



University College Dublin  
An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath



# Welcome

Professor Orla Feely  
President  
University College Dublin

A few words!!





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# Welcome and Introduction

**Professor Aoife Ahern,**  
College Principal  
and Dean of Engineering

**Debra Heeney,**  
Programme and Operations Manager

**Representative from ENGSOC**



# Professor Aoife Ahern

## Background

BAI in Civil Engineering  
from Trinity College Dublin 1998  
PhD in Civil Engineering  
from University College London in 2001



## Academia

TCD Civil Engineering (2000 - 2003)  
UCD Civil Engineering (2003 - 2019)  
Head of School of Civil Engineering (2015 – 2019)

## Currently

College Principal, College of Engineering  
and Architecture and Dean of Engineering (appointed 2019)

## Associate Dean of Engineering

Daniel Mc Crum, School of Civil Engineering



# Welcome All

**30% Female  
Engineering  
students**

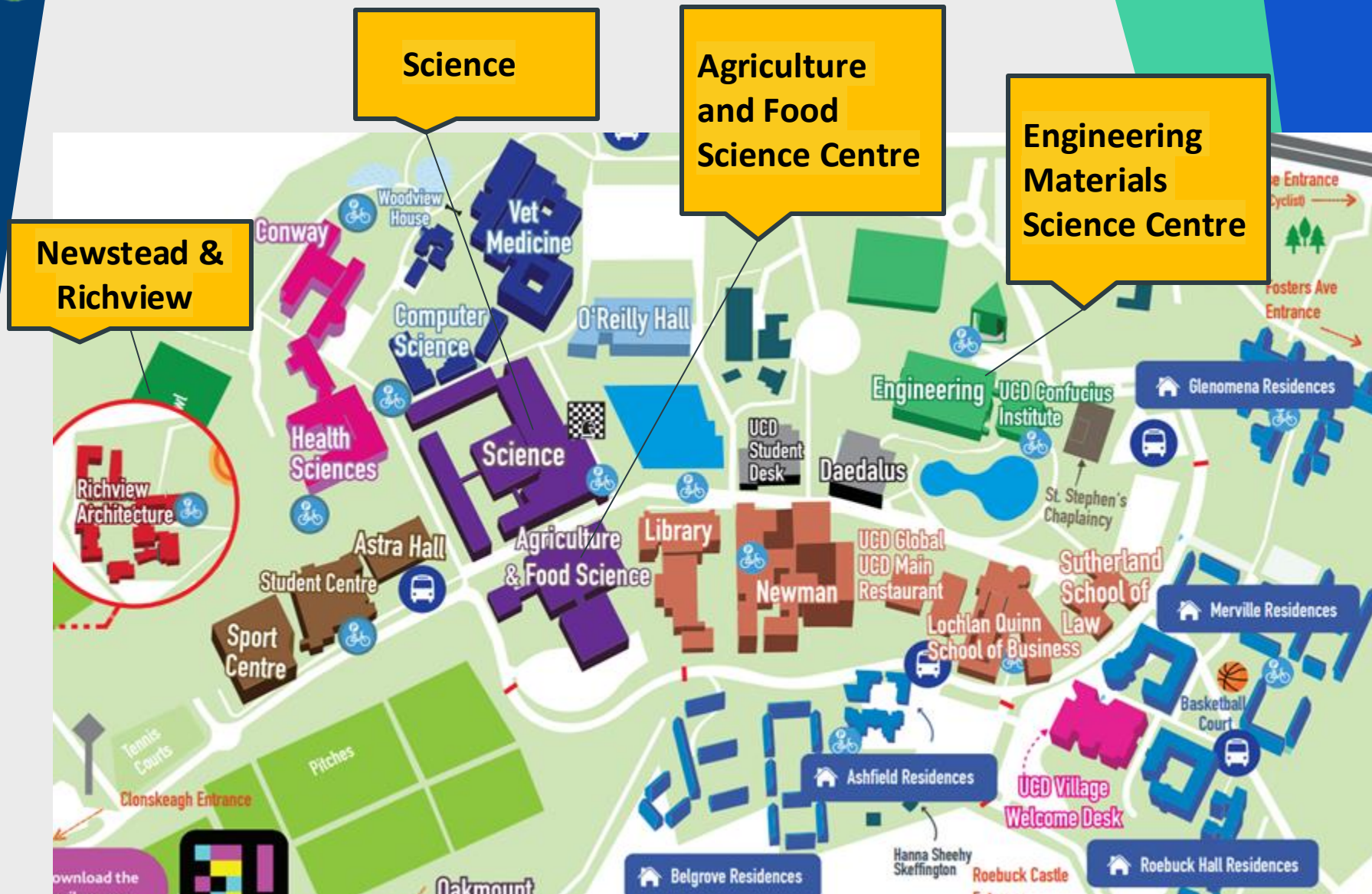
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Jamaica, Kuwait  
Malaysia, Nigeria  
Panama, Pakistan, Philippines  
Qatar, Russia  
Saudi Arabia, South Africa  
Taiwan, Thailand  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Turkey  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom  
United States

