



An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath
University College Dublin



Searmanas Bronnta
Conferring Ceremony

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University College Dublin (UCD) is one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities where undergraduate education, graduate masters and PhD training, research, innovation and community engagement form a dynamic continuum of activity.

The University was established in 1854 by St John Henry Newman, whose classic work 'The Idea of a University' is one of the most enduring texts on the value of higher education. His vision, 'True enlargement of mind', embodies the aspiration to provide a holistic experience and inspiring environment beyond the classroom. It is a rallying call for the University and its community to unleash the unique potential of the individual to meet global challenges and "to benefit the wider world".

Today UCD is Ireland's largest university with over 33,000 students. Irish school-leavers benefit from the highly innovative and flexible UCD Horizons undergraduate curriculum. As Ireland's leader in graduate education UCD has almost 10,000 graduate students.

In Ireland, UCD is home to over 8,500 international students and delivers programmes to almost 4,000 students on overseas campuses. In addition, the University places great emphasis on the internationalisation of the Irish student experience – preparing all UCD students for future employment and life that crosses borders, boundaries, and cultures.

Originally known as the Catholic University of Ireland, the University became UCD in 1908 and is a constituent college of the National University of Ireland (NUI). In 1997, UCD became an autonomous university within the loose federal structure of the NUI, and UCD students are awarded degrees from the National University of Ireland.

UCD has been a major contributor to the making of modern Ireland. Many UCD students and staff participated in the struggle for Irish independence and the University has produced four Irish Presidents and five Taoisigh. Among UCD's well-known alumni are authors (Maeve Binchy, Roddy Doyle, Emma Donoghue, Flann O'Brien), former European Commissioner (Peter Sutherland SC), directors (Neil Jordan, Jim Sheridan) and sports stars (Brian O'Driscoll, Kevin Moran, Rena Buckley and Paul O'Donovan). Perhaps the best known of all is the writer James Joyce, who completed his Bachelor of Arts at the University in 1902.

UCD Alumni Relations

As you start your journey as a UCD alumnus/alumna, we encourage you to stay connected. Our Alumni Relations team runs a full programme of events and reunions, in Ireland and overseas, offering networking and other opportunities for you to keep in touch – with each other and with the University. Additional services include a Reader's Card for UCD's libraries, some sports and adult education discounts, affinity products and a range of other services.

UCD alumni continue to make their mark in every aspect of life and today's graduates will be no different. Stay in touch and let us know how you are getting on.

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Order of Proceedings

Procession of graduands
Procession of academic staff followed by Deans, Vice-Presidents and President
The President declares open a Meeting of the University for the purpose of conferring degrees
The Dean requests the graduands for each degree to stand
The Principal presents the graduands to the President in Latin
The President admits the graduands to the degree in Latin
The Dean calls the names of the graduates who proceed to the platform
The President presents the degree scroll to each graduate
Formal graduation address
Academic procession followed by procession of graduates

Formula of Presentation of Graduands

Latin

Praehonorabilis Praeses, totaque
Universitas.

Praesento vobis hasce meas filias
filiosque meos, quos omnes scio
tam moribus quam doctrina habiles
et idoneos esse qui admittantur ad
Gradum _____; idque tibi fide
mea testor ac spondeo, totique
Academiae.

English Translation

Right honourable President and
Members of the University.

I present to you these students whom
I know to be as upright in character
as they are skilled in their field of
study and qualified for admission to
the Degree of _____; and in good
faith I vouch for this and hold myself
responsible to you and to the whole
academic assembly.

Formula of admission by the President

Latin

Auctoritate mihi concessa, admitto
vos ad Gradum _____.

English Translation

By the authority vested in me, I admit
you to the Degree of _____.

