



An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath
University College Dublin



Searmanas Bronnta
Conferring Ceremony

2 September 2025
5.30 pm





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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 Business and Law

Ahsan, Marriam
Aliu, Arion
Antkiewicz, Paulina
Atthaisong Quigley, Salisa
Barry, Conor
Beattie, Mark
Benson, Dylan
Boulbassir, Islam
Brennan, Hannah
Brennan, John
Brennan, Patrick
Brown, Sarah
Byrne, Jack
Canavan O'Driscoll, Caitlin
Casey, Laura Ann
Cautley, Ella
Coen, Ben
Collins, Brian
Comerford, Orlagh
Connolly, Sarah
Corless, Anna
De Wildt, Isabella Louise
Deane, Fiona Ann
Delaney, Jack Brendan
Dillon, Sarah
Donnelly, Cian
Dowd, Mark
Dupuis, Emilie
Elliott, Daniel
Evans, Isobel
Fahey, Alana
Farrelly, Rachel
Feely, Cathal
Fitzpatrick, Clodagh Katherine
Flynn, Hannah
Foley, Michael
Foster, Amy Jayne
Gleeson, Amie
Glennon, Aoife
Graham, Lauren Rose
Graham, Scott William
Greevy, Rebekah
Grogan, Stephen
Guirey, Kadir
Gusacinschi, Valeria
Hafeez, Maya

Hall, John
Hannon Halford, Oscar
Hassan, Mariam Ihab
Haughton, Oscar
Heneghan, Ellen
Holmes, Sarah-Jane
Huang, Xuan
Johnston, Aoife Louise
Kavanagh, You Lai Jo
Kearney, Cathal
Kelliher, Jack
Kennedy, Hollyn
Kennedy, Oliver Myles
Kenny, Jeffrey
Landers, Bob
Long, Sadbh
Lowans, Maya
Lucey, Anna
Lynch, Ella
Macken, Cian
Madani, Omayma
Mahony, Fionan
Maloney, Evan
McCabe, Rebecca
McCarthy, Anna Lucy
McCrystal, Helen
McDonough, Donough Luke
McEntee, Jake
McMahon Fitzjohn, Alice
Minogue, Niosa
Mouatt, Daniel
Mullan, Zara
Mulvany, Cathy
Murphy, Mark
Nathan, Lara
Nevin, Jade
O'Byrne, Callum
O'Callaghan, Caoimhe
O'Callaghan, Sean
O'Carroll, Ben
O'Donoghue, Harvey Dylan
O'Keefe, Isabel
O'Leary, Maebh
O'Nuallain, Stephen
O'Reilly, Sarah Kate
Osemmede, Destiny
O'Sullivan, Caoimhe
Pal, Anthony Stefan
Pasichnyk, Victoria

Phillips, Travis
Robertson, Eve
Ryan, Ella
Scanlon, Brendan
Sebastian, Alen Kochuchirayil
Sheridan, Kate
Slattery, Ronan
Smith, Conor
Stewart, Lena
Sutcliffe, Shauna
Sweeney, Nicholas
Tripp, Ciara
Tynan, Eimear
Walsh, Josh
Wang, Jennifer
Wang, Yu Tong
Ward, James
White, Richard
Wykrota, Julia

Honours Degree of Bachelor of Civil Law

Adekunle, Daniel
Akintunde, Janet
AlQaissieh, Aisha
Babatunde, Alimat
Bennett, John
Bruton, Samuel
Cantrell, Faye
Cox, Hannah
Devlin, Chonaill
Furmancuka, Violeta
Gandira, Tafadzwa Priscilla
Himeur, Amira
Holmes, Grace
Jaszczyk, Bartosz
Kehinde, Elizabeth
Kilmartin, Cullum
Lapierre, Sinead
Lynch, Susie
Maher, Ciara
McGonagle, Sinead
Naughton, Aine
O'Rourke, Grainne
Ryan, Gillian
Ryan, Steven
Scott, Sarah
Smith, Riley
Starrett, Grace Kathleen
Williams, Noah

(Chinese Studies)

Perez McKay, Hernan

(Economics)

Costello, Eabha Joanna
Hannon, Donal Ultan
MacCarthy, Oisín
McCann, Laura
Nagyova, Lidusa
Rogers, Ailbhe
Teanor, Niamh Amanda

(European)

Clarke Casey, Phaedra
Clarke Downey, Rhiannon
Emeordi, Chukwufumnanya
Grogan, Evelyn
O'Mahony, Siofra
Popen, Grainne

(French Law)

Dowling, Calista
Hopkins, Leo
Kelly, Daniel Christopher

(History)

Campbell, Ella
Collins, Darragh
Corrigan, Aidan
Doheny, Christine
Dolan, Emma
Grendon, Robert
Mac Gabhann, Diarmuid
McKenna, David
O'Moore, Garrett
O'Reilly, James
Power, Fearghal
Shaw, Andrew
White, Liam

(International)

O'Keeffe, Katie
Paszkowski, Dawid Rafal

(Irish)