## EU Countries

Albania, Austria  
Czech Republic  
France  
Ireland  
Italy  
Lithuania  
Poland  
Romania  
Spain  
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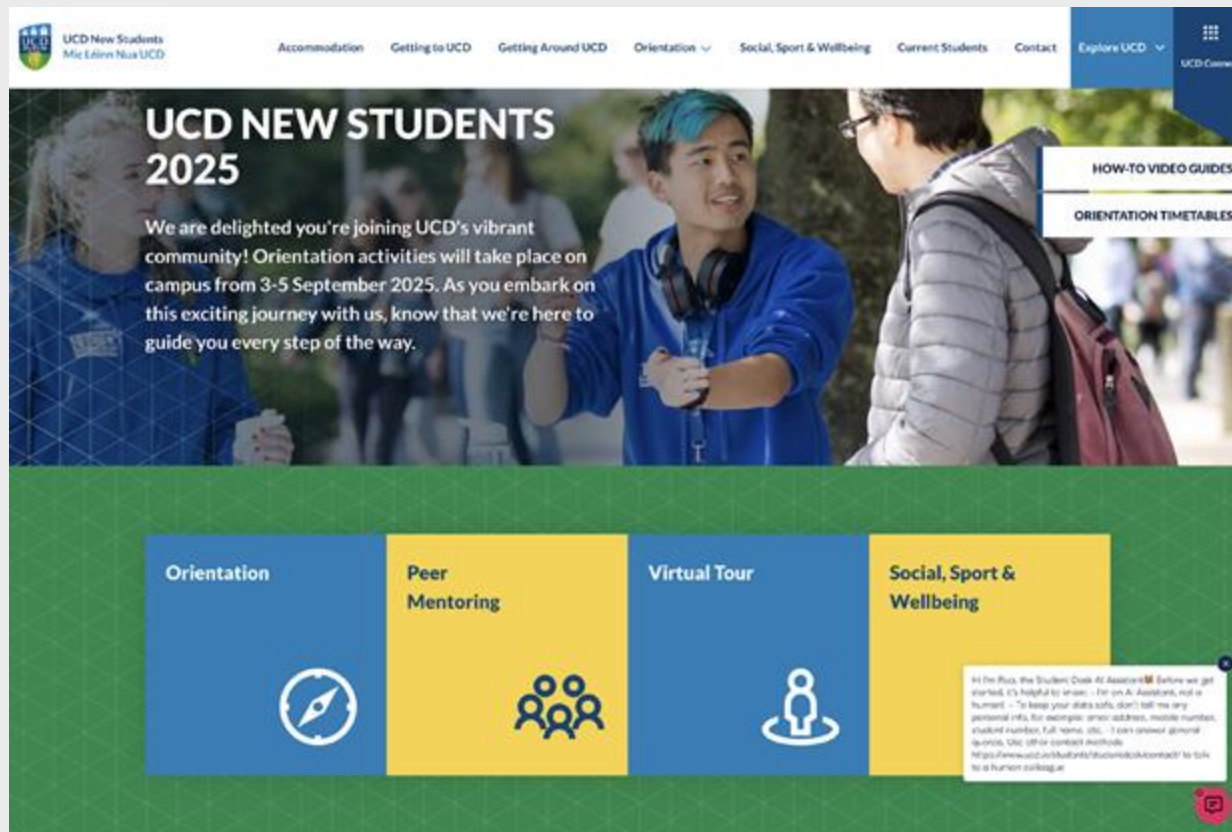
# Finding your way around





