



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University



18 Week Pre-Sessional English for Academic Purposes Programme

University College Dublin (UCD) provides a range of academic English language programmes for students who wish to improve their academic and language skills before commencing an undergraduate or graduate programme.

The Pre-Sessional Programme is suitable for students who:

- Need to improve their language skills as a condition of entry to their UCD degree programme
- Have already met the English language conditions for entry but wish to improve their proficiency and acclimatise to life and study at UCD before the academic year begins

Course Aims:

- Develop students' English for Academic Purposes (EAP) skills so that they are confident in using English at university level
- Develop students' academic, communication, independent study and research skills
- Develop students' learner autonomy so that they can undertake independent study and research for academic programmes
- Introduce students to Irish culture and life at UCD in preparation for studying in Dublin



Student Profile

Yumi Shirai, Former Pre-Sessional Student. Progressed to MSc Climate Change: Science & Impacts

I enrolled in the Pre-Sessional course in 2020. The course gave me sufficient basic knowledge about what academic courses in UCD would be like.

As a mature student, the Pre-Sessional course was a great opportunity to switch my brain to study mode in English from working life mode in my mother language. Particularly, academic writing classes were significantly useful to understand the structure of academic essays. I got good grades at essay assignments thanks to the pre-sessional writing classes!

If you do not have enough confidence to take a master degree in UCD, I would definitely recommend taking the Pre-Sessional course.

It would provide you with adequate knowledge of academic manner and give you confidence for your academic life in UCD for sure.

I am currently a full time worker in Dublin to save money to take a doctoral degree someday. My academic journey is still going on.

Programme Summary

Duration	18 weeks: 8 weeks online + 10 weeks face-to-face
English Language Requirements	Overall IELTS 5.5 with minimum score of 5.0 in writing and minimum of 4.5 in all other components*
Dates	15th April - 16th August 2024 ** Online: 15th April - 31st May 2024 Face-to-Face: 10th June - 16th August 2024
Tuition Fees	€ 6120

***Please Note:** Some programmes require higher English language scores for entry on the Pre-Sessional Programme. For further information contact presessional@ucd.ie

****:** Week 8 (5th-9th June) is Reading week. There will be no classes this week to allow students to travel to Dublin but students will be expected to engage in guided independent study and complete coursework.



HOW WILL I LEARN?

Classes are taught by highly qualified tutors through small groups, lectures, seminars and tutorials.

This is an intensive course, and students are expected to engage in guided self-study in the form of homework and assignments; such independent learning forms an essential element of this course.

COURSE CONTENT

A typical study week will include:

- 20+ hours of class per week (morning and afternoon)
- Academic reading and writing
- Listening and note-taking skills
- Oral discussion practice and presentation skills
- Critical thinking and research skills
- Social and cultural activities
- Collaborative projects and peer learning
- Individual and group tutorials

WHY STUDY AT UCD?

Tradition



Established 1854, with over 160 years of teaching & research excellence

Global Profile



UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide

Global Community



Over 9,500 international students from over 140 countries study at UCD

Global Careers



Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; two-year stay-back visa

Safety



Modern parkland campus with 24-hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

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COURSE ASSESSMENT

Students are tested on entry and on a regular basis throughout the course. Ongoing feedback is provided. At the end of the course, there will be a final assessment: this includes a written examination, a written research project on a relevant academic subject with an accompanying oral presentation. A transcript of final results on the student's English language competence will be forwarded to the UCD Degree Programme to which the student is applying

PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

Please note that progression requirements for UCD degree programmes may vary. Please visit <https://www.ucd.ie/cegl/programmes/pathways/pathways-presessional/>

Accommodation



Accommodation is not included in the tuition fees. Pre-Sessional students will have the option to book a room in UCD's self-catering on-campus accommodation for the duration of the 10 week on-campus part of the course.

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