as a silly question. We're here to help.



Scholarships & Financial Support

We are proud to offer the **Cothrom na Féinne (CnF) Scholarships**, which provide either:

- A fee reduction, or
- A fully funded place (CnF: Sanctuary Scholarship).

These scholarships are available for both Access programmes. We strongly encourage you to apply.

For full details, visit: [Scholarships and Financial Support](#).



Please visit this webpage for more details:
[https://www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/
scholarshipsandfinancialsupport/](https://www.ucd.ie/all/cometoucd/scholarshipsandfinancialsupport/)

Please note: Young Adults who meet the access eligibility criteria for the Access to Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Law are eligible for a fee reduction.

Academic Calendar

Keep those dates in mind - scan the QR code to get specific dates

Autumn Trimester	Teaching term: September – November
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Exam period	December
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Spring Trimester	Teaching term: January – March
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Fieldwork/Study period	March
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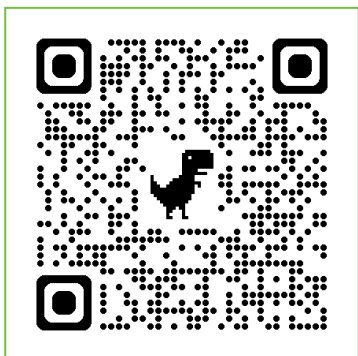
Teaching continues	March – April
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Revision	April – May
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Exam period	May
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ALL Welcome Event	September (Date to be confirmed – check your emails!)
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Always check: www.ucd.ie/all for updates.



Set reminders for key dates
— exams, study breaks,
events. Planning ahead
leaves more space for calm
and confidence.

Support Along the Way

You're not on this journey alone — and you're never expected to figure it all out yourself.

UCD Access and Lifelong Learning is here with guidance, tools, and encouragement to help you thrive.

Who's Here to Support You:

- **Your Access Student Support Officer** – Therese Fitzgerald is here for one-to-one advice, regular check-ins, and drop-in hours.
- **Access Leaders & Community Events** – Meet others on the same path, build friendships and confidence.
- **Academic Support** – Study skills workshops, digital literacy sessions, and more.
- **Student Wellbeing** – Counselling and health services.
- **Financial & Scholarship Advice** – Help with budgeting and access to student support funds.
- **Campus-Wide Supports** – From library access and gym facilities to clubs, and societies.

Academic Help When You Need It

University Access students can access additional supports, including:

- The **UCD Writing Centre**
- The **Maths Support Centre (MSU)**
- **Digital Ambassadors** for tech help and tools

Disability Supports

If you have a disability or ongoing health condition, UCD's Disability Support Team is here to ensure you have the academic and exam accommodations you need.

Email disability@ucd.ie once registered to arrange a Needs Assessment.

Financial Supports



Beyond our scholarship and fee reduction schemes, UCD offers a number of assistance funds, including:

- **Part-time Student Support Fund**
- **Support Fund for Students who are Parenting**

These funds can help with the day-to-day costs of student life (not tuition fees).

Use the QR code or visit ucd.ie/all to learn more.



“I arrived in Ireland in April 2023 with my three children to seek asylum. This Access course has given me a chance to study and achieve my dreams and be a good example to my three children”

— Hellen Nakamba Sichela, AHSSL Graduate

Get Started Today

Your future starts here.

- Check your eligibility.
- Start your application.
- Connect with us for guidance.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Attend one of our information sessions and look out for emails with updates.

Need help?

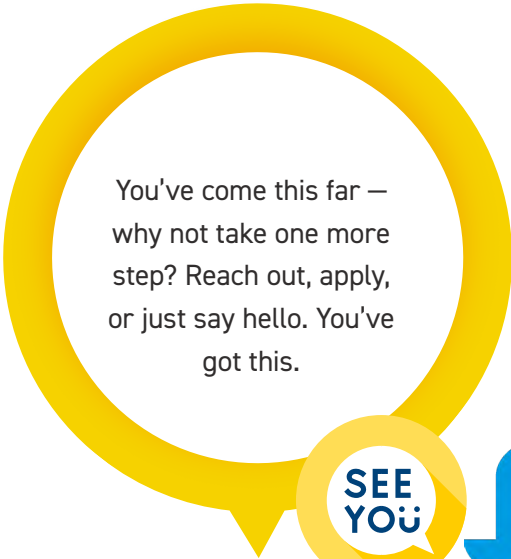
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You've come this far —
why not take one more
step? Reach out, apply,
or just say hello. You've
got this.



SEE
YOU

We can't wait to welcome you to the UCD Access community.



“At first, I felt very nervous to begin my UCD journey; from walking out of the open day, to withdrawing my application & then reapplying again, I can honestly say that beginning this course has been one of the best decisions that I have ever made.”

— Othniel Zola



UCD Access and Lifelong Learning offers a number of other part-time study options:

Open Learning

UCD Open Learning is a flexible study option which allows learners to explore a wide range of undergraduate modules without committing to a full degree. It's ideal for personal enrichment, career development, or a stepping stone into higher education. Students can choose from over 450 modules and study at their own pace. Students can undertake a Progression Pathway to a degree programme or can exit with either a University Certificate or Diploma in Open Learning.

Lifelong Learning

UCD has a long tradition of offering a vibrant and unique Lifelong Learning Programme, they are short, non-credit bearing courses for adult learners eager to explore new ideas in a relaxed, exam-free setting. The programme includes subjects like appreciation, literature, history, philosophy, languages, and creative writing. Courses are taught by expert tutors and designed to be engaging and participative. With both in-person and online options, it's easy to find a course that fits your schedule. UCD is proudly an Age-Friendly University, welcoming learners of all ages. Whether you're returning to learning or just curious, this is your chance to grow and connect through education.

More Information

Visit our website: www.ucd.ie/all or complete our Interactive Guide to help you decide which programme works best for you:



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