# UCD New Students website

- Brightspace Module: Introduction to UCD
- Welcome to UCD Guide
- How-to Guide Videos
- Orientation Timetables



# Introduction to UCD Library

The screenshot shows the UCD Library website homepage. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Explore Collections, Use the Library, Guides & Help, Cultural Heritage, Contact Us, A-Z Index, and a Search Library box. Below this is a large blue banner with the text "UCD LIBRARY" and "WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW TODAY?". To the right of the banner is the UCD logo and the text "Leabharlann UCD UCD Library". Below the banner, a welcome message states: "Welcome to UCD Library! With your Student UCARD you automatically have free access to all five of our libraries. Library staff are here to assist you at every stage of your journey here at UCD. So if you need help, just ask. More information is available on the Library Website, www.ucd.ie/library". Below this is a video player showing a building with a red play button in the center. To the right of the video is a "Copy link" button. Below the video, it says "(A longer, more in-depth video is available on our Tutorials & Guides page)". To the right of the video is a "UCD Looking For An Answer?" logo. Below the video is a "Have a Question?" section with the text "With our online FAQs you can use the search box to find answers, or explore by topic." Below this is a "FAQ Topics:" section with a list of links: Admissions, Alumni, Archives/Special Collections, Borrowing, Catalogue/OneSearch, Citing Sources, Ebooks, Eprints, Fees, Location/Directions, Maps, Off-Campus Access, Opening Hours, PCs, Laptops, Printing & Wi-Fi, Research, Returns, Store/Download Items, Study Spaces, Theses, Trainers, and a "View All Topics" link. To the right of the FAQ Topics is a "UCD Looking For An Answer?" logo. Below the FAQ Topics is a "Contact Us" section with a "Chat with our helpful staff" button, a phone number "353 (0)1 716 7563", and an email address "libraryinfo@ucd.ie". Below the Contact Us section is a "Connect With Us!" section.

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## UCD LIBRARY

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW TODAY?

Leabharlann UCD  
UCD Library

Welcome to UCD Library! With your Student UCARD you automatically have free access to all five of our libraries. Library staff are here to assist you at every stage of your journey here at UCD. So if you need help, just ask. More information is available on the Library Website, [www.ucd.ie/library](http://www.ucd.ie/library)

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[Admissions](#) [Alumni](#) [Archives/Special Collections](#) [Borrowing](#) [Catalogue/OneSearch](#) [Citing Sources](#) [Ebooks](#) [Eprints](#) [Fees](#) [Location/Directions](#) [Maps](#) [Off-Campus Access](#) [Opening Hours](#) [PCs, Laptops, Printing & Wi-Fi](#) [Research](#) [Returns](#) [Store/Download Items](#) [Study Spaces](#) [Theses](#) [Trainers](#) [View All Topics](#)

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Have a comment or suggestion? Email us at [libraryinfo@ucd.ie](mailto:libraryinfo@ucd.ie)

Connect With Us!

# UCD Student Charter

The Student Charter summarises the aspirations and expectations for all members of our University community.

The Charter sets out the roles and responsibilities of the various groups within our University and outlines what students can expect from their University and what the University can expect from its student members.





# Recommended laptop specifications

## For Stage One Students

Further guidance can be found here:

[Recommended Specifications for Engineering Student Laptops](#)

### **Should I buy a new laptop? No Yet!**

If you have an existing laptop or can use an existing laptop for a minimum of 30 hours per week it will probably be fine for the modules in Stage 1. Start using what you have and upgrade later if necessary, that way you have a better laptop later in the programme, when you need it most.

The software you will use is available free online or through UCD and consists of:

- Excel/Word MS Office (Available through UCD Connect)
- Antivirus (Available through UCD Connect)
- Python/Matlab (Available through UCD Connect)
- Video Conferencing software e.g. Zoom (Available online)
- Web Browser e.g. Chrome (Available online)

It is recommended that your laptop has:

- Camera, Microphone, WiFi, Speakers/headphone connectivity

**Can I use a tablet?** No, not as your primary IT device. It will take longer to carry out assignments using a tablet.



# Key Dates

Online registration closes:

September 19th

Autumn trimester exams:

December 6th to 20th inclusive.



