



**School of Economics**  
**Current Plan for Undergraduate Programmes**  
**In Autumn 2020**

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This document provides the current plan for the School of Economics at UCD for the Autumn 2020 trimester. Note that these plans are subject to change as national health requirements, university plans, and other factors shift. While the evolving COVID-19 situation is difficult to predict and plan for, it is our hope that, by providing as much information as we can and keeping students informed, they can plan for the upcoming academic year as best they can.

The School of Economics' plan is based on three key goals: **safety, quality, and agility**. First and foremost, we aim to protect student and staff health as much as we are able given the current situation. Second, we are aiming to provide a high-quality learning experience despite the limitations in place. Third, we have designed our plan so that, if need be, we can shift to being entirely online with minimal disruption. While each of these requires some degree of tradeoff against the others, by developing a plan that includes on-campus instruction as well as high quality online delivery, we aim to provide a framework that enables students to construct an approach that works best for themselves as they aim to balance the various considerations in this unprecedented time.

Finally, please be aware that this document only applies to the courses delivered by the School of Economics. If you have questions on other courses, you should contact the relevant schools.

If you have further questions, please email [economics@ucd.ie](mailto:economics@ucd.ie) and we will do our best to answer your questions.

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Head of School

**Classroom policy:** UCD's policy on masks follows that coming from the Department of Higher Education which is that masks must be worn at all times where 2m social distancing cannot be maintained. Among other times, this will likely be necessary during entering/leaving classrooms. It is the School of Economics expectation that masks will also be worn at all times in the classroom. There are students and staff in high risk groups and wearing your mask in the classroom helps protect their health as well as your own. We hope that people will be considerate of that and, unless it is medically unsafe, to wear masks in classrooms even when social distancing is possible. Staff will be behind Perspex screens and/or wearing face coverings while in the classroom. If a student or staff member feels unsafe, they should leave the classroom immediately.

UCD's approach is that students and staff are personally responsible for cleaning whatever classroom spaces they use themselves. As such, in addition to bringing your mask to campus, you should plan on bringing cleaning materials to wipe down your desk space before the start of class.

*If you feel unwell at all you should not come to campus.* As detailed below, you can avail of any on campus teaching online, therefore you should stay at home and follow national guidelines.

**While on campus:** Social distancing is to be maintained whenever feasible while on campus. When this is not feasible, masks are to be worn. In addition, many buildings and rooms will be operating one-way systems. Please keep these in mind while waiting to enter a classroom, spending time on campus between activities, and so forth. In particular, certain ways in which you interact with staff will need to be changed. For example, since it will be necessary to clear one class out of the room quickly so that the next group can move in, clean their sitting places, and start on time, we ask you to wait until outside of the classroom to ask the lecturer questions (and don't forget to keep the 2m social distancing even then). Given the potential for congestion, this may mean that it might be best to simply ask questions via email and arrange an online meeting.

**Economics and staff offices:** Due to the small spaces, it is impossible to maintain social distancing in our office spaces. Therefore all meetings with staff should be done online. In addition to setting up appointments, all staff will have regularly scheduled online office hours. Further, particularly as our normal school office is under construction this autumn, the School office is not open to students. If you have a question, email [economics@ucd.ie](mailto:economics@ucd.ie) and we will answer the question by email or, if you prefer, by phone/video chat. We will also be establishing regular online chat times closer to the start of term.

## **Undergraduate Programmes (DN700 & DN710)**

### *Lectures and tutorials*

All lectures for our undergraduate classes will be done online. Some of these will be done live with a recording available afterwards. Others will be pre-recorded. As different approaches work better for different courses, you should anticipate a mix of these.

Some courses will also have weekly tutorials. We have chosen to focus on certain courses because these contain the foundational material critical to the study of Economics. Further, this gives students at every level the option of on-campus teaching, particularly first year students who are new to UCD. Here, you will have the option of choosing a tutorial with some on campus, face to face (F2F) instruction. For these tutorials, there are three options: 1) a F2F tutorial in even numbered weeks, with the online tutorial attended in odd weeks; 2) a F2F tutorial in odd numbered weeks, with the online tutorial attended in even weeks; 3) the online tutorial every week. You will only be permitted to attend F2F tutorials for which you are registered. This must be done for contact tracing should an exposure occur. The online version of the tutorial will be available for download. There is no difference in the content covered in the different options, it is only whether you will be attending the tutorial online or on campus. This flexibility is intended to allow you to tailor your schedule to your personal situation as much as possible.

The list of tutorials, including times (again, this is subject to change), is below. Should public health regulations change (e.g. a restriction on the numbers permitted in classrooms, campus shutdown), those who are registered for a face-to-face component will shift to the online one as needed, thus minimizing impact on their education.

### *Assessments*

All assessments will be done online. Some of these may occur during a specific period of time (i.e. an assessment to be downloaded, completed, and uploaded during an hour). All times will be according to Dublin time. The specifics for each module will be provided at the start of term by the lecturer.

### *Expectations*

UCD's expectations are that students will take advantage of as much of the on campus experience as possible. That said, the School of Economics recognizes that this is a very challenging time with different students facing different challenges including meeting the financial cost of Dublin living, the need to care for others, and challenges in being away from family (especially if they are overseas). Thus, our approach allows those students for whom being on campus is a particular challenge to still take part in the high-quality education we aim to provide with no disadvantage.

