

Pre Stage 3 advisory Information for Stage 2 students

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Science DN200

Earth & Environmental Sciences

- Environmental Biology
- Earth Sciences

Biological, Biomedical & Biomolecular Sciences

- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Cell & Molecular Biology
- Environmental Biology
- Genetics
- Microbiology
- Neuroscience
- Pharmacology
- Physiology
- Plant Biology
- Zoology

Chemistry (includes Medicinal/Sustainable)

- Chemistry
- Chemistry with Environmental & Sustainable Chemistry
- Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology

Mathematics (includes Applied/Financial/Statistics)

- Applied & Computational Mathematics
- Financial Mathematics
- Mathematics
- Statistics

Physics (includes Theoretical/Astronomy & Space Science)

- Physics
- Physics with Astronomy & Space Science
- Theoretical Physics

Science, Mathematics & Education

- Biology, Mathematics & Education
- Chemistry, Mathematics & Education
- Applied Mathematics, Mathematics & Education
- Physics & Mathematics & Education
- Computer Science, Mathematics & Education





Is all going to plan.....?

Grand if it is....

Doesn't always....

Not an issue!

It can (and will) be resolved.....

get in touch for advice

Academic advice/support via College of Science Office

Pastoral/Personal Advice via Student Advisors

We (faculty, professional support staff, me, etc...) are here to help you get the most out of your educational experience...., to maximise this opportunity.... and yes... to enjoy it!!

Science Student Supports

- **Mathematics Support Centre**

- Provides assistance to students for completion of the Mathematics modules

- **Peer Mentors**

- You have each been assigned a peer mentor who is a student in Stage 2 or 3 of the programme

Science Student Supports

- **Science Office** (<https://www.ucd.ie/askscience/>)
 - Registration queries, programme queries, academic regulations and policies
 - General enquiries on academic, registration or other issues
 - **asdean.science@ucd.ie** (use your UCD email account)

The Science **Connector Form** should be used as the first port of call for contacting the office. The form not only holds a lot of key information, but the queries you submit are monitored by a team of people and will be responded to quickly:

www.ucd.ie/askscience/

You can also request virtual meetings by using the Connector Form www.ucd.ie/askscience/

Appointments/Meetings

Drop-ins to the office are welcome from Monday to Friday from 10am-4pm daily

Science Student Supports

- **Academic Staff and School Office Staff**
 - Available to discuss academic and other issues
- **Student Advisers**
 - Dani (dani.foy@ucd.ie)
 - Áine (aine.murphy@ucd.ie)



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Progressing to Stage 3: practical aspects



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Progression versus completion – causes some confusion

- A stage is **complete** when you have **60 credits**
- So ideally you will have 120 credits before entering Stage 3
- It may be possible to **progress** to Stage 3 with **TWO fails** (i.e. 50 credits) (can be from either/both Stage 1 or Stage 2)....
- **IF** “the student has satisfied the progression requirements detailed in the programme specification”

importance of core modules in Stage 1 and Stage 2 and modules that are pre-requisites for Stage 3 modules

- can carry up to 10 credits from preceding stages (e.g. -5 credits from Stage 1 and -5 credits from Stage 2) but **no more than 10 credits**
- Must be compliant re cores completed
- Can take a **maximum workload** of 40 credits per trimester (includes repeats and resits)

Modules you have IX grades in because of Extenuating Circumstances are not counted in this 40 credits but are, of course, additional workload.

Think carefully about workload and over-stretching (talk to us!)

- **Resit** grade capped at 2.0
- **Repeat** grade reduced by 0.6

Repeat Grades and Repeat Grade Points	
MODULE GRADE	GRADE POINT
A+(R)	3.6
A(R)	3.4
A-(R)	3.2
B+(R)	3.0
B(R)	2.8

Research your choice of degree

- presentations from schools follow this
- Videos of different degree options are available on the UCD Science YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZSA5-BKqTHa8Tzf_EQGfuQ

Stage 1 / 2 GPA and

your selection of degree programme for Stages 3 and 4

- Three programmes are “competitive” – places awarded on basis of GPA
- Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physiology
- The GPA used is your **Stage 2 GPA** after TWO/both Stage 2 trimesters

Erasmus/Exchange programmes

- “competitive”: eligibility calculated on Stage 1 GPA and Stage 2 Trimester 1 GPA
- UCD Global Website has details....

Processes – When and How?