Academic Council

Academic Year 2025/26  
Term Dates  
Academic Council 27 April 2023

Autumn Trimester (Monday, 1 September 2025 – Sunday, 18 January 2026 (inclusive))		
Student Orientation Activities	Monday, 1 September – Friday, 5 September	No. of days varies depending on course
Teaching term	Monday, 8 September – Friday, 28 November <sup>1</sup>	12 weeks
Revision	Saturday, 29 November – Friday, 5 December	1 week
Exams	Saturday, 6 December – Saturday, 20 December <sup>2</sup>	2 weeks
Spring Trimester (Monday, 19 January 2026 – Sunday, 17 May 2026 (inclusive))		
Teaching term	Monday, 19 January – Friday, 6 March <sup>3</sup>	7 weeks
Fieldwork/Study period	Monday, 9 March – Sunday, 22 March <sup>4</sup>	2 weeks
Teaching term	Monday, 23 March – Friday, 24 April <sup>5</sup>	5 weeks
Revision	Saturday, 25 April – Friday, 1 May <sup>6</sup>	1 week
Exams	Saturday, 2 May – Saturday, 16 May	2 weeks
Summer Trimester (Monday, 18 May 2026 – Sunday, 30 August 2026 ( inclusive))		
Teaching term	Monday, 18 May – Friday, 7 August <sup>7</sup>	12 weeks
Revision	Saturday, 8 August – Friday, 14 August	1 week
Exams	Saturday, 15 August – Saturday, 22 August	1 week
Grade Approvals Process <sup>8</sup>	<a href="https://www.ucd.ie/registry/staff/registryservices/assessment/examsandgrading/gap/">https://www.ucd.ie/registry/staff/registryservices/assessment/examsandgrading/gap/</a>	



# Extenuating Circumstances

If you are unable to complete assignments or attend required classes/exams due to unforeseen circumstances, you can apply for Extenuating Circumstances. The link to Extenuating Circumstances can be found on our College webpage.

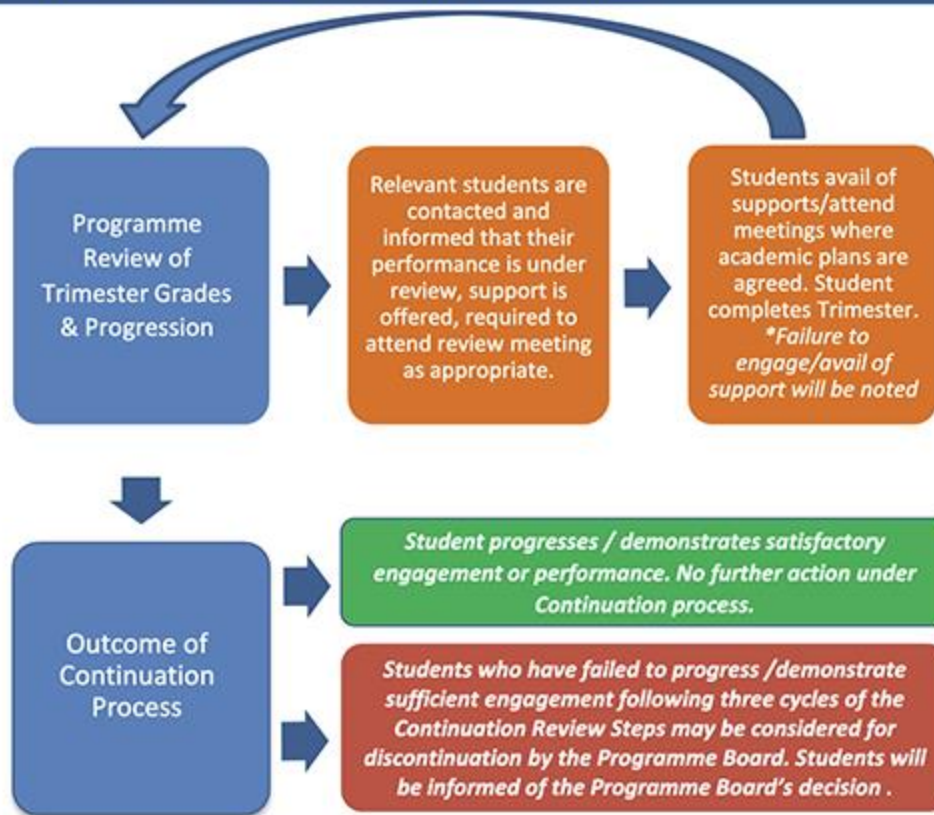
## Extenuating Circumstances

[Home](#) / [Current Students](#) / [Extenuating Circumstances](#)

