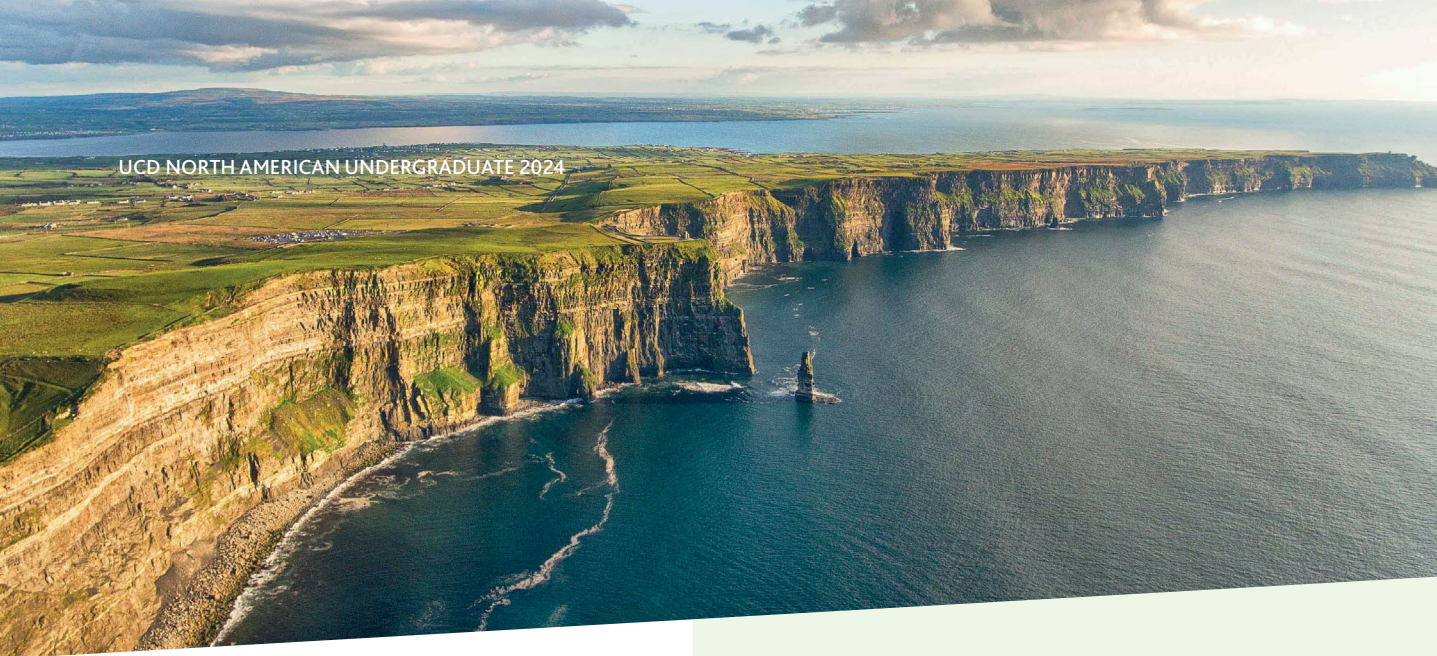




University College Dublin  
Ireland's Global University

## Undergraduate Degree Information for North American Students

Fall 2025 Entry



## WHY IRELAND?



Ireland is an island to the west of Europe. The island of Ireland is divided into two parts: Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, part of the UK



English and Irish are both official languages



Ireland is ranked the 3rd most peaceful country in the 2023 Global Peace Index



The only predominantly English speaking member country of the EU



Ireland's incredible culture and history is celebrated worldwide



U.S. and Canadian Passport holders are not visa required for full degree study in Ireland

## WHY DUBLIN?



Established in the 9th century as a Viking settlement



Ranked 32nd overall in QS Best Student Cities 2024



Regularly voted friendliest city in Europe by TripAdvisor



Home to over 50% of the total number of international students studying in Ireland



Dublin's international airport provides a gateway to the capital cities of Europe and the rest of the world