Bailey, Roisin
Bradford, Eleanor
D'Arcy, Emma
Hassett, Lettie
Mac Maolain, Rian
O'Malley, Eoin

(Maitrise)

Brahin, Claire
Cummings, Siun
Delanoue, Emma
Dubure, Salomé
Feely, Sophia Wardle
Lacrampe, Cloé
Loukili, Ranya
Massala, Jénovie
Melloni, Max
Perrier, Lucy
Rabemananjara, Eva

(Philosophy)

Allen, Katie
Kirrane, Alexander
McKenna, Alannah

(Politics)

Arora, Soumya
Baha, Shoaib
Bajrami, Nita
Bertsch, Michelle
Besler, Emmanuelle
Devlin, Aoife
Doyle, Charlotte
Guzenda, Laura
Lopez, Hugo
Maloney, Aisling
Mc Cann, Lee
McCarthy, Elsa May
McGuinness, Siobhán
McWade, Hugo
Obarisiagbon, Deborah
O'Brien, Caitlin
Odemen, Jessica
O'Donnell, Patrick John
O'Neill, Eoghan
O'Sullivan, Katie Caelainn
O'Sullivan, Liadain
Twomey, Conor
Ward, Adrienne
Yembet, Ana-Danielle Mitabouana

(Social Justice)

Adebayo, Omolola
Adetutu, Ann Adeyinka
Brennock, Maggie-Rose Rose
Connor, Maria
Corbally, Aine
Fitzpatrick, Shona

Glasspool, Chloe Elise
Goberyte, Camille
Greene, Lucy
Hanna, Lucy
Howard, Jennifer Natasha
Kearns, Aisling
Kennedy, Cara Marie
Kernan, Eabha Fionnuala
Ludden, Alyssa
McKnight, Niamh
Meehan, Emma Ann
Murray, Caoimhe Ann
Norton, Leah
Ní Chiaruain, Emer
O'Grady, Tara
O'Shea, Cara
Roycroft, Dylan
Tikaradze, Teya

Professional Diploma

(Dispute Resolution Mediation)

Conway, Liam Thomas
Powell, Doreen Ann
Seel, Johannes

Degree of Masters in Common Law

Agarau, Sarah Olabamigbe
Buerecklin, Kacey
Feeney, Tom
Fenton, Victoria
Germitsch, Steven
Hanley Byrne, Micheal
Hanna, Melissa
Hickey, Adam
Hogan, Mark
Mac Domhnaill, Niall
MacNally, Eoin
Mifsud, Sophie
Moore, Declan
Morris, James
Mulcair, Tom
Murphy, David Peter
Murphy, Evan
Rea, Erica Maria
Smith, Evie
Spearman, Annie Bea

Degree of Master of Laws

Ahmed, Saraf
DerGarabedian, Danielle
Healy, James
Merrigan, Jennifer

Degree of Master of Science

(Criminology & Criminal Justice)

Hayward, Anna

(Environmental & Climate Law)

Davila Ordoñez, Jimpson

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Accogli, Alessandra
Legal protection of carbon sinks: Balancing climate ecosystem and human rights considerations through a case study of peatlands in Ireland

Bunworth, Richard
EU Merger Control and the Development of an Alternative to the Consumer Welfare Standard: Incorporating the Union's Social Values

Cotton, Sonya
Who Stands on Land? Transnational sources of apartheid and community (dis)placement in southern African land claims

Coyne, Alison
Bridging the Gap: Identifying the Needs of Young Adults in Transition from Youth to Adult Justice Systems

Iglesias Seifert, Demian Ernesto
Corruption Inequality and Trust in Latin America. Exploring citizens perceptions through a socio-legal perspective.

McLoughlin, Jamie Stephen
The Core and the Mantle: Theorising the Content of the Right to Life (with Dignity) with Particular Reference to its Meaning in Irish Constitutional Law

McPartland, Aoife
Exploring the purpose of Ireland's restriction of company directors' regime and its impact on directors' constitutional rights.

Rice, Orlaith
Eroding the Substance of Constitutional Liberal Democracy? Crimmigration and Democratic Decay in Sweden: A Qualitative Study

Spratt, Michael Kieran
Data Protection Impact Assessments: The Intersection of Data Protection Risk Assessments and New Governance

Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*

O'Donnell, Donal Gerard

Donal O'Donnell is a distinguished Irish jurist and the 13th and current Chief Justice of Ireland. Born in Belfast in 1957, he graduated from UCD with a BCL degree in 1980 before continuing his legal studies at the University of Virginia. He was called to the Bar of Ireland in 1982 and became a Senior Counsel in 1995.

Known for his expertise in constitutional law, he appeared in courts at all levels, including the Court of Justice of the EU. In 2010, he was appointed directly to the Supreme Court, a rare honour, before becoming Chief Justice in 2021. He has authored numerous scholarly articles and maintained a strong relationship with UCD, delivering guest lectures and collaborating on research. His contributions to the Irish legal system and dedication to constitutional principles are widely recognised.

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'

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.