UCD has a policy for Extenuating Circumstances that allows consideration of **unforeseen circumstances** that had a serious effect on your ability to engage with your modules. Grounds for consideration must be serious, beyond your control and you must provide suitable supporting evidence. **Not every circumstance is regarded as extenuating** and you will find guidance in the [Student Guide to Extenuating Circumstances](#) on the [UCD Current Students website](#).

# Continuation Academic Progress

## CONTINUATION PROCESS FOR TAUGHT PROGRAMMES





# Study Abroad

Exchange opportunities are available in Stage 3, for a full year or one trimester, depending on the programme.



## Requirements for Engineering Stage 1

- Complete Stage 1 with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Earn 30 credits in Autumn Trimester of Stage 2 with minimum GPA of 3.00
- No grade less than C- in any core module over those three Trimesters
- All Trimesters matter

# The College Office Team

- Sue Philpott, College Office Director
- **Debra Heeney**, Programme and Operations Manager
- Seán Kenny , Programme Manager
- Daniel Earls , Programme Manager
- Janine Smart, Senior Executive Administrator
- Catherine Bodey, Senior Executive Administrator



# Find us here!



Room 122, First Floor,  
Engineering and Materials Science Centre

# The college Connector

[www.ucd.ie/eacollege/connector/](http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/connector/)

## UCD Eng Arch Office Student Connector

Please provide the information as requested below and your query will be submitted directly to the UCD Engineering & Architecture Office.

You'll receive an email confirmation including details of when you can expect a reply.

Which of the following are you? \*

Next Page





# Get in touch!

## 2025/2026 Opening Hours:

**Office hours** are 10 am to 1 pm and from 1.30 pm until 4 pm, Monday to Friday for:

- **drop in** quick queries
- Pre-booked **face-to-face meetings**
- Pre-booked meetings online via **Zoom**

**Monitored emails** are:

- 8.30 am - 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday
- Send your query 24/7 via the college Connector



# What we can help with

## Registration Queries

- Programme and module registration queries
- Time conflicts/capacity issues

## Examination Process

- General enquiries about exams
- What happens if I fail? When can I resit/repeat?
- Extenuating Circumstances & Medical Certificates

## Student Support

- Academic Advice, e.g. Leave of Absence, and reduced workload
- Pastoral support and advice in relation to all aspects of University life
- Signposting to other University services

# Registration Guides

Find 'How-to' PDFs and Video at:

[www.ucd.ie/students/registration/  
registration\\_guides](http://www.ucd.ie/students/registration/registration_guides)



[Guide to  
Engineering](#)

# Choosing Electives

Stage one students can  
choose their elective in January 2026.

They are **not available now!**

Along as they fit into your timetable  
and there are places available, Electives can be  
chosen from across the full range of  
undergraduate degree programmes.

For more info, please see:

<https://www.ucd.ie/students/registration/electives/>





# Lines of Communication

- **UCD Connect email** is the primary channel for official UCD communications. You will have received information regarding your email account when offered your place in UCD.
- It is the responsibility of each student to regularly check their UCD Connect email account.
- When setting up your mail accounts change your password to something more secure.
- In email exchanges, always include your student ID otherwise it can delay your query.



# And now for some good advice!

## Don't forget to:

- Complete your [online registration](#)
- Keep on top of your [UCD Connect Email](#)
- Use our [Student Connector](#) to get in touch!

## Get familiar with:

- [UCD Current Student Website](#)
- [College webpages for students](#)
- [Student Key Dates Calendar](#)
- [UCD Term Dates 2025/2026](#)
- [UCD Fees Website](#)
- [UCD Academic Regulations 2025/2026](#)
- [College Contact List](#)

**Have fun, make new friends  
and embrace university life**



# If we don't know we can't help

- Please don't be afraid contact the Engineering and Architecture College Office if you need any assistance.
- We know that settling into a new programme (city or country) can be a challenging experience, and some of you may be feeling isolated and alone.
- **Please don't suffer in silence**, many students feel that same way. Please let us know and we can try to help you. Your Student Adviser is Dr. Julia Maher (julia.maher@ucd.ie).
- Don't forget to use our Student Connector to get in touch!
- Also see the UCD Student Centre for all available UCD Student Supports.