Honours Degree of Bachelor of Commerce

Ahearne, Jarred Pdraig
Awo, Joyce Deborah
Bakare, Temitayo
Balkute, Austeja
Balogun, Halimat
Bannon, Ailbhe
Barnes, Conor
Barry, Matthew
Bauermeister, Cara
Beatty, Daniel James
Behan, Ellen Lucy
Berrie, James
Bhagchandani, Vidisha
Bhatia, Sarbeshwar Singh
Binley, Alex
Bowell, Julie Rose
Brady, Aonghus
Brady, Conor
Brassil, Faye
Brennan, Emma
Butler, Amy
Butler, Cian
Butler, Sarah
Byrne, Cian
Cabello, Gail Minerva
Callinan, Stephen
Cannon, Sinead
Carroll, Laura
Casey, Jude
Cassidy, Matthew
Cheevers, Reece
Chen, Yifan
Choo, Ronald
Claffey, Sean
Coffey, Luke
Conlon, Catherine
Connolly, Kate Susan
Corbet, Jack Andrew
Corcoran, Ciaran
Coughlan, Robert
Counihan, Eilis
Coyle, Amy
Craig, Adam
Crean, Brendan
Creedon, Abby
Cremin, Cian
Cullen, Alannah
Cullen, Aoife

Cullen, Mark
Cullen, Suzanne
Cullinan, Brion
Cummings, Matthew
Cummins, Kevin
Davies, Ethan
Daviesmesh, Missy
De Faoite, Deirbhile
Deering, Zara
Derham, Sydney
Desprez, Joshua
Dolling, Milo
Donnelly, Eimear
Doran, Stephen
Doyle, Clare
Doyle, Eabha
Doyle, Sara
Duigan, Lucy-Anne
Dunne, Jennifer
Eakins, Emma
Eddy, Cathal
Faherty, Eoin
Finn, Kira
Finnegan, Jack
Flatman, Emma
Foley, Sean
Foran, James
Forkin, Peter
Galbaza, Nicole Stefana
Gallagher, Sara
Galvin, Conor
Gannon, David
Gannon, Johnluke
Garg, Dhruv
Gilsenan, Abby
Gribben, Helena Pia
Heatherington, Robyn
Henderson, Thomas
Hendron, Blathnaid
Herlihy, Gavin
Hickey, Mia
Hill, Rebecca
Hillis, Robert
Holahan, Ciara
Holden, Daniel
Holland, Kevin
Holmes, Orlagh
Horan, Luke
Horgan, Ella
Horkan, Sam

Hutchinson, Shane
Hynes, Katy
James, Finbarr
Jawad, Mahnoor
Jegesi, Artur
Johnson, Daim
Joyce, Macdara
Kalamarz, Martyna Anna
Kavanagh, Aidan
Keating, Alex Connor
Keegan, Jack
Kelly, Dara
Kelly, Harry James
Kelly, Mark
Kelly, Sinead
Kennedy, John
Kenny, Caimin
Kinsella, Conor
Krpeta, Ena
Langley, David William
Leong, Christine Pui Yan
Loftus, Eimear
Luo, Yi
Lydon, Oisin
Lynch, Dara
Lynch, Shane Liam
Lysaght, Daniel
MacCarthy, Matthew
MacCourt, Sean
Mackey, Dylan Mackey
MacManus, Aoibhe
Maguire, Mark
Maher, Jack
Maher, Joan
Mallon, Oisin
Malyshev, Sergei
Manu, Ananya
Martin, Cieran
McAleenan, Emma
McArdle, Ryan
McAteer, James
McCall, Callum
McCarthy, Charles
McCarthy, David
McCarthy, Lauren
McConkey, Lauryn Arlene
McDonnell, Cillian
McEnroe, Rachel
McEvoy, Kate
McGarry, Doireann
McGeever, Cliona
McKenna, Alexandra
McQuillan, Daniel
McWalter, Sophie
Mealìa, Ryan James