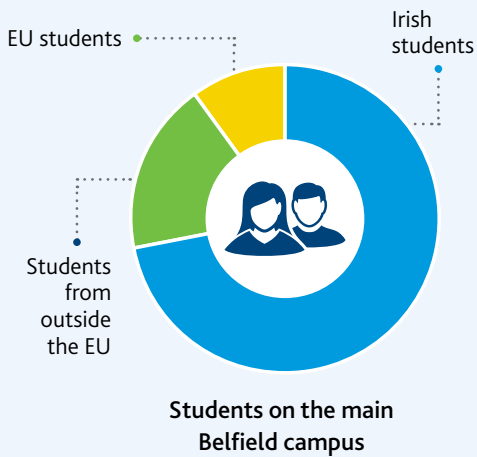


Regarded as Europe's tech capital, Dublin's thriving digital hub is home to international IT giants such as Google, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, AirBnB, Hubspot and Squarespace





# WHY UCD?



**ONE OF THE LARGEST**  
urban campuses in Europe

Ranked in the  
**TOP 150 UNIVERSITIES** in the world



**No. 1 IN IRELAND** for Sustainability  
(QS World University Rankings for  
Sustainability 2024)



**160+ YEARS**  
of tradition

**18,000**  
undergraduate  
students



**24 HOUR SECURITY**  
safe and modern campus



**10,084** international students



**31%** international students

**74%** incoming North American students  
received merit scholarship



**49 STATES PLUS DC**  
and **9 CANADIAN PROVINCES**  
represented by full degree  
students on campus



UCD  
campus

5km (3.1 miles)



Dublin  
city center



# EXPERIENCE UCD



## High School Summer Program

The UCD High School Summer Program is a two-week enrichment program designed for North American students (16-17 years of age) especially interested in learning more about Irish history, culture and student life. Through taught lectures and field trips, students will become acquainted with Ireland's rich cultural heritage and the vibrant capital city of Dublin.

The program will also highlight UCD's unique degree programs and prepare students for the exciting and rewarding experience of studying in Ireland on a more long-term basis.

Scan the QR code for admissions criteria, application details, deadlines and fees!

*Please note: We are unable to offer university credits for the Summer Program*



## Campus Visits & Information Sessions

### Visit Our Campus

### On-Campus and Virtual Tours

Use the QR code to view our tour schedule, plan your on-campus visit, and take a virtual tour of campus.





I chose the BA Joint Honours program due to the ability to study both English and Geography in depth without taking general education courses. Through my English classes, I've been able to explore contemporary Irish writing published in the last few years that I likely would not have been able to access or discover outside of Ireland. Through my geography classes, I've been able to pursue a subject in depth that is not a common major in the US.

In addition to this, I've been able to explore and apply what I am studying to the real world. Last year, I had the opportunity to visit nine countries outside of class due to the affordable airfare from Dublin. It's one thing to study geography in the classroom; it's another to actually go out and engage with it firsthand.

Sara Allen  
Oklahoma  
B.A. Joint Honours



Studying Commerce International at UCD is the best decision I have made. This course combines my love for learning languages and cultures with a dynamic business degree. I entered UCD not knowing exactly which sector of business I wanted to pursue, so I found the first two years covering various business subjects very beneficial.

The third year is spent abroad in another European or an Asian country, and this opportunity is ultimately why I chose commerce international as it meant I could study abroad in two countries: Ireland and, in my case, Spain. Being enrolled in Spanish business classes while living abroad has contributed tremendously to my Spanish-speaking abilities. In fourth year, I will return to UCD and intend to concentrate my studies in marketing. Overall, this course has helped me develop a truly global mindset and turned the world into my classroom.