# DN150 Orientation Timetable

[www.ucd.ie/newstudents/orientation/orientationtimetable/](http://www.ucd.ie/newstudents/orientation/orientationtimetable/)

## Student Orientation Timetable

Time	Duration (mins)	Event	Where
<b>UG DN150 BHENG001 NUS1 Engineering</b> <b>03 September, Wednesday</b> <p>We look forward to welcoming you! Before Orientation, you will be assigned to a peer mentor. On September 3, at 11:45, you will transition from A-H2.18 SCH (Science Hub) to The Village, where you will meet your mentor and the rest of the group. Your peer mentor will provide specific meet-up instructions via their welcome message in the 'My Peer Mentor Group' section on SISWeb or by email. To access these details, log in to SISWeb through UCD Connect, then go to 'Programme Services' and select 'My Peer Mentor Group.'</p>			
10:00	60	Welcome from the UCD President and the Dean of Engineering	A-H2.18 SCH, O'Brien Centre for Science - Hub
11:00	45	Student Supports, Dignity & Respect, and UCDSU Orientation	A-H2.18 SCH, Health Sciences Centre
11:45	15	Transfer to The Village for Mentor Matching	The Atrium, UCD Village
12:00	60	Matching with Peer Mentors for Campus & Library Tours	The Atrium, UCD Village
13:00	60	Lunch - Peer Mentors and Incoming Stage 1 Engineering Students	The Atrium, UCD Village
14:00	60	UCARD Student Card Collection	1st Floor, Foyer, Engineering and Materials Science Centre
<b>UG DN150 BHENG001 NUS1 Engineering</b> <b>04 September, Thursday</b> <p>We look forward to welcoming you! Before Orientation, you will be assigned to a peer mentor. On September 3, at 11:45, you will transition from A-H2.18 SCH (Science Hub) to The Village, where you will meet your mentor and the rest of the group. Your peer mentor will provide specific meet-up instructions via their welcome message in the 'My Peer Mentor Group' section on SISWeb or by email. To access these details, log in to SISWeb through UCD Connect, then go to 'Programme Services' and select 'My Peer Mentor Group.'</p>			
10:00	90	Campus and Library Tour led by your peer mentor	Engineering & Materials Building (beside the big wheel)
11:30	90	Welcome to the Engineering Programme Information Session	HLTH B004, Health Sciences Centre
13:00	60	Break for Lunch (BYO)	At a location of your choice...
14:00	30	Flourish and Thrive: Neurological Insights and Tips for University Life with Dave Delaney	FS-G01.AG, Agriculture and Food Science Centre
14:30	30	Flourish and Thrive: Neurological Insights and Tips for University Life with Dave Delaney	FS-G01.AG, Agriculture and Food Science Centre

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# **You will forget everything we have said!**

... and that's fine because...



**We will share this presentation with  
you and welcome any questions at the  
end of this session.**

# Useful weblinks for further resources

[www.ucd.ie/estates/](http://www.ucd.ie/estates/)

[www.ucd.ie/newstudents/](http://www.ucd.ie/newstudents/)

<https://libguides.ucd.ie/newstudents>

[www.ucd.ie/studentcharter/](http://www.ucd.ie/studentcharter/)

[www.ucd.ie/eacollege/currentstudents/extenuatingcircumstances](http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/currentstudents/extenuatingcircumstances)

[www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/engineeringinternationalprogrammes/erasmusnon-euexchangeprogramme/](http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/engineeringinternationalprogrammes/erasmusnon-euexchangeprogramme/)

[www.ucd.ie/eacollege/contact/collegeadministration/](http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/contact/collegeadministration/)

[www.ucd.ie/students/registration/electives/](http://www.ucd.ie/students/registration/electives/)

[www.ucd.ie/eacollege/currentstudents/informationforincomingfirstyears/dn150stage1engineeringprogrammeinformation/recommendedspecificationsforengineeringstudentlaptops/](http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/currentstudents/informationforincomingfirstyears/dn150stage1engineeringprogrammeinformation/recommendedspecificationsforengineeringstudentlaptops/)

[www.ucd.ie/students/keydates/](http://www.ucd.ie/students/keydates/)





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# What is the Engineering Society?