Mocharska, Christina
Monaghan, Holly
Mooney, Brian
Moore, Aran
Moore, Stephen
Moran, Justin
Moran, Rory
Morrin, Rory
Muldowney, Shane Michael
Murphy, Conor
Murphy, Sean
Murray, Beth
Murray, Sarah
Nolan, Daryl
Nolan, Ryan
O'Brien, Daragh
O'Brien, Tara
O'Connor, Fionn
O'Connor, Stephen
O'Connor, Tommy
O'Dea, Laura
O'Donnell, Jack Michael
O'Donnell, Seamus
O'Donoghue, Barra
O'Dowd, Kate
O'Driscoll, Eoghan Richard
O'Farrell, Anna Charlotte
O'Farrell, Matthew
O'Halloran, Richard
O'Hara, Eoin
O'Hara, Sarah
O'Keane, Ava
Olanihun, Adebowale
O'Mahony, Adam
O'Mahony, Barra Patrick
O'Neill, Oisin
O'Reilly, Alex
O'Reilly, Ella
O'Riordan, Sean
Ormond, Emily
O'Shea, Conor
O'Sullivan, Will
Otokiti, Anthony
Pajimna, Erika May
Palmer, Lauren
Phelan, Tara Aileen
Plunkett, Sean
Porfireanu, Alexandrina
Potterton, Ross
Power, Emma
Power, Killian
Quigley, Calum
Redahan, Shane Richard
Robertson, Amy
Roche, Jack

Rock, Erin
Rogers, Alex
Rohan, Cal
Ross, Hugh
Rudden, Matthew
Rutherford, Rachel Emily
Ryall, Shane Colm
Ryan, Jonathan
Ryan, Kevin
Ryan, Luke Michael
Ryan, Megan
Ryle, Killian
Scanlon, Connor
Setia, Kanistha
Shaw, Mark
Sinnott, Niall
Smyth, Olivia Christina
Stumbris, Vanessa
Svejdar, Max
Tang, Ziyang
Thompson, Grace
Tidey, Marcus
Turley, Sophie
Ukhatyuk, Nikita
Vizzard, Cormac
Wachman, Thomas
Waddilove, Conor
Wall, Cathal
Wallace, Dylan
Walsh, Oisin
Warner, Lucy
Waters, Alan James
Wilkinson, David
Williams, Daniel
Wu, Jiawen
Xie, Jiawen
Yao, Yiqiao
Yang, Xuan
Yong, Kai Ren

Yu, Yanze
Zhang, Chen
Zhang, Jingyu

Honours Degree of Bachelor of Science (Business)

He, Xiangyi
Metz, Olivia
Naik, Pragya
Rafanelli, Robert
Ryan, Niamh
Whittington, Kendall
Yu, Siyuan

Honorary Degree of Laws *honoris causa*

O'Malley, Kevin Francis

Kevin F. O'Malley is a distinguished Irish-American trial lawyer and former diplomat. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, he built a highly successful legal career specialising in medical negligence and public service, earning a prestigious 'Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers' honour.

In 2014, President Barack Obama nominated him as the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. During his tenure, he worked to strengthen U.S.-Ireland relations, focusing on trade, culture, and education and served until 2017. He launched the 'Creative Minds Series', a programme that connected prominent American artists with young Irish audiences. Mr O'Malley is also an adjunct professor of law and currently serves on the UCD College of Business North American advisory board. His career is marked by a dedication to public service and his efforts to deepen the ties between the United States and Ireland.

Ceol leis an Ceathairéad Teaghrán Astral
MUSIC BY THE ASTRAL STRING QUARTET

Handel

Charpentier

Handel

Water Music – Hornpipe

Te Deum (Prelude)

Firework Music ‘La Rejouissance’

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Laoi na hÁilleachta

I gcoill Fómhair faoi chiúnas clabhstrach na gcrann
Tháinig duille feoite ag foluain anuas go mall
Trí cholúin na beithe, trí áirsí na dara,
Trí stuanna míne na beithe, trí stuanna cama cumhdachta na dara,
Ó uaine go haraile,
Duille fáin faoi chiúnas clabhstrach na gcrann
Is spreagadh an fear chun filíochta leis an áilleacht a chonaic sé ann.

In an Autumn wood under the cloistered quiet of the trees
A withered leaf floated slowly down
Through the columns of birch, through the arches of oak,
Through the smooth arcs of birch, through the bent covering arcs of oak,
From one green to another,
A stray leaf under the cloistered quiet of the trees
And the man was moved to poetry by the beauty he saw there.

By Eoghan Ó Tuairisc.

These are the opening lines from *Laoi na hÁilleachta*, a poem on the beauty of the world, published in Ó Tuairisc's first collection of poetry, *Lux Aeterna* (1964). Poet, Novelist and Dramatist, Eoghan Ó Tuairisc wrote in both Irish and English. He received a BA and MA from UCD in the 1940s.