Katie Ryan  
New York  
Commerce International

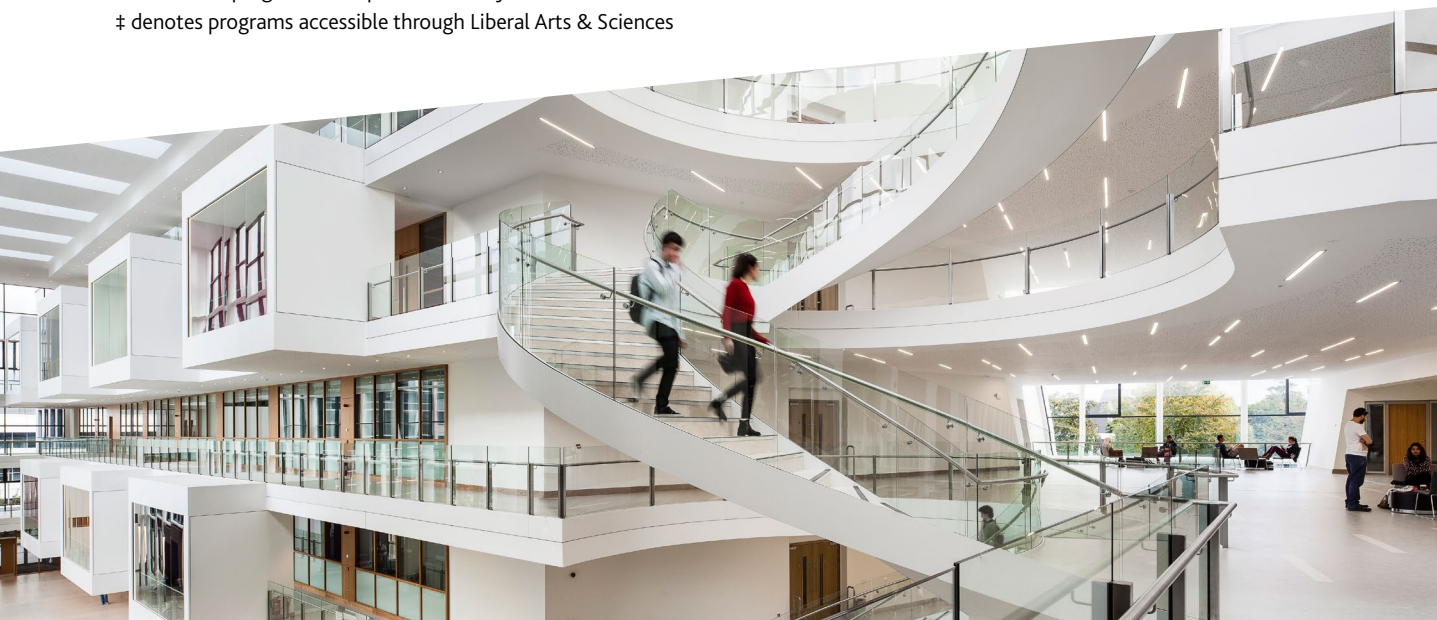


# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Actuarial & Financial Studies		City Planning & Environmental Policy		English with Creative Writing	
Agri-Environmental Sciences	‡	Civil Engineering	‡	Environmental Biology	‡
Agricultural Science	‡	Classics (Greek & Roman Civilisation, Latin and Greek)	*	European Studies	
Agricultural Systems Technology	‡	Classics, Art History & Archaeology		Film Studies	*‡
Animal & Crop Production	‡	Classics, English & History		Financial Mathematics	‡
Animal Science	‡	Commerce	*‡	Food & Agribusiness Management	‡
Animal Science – Equine	‡	Commerce International		Food Business with Chinese Studies	‡
Applied & Computational Mathematics	‡	Computational Social Science		Food Science	‡
Archaeology	‡	Computer Science		Forestry	‡
Architecture	*‡	Computer Science with Data Science		French	*‡
Art History	*‡	Creative & Cultural Industries		Genetics	‡
BA Arts (Two Subject Combination)	‡	Criminology with Psychology		Geography	‡
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	‡	Crop Science	‡	German	*‡
Biomedical Engineering	‡	Dairy Business	‡	Global Studies	
Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences		Drama Studies	*‡	Greek	‡
Business	*‡	Earth Sciences	‡	Greek & Roman Civilization	‡
Business & Law		Economics	*‡	Health & Performance Science	*
Cell & Molecular Biology	‡	Economics & Finance	*	History	*‡
Celtic Civilization	*‡	Economics, Mathematics & Statistics		History & Politics	*
Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering	‡	Electrical or Electronic Engineering	‡	Horticulture	‡
Chemistry	‡	Engineering	‡	Human Nutrition	‡
Chemistry with Biophysical Chemistry	‡	English	*‡	Information & Communication Studies	‡
Chemistry with Environmental & Sustainable Chemistry	‡	English, Drama & Film		Irish	
		English Literature		Irish Folklore	*‡