Registration

you will receive an email from the College of Science Office **in June** with updates on the Stage 3 / degree programme (**major**) selection process. **Check your emails.**

Two steps:

- (1) Choose your Stage 3 **major**– ONE week **in July** via SISWeb
- (2) Choose **programme credits (50) + electives (10)** in late August

Registry allocates a time slot to students to complete this step

For **over-subscribed / competitive** majors, students will be manually registered.

These majors will NOT be available via the online registration process.

Students will be asked to complete an application form for these majors, as otherwise you may not be offered your first choice of major!!

- Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physiology
- 3.30 in 2024
- this figure is for guidance
- NOT guaranteed to be the same this year



For **over-subscribed / competitive** majors,

application form *will* be available to **download** from early March at

<https://www.ucd.ie/science/study/currentundergraduatesciencestudents/stage3subjectselection/>

the **deadline in April** by which the form must be received by the College of Science Office will be stated on this website (you will be emailed this information as well)

If you do not complete the application form in time you will be added to the bottom of the waiting list if your requested subject is over-subscribed **regardless of GPA**

For the most up to date information and updates, FAQs etc....

<https://www.ucd.ie/science/study/currentundergraduatesciencestudents/stage3subjectselection/>

Looking further ahead... the importance of Stage 3

(1) In order to enter Stage 4, you must achieve following in Stage 3

Obtain a GPA of at least 2.48

(2) Your final degree classification is based 70% on your final year and 30% on your penultimate year

- Four year degree = 70 : 30, stage 4 : stage 3
- Three year degree = 70 : 30, stage 3 : stage 2

(3) Stage 4 project allocation can be based on Stage 3 GPA in some degree majors

***Other things to start
to think about (and
action!)....***

Science Internship Programme

- **3 or 6-months Internships** available in most degree Programmes
- **SCI30080 Professional Placement** -Science (5 credits, GPA neutral), credits accounts towards Stage 4.
- **BMOL40020 Industry Research Project** (25 credits –6 months) available for **Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Genetics, Microbiology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience.**
- **More info on:**
 - www.ucd.ie/science/careers/internships/students
 - Contact Internship Managers: scienceinternships@ucd.ie
 - An information event will be held later in the trimester, students will be notified of this event.**

a strong application needs time to prepare.....

