



University College Dublin
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GUIDE TO PARKING ON CAMPUS (BELFIELD & BLACKROCK)



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Parking at UCD



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University College Dublin (UCD) is one of the largest journey-generators in the Republic of Ireland. UCD has put in place firm commitments through policies and strategic objectives to create a high quality campus environment which promotes healthy and active lifestyles while offering transport and mobility choice for the University community in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA), Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCOCO) and other statutory authorities.

UCD is committed to the ongoing development of a sustainable commuting strategy. This includes car parking demand management to promote a modal shift away from single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) journeys in favour of sustainable transport modes.

UCD strongly encourages those travelling to and from both campuses to walk, cycle or use public transport.

Since 2015 a permit parking system has been in operation to ensure car parking is only used by members of the University community and as a means of controlling demand as the University is limited in the number of car parking spaces it can provide.

Parking Policy Objectives

- To support the goals of both UCD Strategy 2020-2024 and UCD Campus Travel Plan 2016-2021-2026.
- To promote a measured modal shift towards sustainable transport options amongst the UCD community.
- To promote and support quality facilities and services to enhance commuting to and from and connectivity on campus.
- To facilitate the participation of students, staff and the wider UCD community in after-hours activities on campus.
- To minimise parking overspill into neighbouring communities.

- Parking is limited on campus and available on a first come, first served basis. UCD strongly encourages the use of sustainable transport modes where possible.
- Students living in Belfield Student Residences are not entitled to purchase a parking permit or park a vehicle in a permit car park when permit parking is in effect.
- All users must abide by local signage and regulations.
- Eligible UCD community members may apply for a UCD Parking Permit. Check your eligibility status via the "Campus" tab in Infohub/SISWeb.
- Permit parking is in effect 08:00 - 17:00 Monday - Friday (excluding bank holidays) during the Autumn and Spring trimesters including fieldwork, study and exam periods. Outside of these hours car parking in permit spaces is free of charge with the exception of those associated with UCD Sport & Fitness.
- Visitors who must drive should use hourly paid parking.
- Disabled parking is provided in appropriate locations which is clearly marked and signed. Usage is reserved for cars displaying a valid disabled parking badge.
- Parking a car on campus is an implicit acceptance of UCD's Parking Policy and Regulations.
- UCD is private property and UCD reserves the right to refuse admission to any or all car parks for whatever reason at any time without notice.
- Car parking is not permitted other than in designated car parking spaces.
- Cars parked on campus are parked solely at the owner's risk for which UCD accepts no responsibility.
- UCD reserves the right to designate parking spaces for categories of parking and to reserve car parking spaces for events as required without notice.
- Parking enforcement measures where cars are parked in breach of UCD Parking Regulations include fines, clamping and towing.

Parking Permits

Eligible members of the UCD community may apply for a UCD Parking Permit. **Students living in student accommodation on the Belfield Campus are not entitled to purchase a parking permit.**

The UCD Parking Permit is an electronic permit utilising the car licence plate number. Permit holders administer their own permit online by registering their nominated car. No physical permit is issued.

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure they have entered their vehicle registration details correctly.

Registered vehicles are allowed to park on a first come, first served basis in permit car parking spaces. Drivers are required to comply with UCD Parking Regulations and to park safely with due consideration for other users.

Please note:

- Only vehicles with a valid UCD Parking Permit are entitled to park in permit parking spaces.
- A UCD Parking Permit is not an entitlement to a parking space.
- A UCD Parking Permit is not valid in hourly paid parking areas.
- UCD Parking Permits are restricted to one per member. Permit holders may change the nominated car registration number online without charge.
- It is the onus of the user to ensure they hold a valid parking permit with correct vehicle registration details.

Pay and Display Parking

Limited hourly paid parking is available in designated car parks and charges apply 08:00 - 17:00 Monday - Friday (excluding bank holidays) during the Autumn & Spring UCD teaching trimesters. Outside of these hours car parking is free of charge with the exception of those associated with UCD Sport & Fitness.