\* to denotes programs with possible three year duration

‡ denotes programs accessible through Liberal Arts & Sciences





Irish Studies	*‡	Music	*‡	Social Sciences (Two Subject Combination)	‡
Italian	*‡	Music, Film & Drama		Sociology	‡
Landscape Architecture		Neuroscience	‡	Spanish	*‡
Languages, Linguistics & Cultures		Pharmacology	‡	Sport & Exercise Management	*
Latin	‡	Philosophy	‡	Statistics	*‡
Law (BCL)		Philosophy, Politics & Economics		Structural Engineering with Architecture	‡
Law with Economics		Physics	‡	Sustainability with Environmental Sciences	
Law with French Law		Physics with Astronomy & Space Science	‡	Sustainability with Social Sciences, Policy & Law	
Law with History		Physiology	‡	Sustainability with Business & Economics	
Law with Philosophy		Physiotherapy	**	Sustainable Food Systems	‡
Law with Politics		Plant Biology	‡	Theoretical Physics	‡
Law with Social Justice		Politics & International Relations	‡	Veterinary Medicine	***
Liberal Arts and Sciences		Portuguese	*‡	Veterinary Nursing	
Linguistics	*‡	Psychology	*	Zoology	‡
Mathematics	*‡	Radiography			
Mechanical Engineering	‡	Science	‡		
Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology	‡	Social Justice	‡		
Medicine	**	Social Policy & Sociology	*		
Microbiology	‡				
Modern Languages					

\*\* denotes program of 6 year duration and apply through Atlantic Bridge

\*\*\* denotes program of 5 year duration, applications not accepted via Common App

Note: Some courses may be accessible through multiple programs and/or different combinations



# FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

## Diverse Degree Programs

North American students have the flexibility to choose their pathway to 70+ undergraduate degree programs at UCD through Direct Entry or Liberal Arts & Sciences. At UCD, there are no general education requirements.

## Direct Entry

These streamlined degrees are well suited for students who know exactly what they want to study and wish to specialize directly upon entry to UCD. Most degrees are 4 years, while others may be completed in 3 years due to an extremely focused degree structure.

## Liberal Arts & Sciences

The UCD Liberal Arts & Science program is a 4 year degree that mirrors the American educational system in that you are enrolled in the university and can delay declaring your degree path (major) for 1 or 2 years. In this way, you are offered the space and time to explore different areas of interest before settling on a degree of your choice after your first or second year at UCD. This is ideal for students who are undecided between 2-3 subject areas.



I am so grateful that I chose the Liberal Arts and Sciences Program because it has helped me find the right fit by allowing me to explore various subjects as my interests evolve. I love the opportunity to take a diverse range of subjects, and I have had room in my schedule to take courses that help me learn about Ireland, such as Irish Language for Beginners, Modern Irish History, and a class that focused on ancient archaeological sites around Ireland.

I entered the program with the intent of studying architecture and music, but because I was able to explore other subjects, I found that English was the right fit for me. I have also enjoyed taking classes for my general knowledge, such as an art history class and philosophy. The Liberal Arts and Sciences Program allowed me to have the diversity and flexibility that comes with an American degree while still immersing myself in a new culture. It has given me knowledge of the world, myself, and my chosen areas of study.

Edith Weinstein  
Minnesota  
Liberal Arts and Sciences







Studying social sciences at UCD allowed me to choose from a diverse mix of courses which has made me a more well rounded student and person. My specific course, politics and international relations, allow me to learn from and beside people of diverse backgrounds. I've met many amazing people and created connections that will help me further my studies.

Ceara Ryan  
Pennsylvania  
Politics and International Relations



Engineering at UCD has been an incredible experience. Being able to see each individual stream of engineering in first year before choosing my discipline has allowed me to explore every option before making important decisions. I was hard set on Mechanical Engineering before I came, but then I found a new interest in coding and Electronic Engineering that I did not know I had.

The program has also allowed to explore new extracurricular programs and societies that I would not have been able to enjoy elsewhere. I have time for Gaelic Football, sea swimming, and assisting with the Engineering Society, among other things. The balance between the workload of Engineering, and time to explore other programs and clubs the program offers, has allowed for an incredibly rewarding 2+ years here.

Jack Coleman  
New York  
Engineering



I am in my final year of Cell & Molecular Biology and writing my fourth-year thesis on urea protein transporters in a brain with Alzheimer's Disease to characterise the disease pathology. This project is a perfect example of how Cell & Molecular Biology provides students with an extensive number of opportunities to undertake exciting research. At the moment, I am in the application process to undertake my PhD in Neurobiology.

Georgie Xistris-Songpanya  
Wisconsin  
Science (Cell & Molecular Biology)





# LIFE ON CAMPUS

## On-Campus Accommodation

Ireland's largest university campus, UCD is a vibrant student community with over 4,000 students living on a state-of-the-art campus only 5km from Dublin city center!