Internships - Process



Engage

CV workshops

Stage 2



Submit

Your CV by

end of October Stage 3



Interviews

Throughout

**Stage 3
Trimester 1**





UCD Career Development Centre

<https://www.ucd.ie/careers/>



Career Consultations: One-to-One

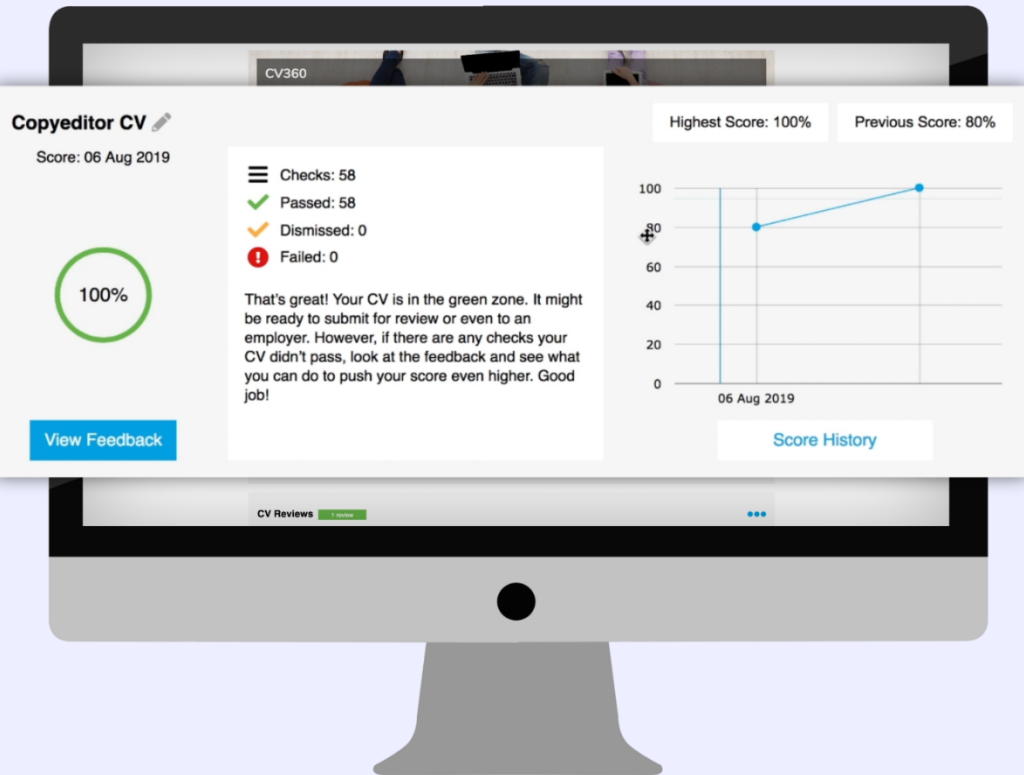


- 20 minute individual appointments
- Available every day
- Students book online – the day prior to their appointment. Appointments are available Face-to-Face or online through Zoom
- Application (CV, Cover Letter) and
- Personal Statement Review
- Interview Preparation
- Discovering Career Interests
- Career Options
- Goals- Career Action Planning
- Internship preparation

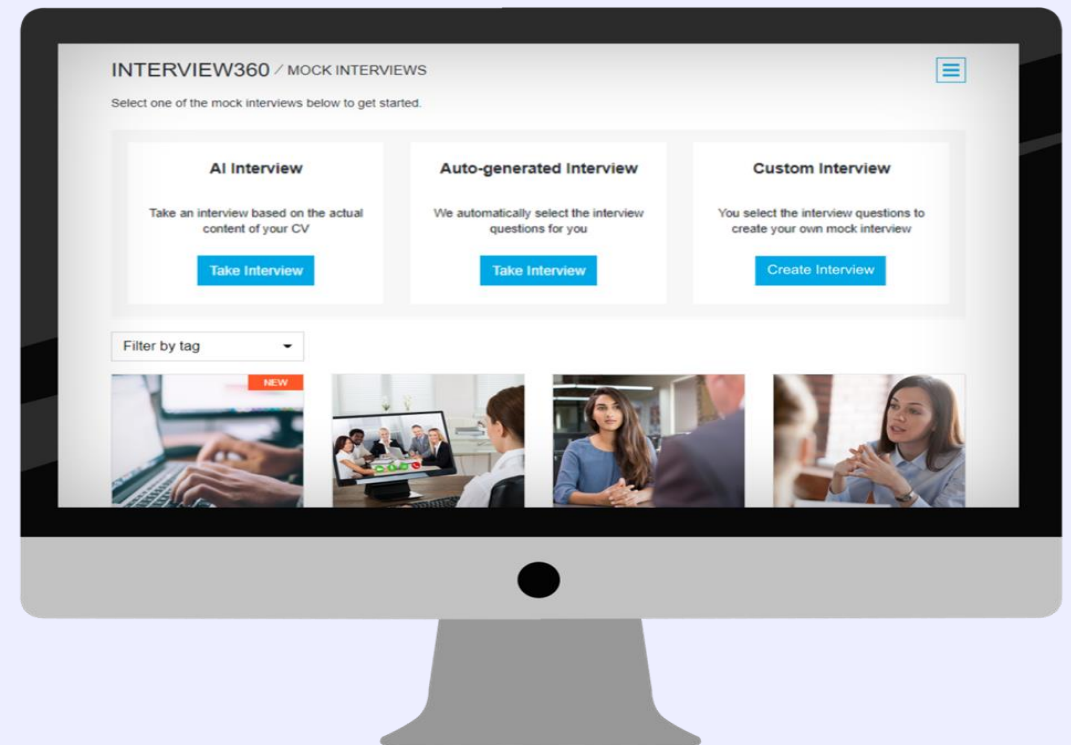
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Interview360





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Aradhna Mathur
Co-curricular project
officer

Have any questions?
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110 Science students
completed the Advantage
Award in 2023/24. 91
completed the award in
2022/23

What is the UCD Advantage Award?

Are you engaged in co-curricular activities? Get recognition from UCD for the skills and experience you are gaining!

Whether you are part of a society or sports team, volunteer your time with a charity or have done a summer internship, UCD wants to acknowledge your contribution and development.

What's in it for me?

- UCD Advantage will help you stand out from the crowd and is a great addition to your CV
- The award will be added to your UCD Diploma Supplement
- Completing the award helps you articulate all the amazing transferable skills you have developed

"I'd advise any students who take part in university life outside of the classroom to apply! What you're doing may not seem important to you, but employers want to see who you really are, so show them!"



Want to sign up for the Award or just want more information? Attend one of our inductions!

Book now on:

