

University College Dublin, Ireland

Facts

- **Website:**
 - [University College Dublin](#)
 - [Inbound Exchange](#)
- **Language of Instruction:** English
- **Semester dates:**
 - Semester 1: Mid-September – Late December
 - Semester 2: Mid-January – Mid-May
- **Academic restrictions at glance:** UCD asks for flexibility with exchange course choices, as not all choices will be available. Module restrictions may apply in the areas of Health, Agricultural Sciences, Education, Psychology, Business, Law, English Literature, History, and Master's level classes. Please see the *Academic Restrictions* section for more information.
- **General Costs:** Estimated cost of living per month is €1980; more details can be found below.

About the University

Founded in 1854 by Cardinal John Henry Newman, University College Dublin (UCD) is Ireland's largest and most richly diversified university. Today UCD is a vibrant, modern university of over 33,000 students situated on a spacious and leafy campus some 5km to the south of Dublin city centre.

Located on the east coast of Ireland, Dublin began as a Viking settlement founded over one thousand years ago. In the 21st century, with a population of over one million people, Dublin is the thriving capital of the Republic of Ireland and is the centre of the political, diplomatic, administrative and commercial life of the country.

Famous for its literary tradition, Ireland's capital has been home to writers from Jonathan Swift to William Butler Yeats and James Joyce. Dublin allows you to explore both the historical and the modern, from castles and churches to cafés and clubs

What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at the University College Dublin, you will be officially nominated by the European Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

<p>Course/ credit load</p>	<p>One full year of study should equate to 60 ECTS. One semester of study should equate to 30 ECTS.</p> <p>For further information on credit and course requirements during your exchange please visit our page: Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
<p>Courses available and enrolment</p>	<p>At undergraduate level, each module is worth 5 credits and students take six modules per semester. Exchange students may take fewer modules if permitted by their home institution.</p> <p>A list of modules offered is available on UCD's website</p> <p>Exchange students will be sent information about course selection before they arrive and will have a two-week period to add or drop modules from the first day of classes.</p> <p><i>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</i></p>
<p>Academic restrictions</p>	<p>UCD asks for flexibility with exchange course choices, as not all choices will be available.</p> <p>Module restrictions may apply in the areas of Health, Agricultural Sciences, Education, Psychology, Business, Law, English Literature, History, and Master's level classes.</p> <p>Information about Law courses can be found here.</p> <p><i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean</i></p>

that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

University accommodation	On-campus accommodation is not guaranteed for international students and is limited. Once students have been accepted to UCD, UCD Global will e-mail those instructions on how to apply for the UCD Residences. Further information regarding on-campus accommodation at UCD is available on UCD Residences page .
Private accommodation	UCD operate the UCD Accommodation Pad which offers a variety of off-campus housing options for UCD students.

Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

Estimated cost of living	Estimated cost of living is €955 per month without accommodation. UCD accommodation costs approximately €1000 per month; for more information please visit UCD's Cost of Living in Ireland page . <i>Please note that you may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</i>
Insurance	EU nationals should have an EHIC card.

	<p>All non-EU nationals are required to have health insurance in order to register with Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS).</p> <p>Please visit Visas & Immigration as well as Health Insurance pages for more information.</p>
Tuition Fees	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>


Living

Employment	<p>Exchange students from outside Europe cannot seek employment in Ireland.</p> <p>EU/EEA students attending a full time course lasting a year are entitled to seek casual employment (up to 20 hours per week during term time, and up to 40 hours per week outwith term time).</p>
Orientation	<p>UCD Global organise orientation events for international students throughout the Orientation Week, which commences the week before the teaching term begins. These events include, meet and greets, welcome speeches and other social activities.</p> <p>For more information please visit Orientation UCD Global website</p>
Visas	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>You can find more information on visas on University College Dublin's website here.</p>


	<p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
Disability	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The European Programmes Team via email: europe.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability Office as well.</p>

What other students had to say about the University


The best part


 *The campus had everything that was needed for a successful university experience.*

Advice for future exchange students

 *It's worth pushing through any discomfort you may feel in the initial stages of moving away from home and to a new environment. It will be hard when you first arrive even if you don't expect it to be before you go but the experience is worth it for the time it takes to initially settle into a new routine and environment and make new friends.*

Accommodation

 *Secure a student accommodation if you can, it is much easier than any other accommodation options and the commute will be much shorter.*

 *Halls is a useful way to meet people and mix with people of different ages and cultures.*

General advice

“ *Prepare what you can, but do not worry too much if anything unexpected comes up. Ask for help. You will be able to handle the hardships, but if you need to, you can always come back to Edinburgh.*