UCD seeks to guarantee first year non-EU undergraduate students on-campus accommodation, to those that apply and accept their offer by May 1st, as we recognize that you may need a little more support to help you get started at UCD.



Single room accommodation



Apartment style, complete with living area and kitchen



10 minute walk to the James Joyce Library



Res Life that helps foster a sense of community

## On-Campus Facilities



Huge range of facilities including restaurants, cafes, a bookshop, bike shop, barber shop, post office, a bar, grocery store



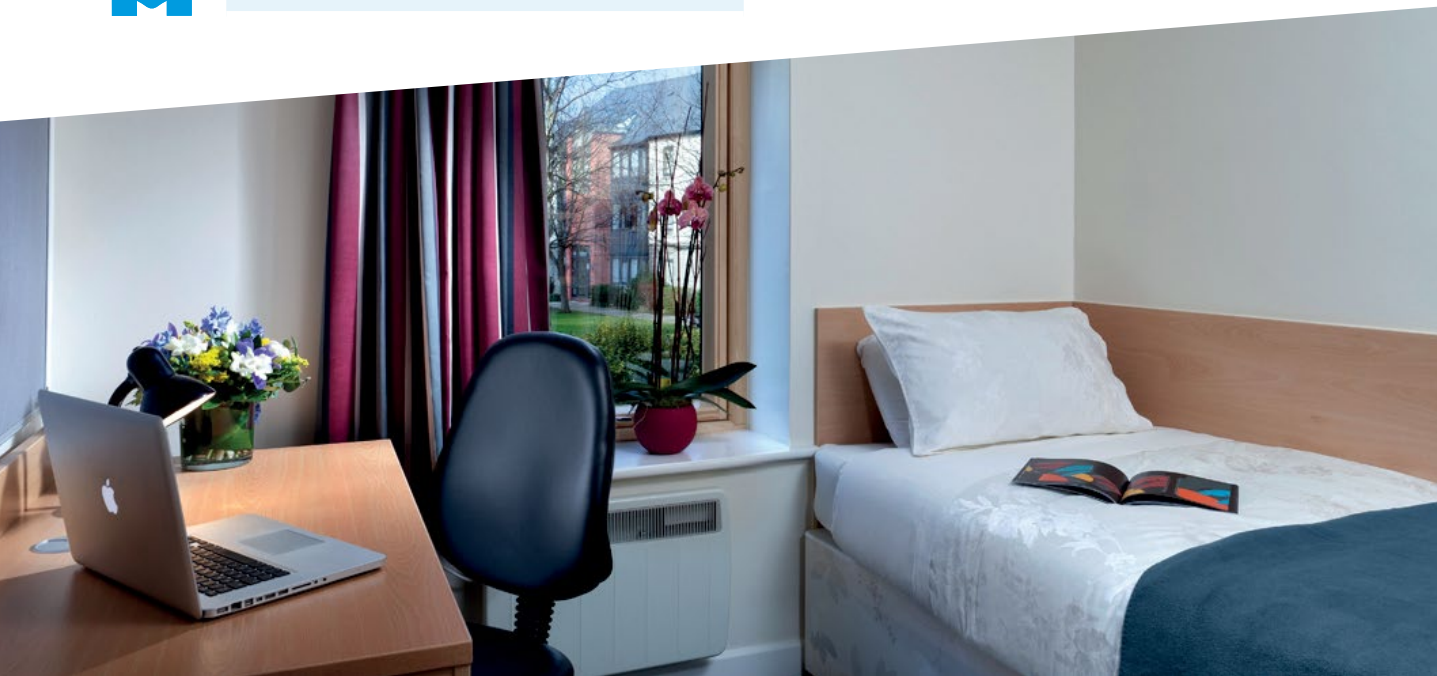
Student Center facilities with 3D cinema, drama theater, debating chamber, radio pod, and more



Sport and Fitness Center with extensive range of amenities for students of all fitness levels



UCD Global lounge is the center of internationalization on campus and provides a "home away from home" to all students



# SOCIETIES & CLUBS

## Societies

Actuarial & Financial  
 Agricultural Science  
 Amnesty International UCD  
 An Cumann Gaelach  
 Arab  
 Archaeology  
 Architecture  
 Arts  
 Broadcasting  
 Biological  
 Chemical  
 Chemical Engineering  
 Chess  
 Chinese  
 Christian Union  
 Classical  
 Commerce & Economics  
 Dance  
 Drama  
 Draw  
 Economics  
 Electrical & Electronic Engineering  
 Engineering  
 English & Literary  
 Fianna Fáil