- Ireland's largest student-lead engineering society
- Host a large number of both social and career-oriented events
- The best way for you to meet fellow engineers



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# Social Events





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# Career Events

Our Corporate Partners 25/26:



**Deloitte.**



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# How do I get involved

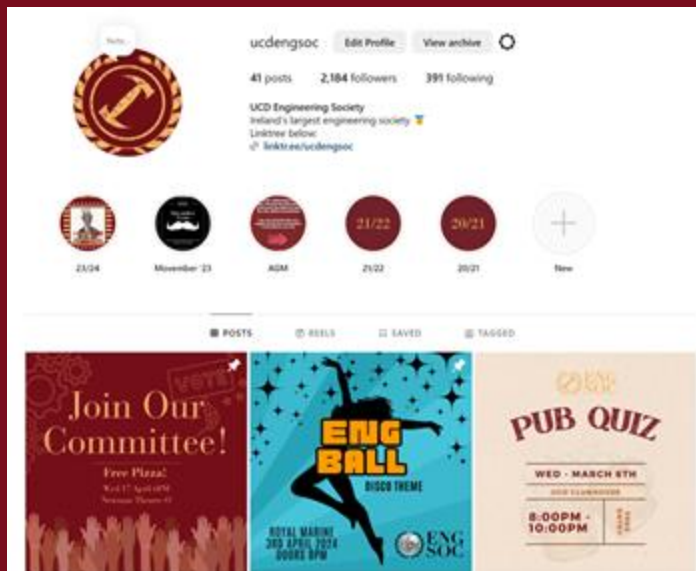
- Join from the stand in the Freshers' Tent 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>
- Membership is €2 and payable by cash/card
- Freshers' Reps applications will open later this month



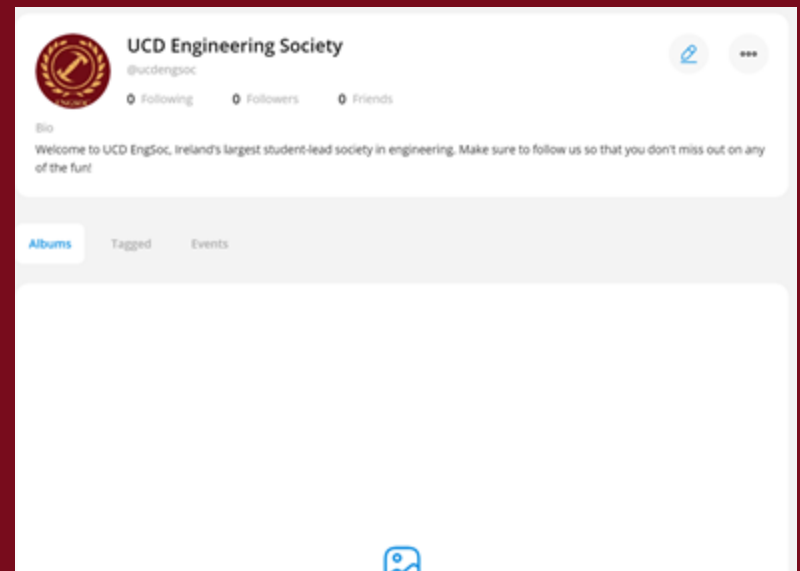


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# Freshers Week 25/26



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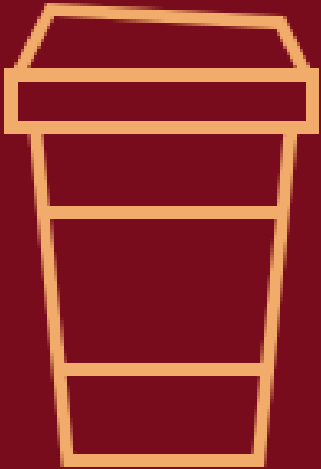


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# Coffee Morning



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

11:00-12:00

Engineering and Materials Science  
Centre

Join us for doughnuts, biscuits, coffee  
and tea!