Please note:

- Cars parking in pay and display parking spaces must comply with the posted regulations.
- A UCD Parking Permit is not valid in pay and display parking areas.

Premium Rate Parking Spaces

Limited premium rate parking spaces are designed to ensure that short-term parking (1-2hrs) is available. They are marked as yellow spaces and are located:

- Opposite UCD Health Sciences Centre alongside UCD Sport & Fitness Members car park
- In O'Reilly Hall car park (N2)

Parking charges in premium rate car parking spaces apply 08:00 - 17:00 Monday - Friday (excluding bank holidays) during the Autumn & Spring UCD teaching trimesters.

Charges

TYPE	CHARGE
Pay and Display Parking	€1 per hour
Premium Rate Parking	€2.40 per hour

PERMIT PARKING	CHARGE		
Student	Autumn Trimester: €50	Spring Trimester: €50.00	Annual: €100
Staff	Autumn Trimester: €50	Spring Trimester: €50.00	Annual: €100
Other community member	Autumn Trimester: €50	Spring Trimester: €50.00	Annual: €100

- UCD Estate Services provide a free of charge jump start service if required on campus.
- If you have been sanctioned or clamped, please contact the number on the enforcement notice.

UCD Car Parks – Belfield



Legend:

 UCD Permit Car Park

 Pay and Display Car Park –
Parking Permits not valid

 Premium Pay & Display – Parking
Permits not valid

 UCD Sport & Fitness Members Car
Park - Parking Permits not valid

 Dublin Bus Stop

 Aircoach Bus Stop

 Shared Vehicle, Bicycle and Pedestrian Entrance

 Pedestrian and Bicycle Entrances

*Map is correct at time of print September 2025

UCD Car Parks - Blackrock



Legend:

-  Entrance
-  UCD Permit Car Park
-  Pay and Display Car Park

Applying for a UCD Parking Permit

Step 1 - Check your eligibility for a UCD Parking Permit

UCD Parking Permits are only available to UCD staff, students and community members. Visitors to the campus are required unless otherwise advised in writing to park in the designated hourly paid parking areas.

To confirm your eligibility to apply for a UCD Parking Permit log in to Infohub or SISWeb and check you have a parking PIN listed under the Campus Facilities menu. If you are a UCD community member who does not have a UCARD or access to Infohub, please consult your manager/UCD contact person.

Step 2 - Apply for a UCD Parking Permit

Before you start make sure you have to hand the following pieces of information:

- UCD ID number (on your UCARD)
- UCD parking PIN (available for staff/community members through Infohub and for students through SISWeb under the 'Campus' tab).
- Mobile phone
- Car registration number
- Visa/Mastercard credit/debit card
- Access to a web-enabled device

If, before you start or during the process, you have any queries about UCD Parking Permits or parking at UCD please consult www.ucd.ie/commuting.

1. Log onto www.ucd.ie/commuting and select the link to apply for a parking permit.
2. Create an account.
3. Nominate your car registration number.
4. Pay any charges due.
5. Check carefully the details on the confirmation email issued.

Please ensure:

- You have read the terms and conditions and the associated UCD Parking Regulations before bringing any car onto campus.
- The details of your UCD Parking Permit are accurate. If not it is vital that you correct/amend any details before parking a car on campus.
- Always comply with the UCD Parking Regulations when parking a car on campus.
- Check local car park signage for specific arrangements or changes.

If you wish to bring a car other than the one registered on your account onto campus you must update your car registration details on your account before parking the car on campus.

A UCD Parking Permit only allows you to search for a parking space on campus. It does not guarantee that a space will be available when or where you want it.



For assistance please see
www.ucd.ie/commuting for a list of frequently
asked questions (FAQs). If you require further help email
commuting@ucd.ie or call 01 7167000