Film & Video  
 Food  
 French  
 Games  
 Geography  
 Geological  
 German  
 Harry Potter  
 History  
 Horse Racing  
 Horticulture  
 Indian  
 International Students  
 Internet  
 Investors & Entrepreneurs  
 Islamic  
 Japanese  
 Jazz  
 Juggling and Circus  
 Law  
 LGBTQ+  
 Literary & Historical  
 Livingstones  
 Malaysian  
 Mathematical

Mature Students  
 Mechanical Engineering  
 Medical  
 Microbiology  
 Music  
 Musical  
 Newman Catholic Society  
 Nutrition  
 One Health  
 Pharmacology & Toxicology  
 Philosophy  
 Planning and Environmental Policy  
 Politics and International Relations  
 Psychological  
 Science  
 Science Fiction & Fantasy  
 Sinn Fein  
 Social Democrats  
 Socialist Worker  
 Spanish  
 St Vincent de Paul  
 Traditional Music  
 TV  
 Veterinary  
 Volunteers Overseas

## Clubs

American Football  
 Archery  
 Athletics (Track & Field)  
 Badminton  
 Basketball  
 Boat  
 Boxing  
 Camogie  
 Canoe  
 Caving & Potholing  
 Cricket  
 Cycling  
 Equestrian  
 Fencing  
 Field Hockey  
 Gaelic Football

Golf  
 Handball  
 Hurling  
 Judo  
 Karate  
 Lacrosse  
 Lau Gar Kickboxing  
 Mountaineering  
 Ninjutsu  
 Olympic Handball  
 Orienteering  
 Rugby  
 Sailing  
 Shaolin Kung Fu  
 Snowsports  
 Soccer

Soccer  
 Sub-Aqua  
 Surf  
 Swimming & Waterpolo  
 Table Tennis  
 Taekwon-Do  
 Target Shooting  
 Tennis  
 Trampoline  
 Triathlon  
 Ultimate Frisbee  
 Volleyball  
 Windsurfing



## Key Dates

Applications open: 1 October  
 Priority deadline: 1 December\*  
 Applications close: 1 July

\*deadlines for clinical programs may differ

# HOW TO APPLY

## Entry Requirements

- We accept, but do not require, ACT, SAT and AP for all subjects.
- We accept IB, French Baccalaureate and other international exams as well.
- We require a high school transcript or high school equivalency exam

## Step-by-Step Guide to Joining UCD



### Direct Application

- Fill out the application form at [www.ucd.ie/global/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/global/apply)
- You may select multiple courses to apply to under one application fee
- Self-report or upload unofficial copies of your transcripts and/or standardised test scores.
- Press submit; you will then receive a confirmation email which will include a list of required supporting documents in order for your application to be processed.

Please note that only complete and submitted applications with transcripts will be reviewed.

OR



- You may select multiple courses to apply to under one application fee on Common App
- Self report any test scores that you may have or indicate any exams that you plan to take

After submission, you'll receive your UCD application portal login instructions to the email you listed in your application



### Checking your application status

- You can check the progress of your application and whether your documents have been received by logging in to your application account and viewing your application
- You will receive an automated email alerting you of a change in the status of your application when a decision has been made



### Accepting your offer

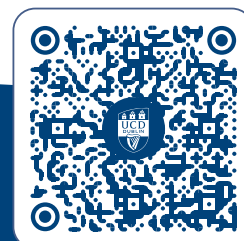
- Log in to your application account, accept your offer and pay the deposit (if appropriate). The deadline to take this step will be clearly stated on your offer letter.
- Your acceptance will not be recorded until you pay the deposit (if required)

## UCD Professional Programs

UCD considers applications to Undergraduate Entry Medicine (MDS2) and Graduate Entry Medicine (MDS9) submitted directly to UCD and submitted via the Atlantic Bridge program. Please reach out to Atlantic Bridge at [www.atlanticbridge.com](http://www.atlanticbridge.com) for more information.

Undergraduate Entry Veterinary Medicine (VTS1) only accepts applications via the UCD Direct Application on the SISweb portal. Applications open October 1 and we recommend submitting your application by November 1.

\* Please note that additional documentation and interviews may be required for these programs.



Scan QR Code to take you to our entry requirements page!