**Calendar (subject to changes)**

<b>Week of Term</b>	<b>Lectures/Tutorials</b>
<b>1 (21 September)</b>	<b>Level 2 classes and higher</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>All classes</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>All classes</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>All classes</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>All classes</b>
<b>6 (26 October)</b>	<b>Reading Week</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>All classes</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>All classes</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>All classes</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>All classes</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>All classes</b>
<b>12 (7 December)</b>	<b>Level 1 classes only</b>
<b>Exam Period:</b>	<b>14 -23 December</b>

**Undergraduate Tutorials (subject to change)**

*Note: For a given course, you will choose only ONE of these options. Timing of Econ10730 is particularly subject to change.*

Day	Time	Module	When in person
Thursday	14	ECON10030 Intro to Quants	even weeks
Thursday	14	ECON10030 Intro to Quants	odd weeks
Thursday	17	ECON10030 Intro to Quants	ONLINE ONLY
Tuesday	14	ECON10030 Intro to Quants	odd weeks
Tuesday	14	ECON10030 Intro to Quants	even weeks
Tuesday	16	ECON10030 Intro to Quants	odd weeks
Tuesday	16	ECON10030 Intro to Quants	even weeks
Wednesday	17	Econ10030 Intro to Quants	odd weeks
Wednesday	17	Econ10030 Intro to Quants	even weeks
Monday	10	ECON10720 Micro for Bus	odd weeks
Monday	10	ECON10720 Micro for Bus	even weeks
Thursday	10	ECON10720 Micro for Bus	odd weeks
Thursday	10	ECON10720 Micro for Bus	even weeks
Wednesday	14	ECON10720 Micro for Bus	odd weeks
Wednesday	14	ECON10720 Micro for Bus	even weeks
Tuesday	15	ECON10720 Micro for Bus	ONLINE ONLY
Thursday	11	ECON10730 Data Analysis	Even weeks
Thursday	12	ECON10730 Data Analysis	Even weeks
Thursday	11	ECON10730 Data Analysis	Odd weeks
Thursday	12	ECON10730 Data Analysis	Odd weeks
Thursday	11	ECON10730 Data Analysis	ONLINE ONLY
Tuesday	15	ECON10740 Exploring Econ	odd weeks

Tuesday	15	ECON10740 Exploring Econ	even weeks
Tuesday	15	ECON10740 Exploring Econ	ONLINE ONLY
Tuesday	16	ECON10740 Exploring Econ	odd weeks
Tuesday	16	ECON10740 Exploring Econ	even weeks
Friday	9	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	odd weeks
Friday	9	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	even weeks
Friday	12	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	odd weeks
Friday	12	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	even weeks
Thursday	9	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	odd weeks
Thursday	9	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	even weeks
Thursday	12	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	odd weeks
Thursday	12	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	even weeks
Tuesday	9	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	odd weeks
Tuesday	9	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	even weeks
Tuesday	13	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	odd weeks
Tuesday	13	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	even weeks
Tuesday	13	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	ONLINE ONLY
Wednesday	15	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	odd weeks
Wednesday	15	ECON10770 Intro to Econ	even weeks
Friday	12	ECON20010 Int Micro	odd weeks
Friday	12	ECON20010 Int Micro	even weeks
Friday	13	ECON20010 Int Micro	odd weeks
Friday	13	ECON20010 Int Micro	even weeks
Monday	15	ECON20010 Int Micro	odd weeks
Monday	15	ECON20010 Int Micro	even weeks
Wednesday	10	ECON20010 Int Micro	odd weeks
Wednesday	10	ECON20010 Int Micro	even weeks
Wednesday	10	ECON20010 Int Micro	ONLINE ONLY
Thursday	13	ECON20040 Stats	ONLINE ONLY
Wednesday	11	ECON20040 Stats	odd weeks
Wednesday	11	ECON20040 Stats	even weeks
Wednesday	13	ECON20040 Stats	odd weeks
Wednesday	13	ECON20040 Stats	even weeks
Wednesday	15	ECON20040 Stats	odd weeks
Wednesday	15	ECON20040 Stats	even weeks
Tuesday	14	ECON20200 Int Micro (Ec & Fin)	ONLINE ONLY
Tuesday	11	ECON20200 Int Micro (Ec & Fin)	odd weeks
Tuesday	11	ECON20200 Int Micro (Ec & Fin)	even weeks
Tuesday	14	ECON20200 Int Micro (Ec & Fin)	odd weeks
Tuesday	14	ECON20200 Int Micro (Ec & Fin)	even weeks
Friday	13	ECON30130 Econometrics	odd weeks
Friday	13	ECON30130 Econometrics	even weeks
Tuesday	13	ECON30130 Econometrics	odd weeks
Tuesday	13	ECON30130 Econometrics	even weeks

Tuesday	17	ECON30130 Econometrics	ONLINE ONLY
Friday	13	ECON30290 Adv Micro	ONLINE ONLY
Thursday	11	ECON30290 Adv Micro	odd weeks
Thursday	11	ECON30290 Adv Micro	even weeks
Tuesday	12	ECON30290 Adv Micro	odd weeks
Tuesday	12	ECON30290 Adv Micro	even weeks