# FEES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

## Tuition Fees

For up-to-date details of tuition fees by program of study, including clinical programs and additional program costs, please check the UCD fees website: [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees)

### Degree Program Fees for 2024/2025 academic year

Arts, Humanities, Business, Social Sciences: €22,600

Sustainability: €25,840

Science, Engineering, Architecture: €29,100

## Academic Merit Scholarships

### International Student Scholarships

- 15% - 30% of tuition
- Automatically awarded at time of admission to qualifying students
- No additional application

### Global Excellence Scholarship

- UCD's top award available to North American Students
- Highly competitive scholarship
- 50 - 100% of tuition
- Requires separate application and essay by February 1, 2025
- Only students who submit completed applications by the priority deadline of 1 December will be eligible to apply for the UCD Global Excellence Scholarship

## Funding

- US Subsidized & Unsubsidized Direct Loans
- Direct PLUS loans
- G.I. Bill and V.A. Bill for some programs
- Private Loans are also accepted
- Canadian Provincial Loans

## Accommodation at Belfield Main Campus

As a guideline, accommodation fees for the 2025/2026 academic year range from €5,666.40 - €11,764.80, depending on the type of accommodation.

*\*Fees are subject to change*

## Cost of Living Estimates

Living costs	Approx. Monthly Cost	1.15 USD Exchange Rate
Food (incl. lunches)	€360	\$414
Travel (student Leap card)	€30	\$35
Clothes / medical	€120	\$138
Mobile phone (excl. handset)	€30	\$35
Social life / miscellaneous	€160	\$184
UCD accommodation (Apartment Ensuite)	€1,030	\$1,185
<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,730</b>	<b>\$1,990</b>
<b>Annual Cost (9 Months)</b>	<b>€15,570</b>	<b>\$17,906</b>
<b>Annual Tuition Fees</b>	<b>€21,520 - €27,720</b>	<b>\$24,748 - \$31,878</b>
<b>Total Cost of Attendance</b>	<b>€37,090 - €43,290</b>	<b>\$42,654 - \$49,784</b>

This table gives a rough guide to the cost of living in Dublin per month (calculated using a general exchange rate of 1.15) based on non-clinical programs at UCD. The cost of living in Dublin depends on each student's individual needs. The estimates above do not include the cost of flights or insurance. You should also budget for any initial costs you will likely incur, such as short-term accommodation and the immigration registration fee of €300 (as of August 2024).

This is a rough guide only based on the median budget. For more information and guidelines on cost of living, view our Cost of Living page: <https://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/livingcosts/>



60 mins from UCD

Glasnevin  
Cemetary  
Museum

National  
Botanic  
Gardens

Croke Park

Pheonix  
Park

Dublin  
Zoo

North  
Side  
of City

River Liffey

South  
Side  
of City

Kilmainham  
Gaol

Guinness  
Storehouse

Temple Bar

Dublin  
Castle

Book  
of Kells

St. Stephens  
Green

Jeanie  
Johnston

Poolbeg

Aviva Stadium

US Embassy

Sandymount  
Beach



75 mins from UCD to City Center



25 mins from UCD to City Center



20 mins from UCD to City Center



15 mins from UCD to City Center

Clonskeagh  
Entrance

10 MINUTE CYCLE

20 MINUTE CYCLE

Dundrum  
Town Centre

UCD  
DUBLIN  
N11 Entrance



Being able to easily access both the airport and the Heuston train station has allowed me to see famous sites in Ireland- such as the Cliffs of Moher in just a day, as well as travel to six different European countries during my first year at UCD. I am so grateful to be able to explore so freely and relatively inexpensively- such as my 34 Euro round trip ticket to London on Ryanair- and look forward to all the adventures that await in the years to come.

Ella Cheney  
Washington D.C.  
Sustainability



Despite UCD being in the suburbs of Dublin, it has an incredible transportation system. There are many buses that come to or nearby UCD including the 24 hour-running 39a. These buses will bring you all around Dublin. If you want to leave the county, you could easily take a bus to a train, Luas, or Dart station that will bring you all over the country. Understanding how the transportation system works and getting a Leap card is key to getting the most out of your experience at UCD.

Margaret O’Riordan-Stamato  
Massachusetts  
Medicine



45 mins from UCD  
to Wicklow Mountains








## Events in Your Country

UCD can be found at high school visits and college fairs throughout the year. We also host several virtual events throughout the year.

Check out our upcoming events in your country:  
[www.ucd.ie/global/events/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/events/)

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