



University College Dublin

## Freshman Study Abroad Programme

The UCD Freshman Study Abroad Programme offers visiting first year students an exciting opportunity to gain a global perspective in a safe and welcoming environment. University College Dublin, the most active research university in Ireland, is ranked within the top 1% of universities worldwide.

Freshman study abroad students attend the same high quality modules as Irish students, ensuring a great academic start. A high standard of support and oversight is central to this programme and a wide range of social and cultural activities take place throughout the semester, providing the opportunity to make friends and integrate. Freshman students are housed on the UCD campus, located on 350 acres just three miles from Dublin City Centre.

### Module/Class Details and Assessment

Students may select modules from more than one degree programme depending on availability. Assessment will be based on examinations which take place in December and May and project and class-based work/assignments.

### Subject Choices

**Freshman students may take up to 30 ECTS credits (6 modules/classes) per semester. Freshman Study Abroad students have greater flexibility than upperclassmen to enroll in courses across the university (subject to timetabling restrictions and availability of spaces).**

These modules should be selected in agreement with the student's home university and chosen from the wide range of level one modules available within UCD.





## Student Testimonial



**Paige Mercaldi,**  
UCD Freshman Programme 2013

"Spending a semester in Ireland was an incredible experience. I had the opportunity to meet new friends and travel around the beautiful country of Ireland.

One of the most memorable parts of my adventure was my time spent playing on the UCD Division 5 basketball team. As a member of the club, I had a lot of fun and formed a great bond with my teammates. My time on the basketball team allowed me to truly feel like a part of the community at UCD."



## Programme Supports

Freshman Study Abroad students receive a very high level of pastoral care, including a dedicated Freshman Programme Manager providing both drop-in and scheduled appointments for student support.

During Orientation, incoming Freshman Study Abroad students are also linked with a peer mentor who is a second or third year UCD student. Additional support is provided through a very robust social and cultural schedule, as well as ongoing check-ins and practical support with issue such as immigration.

## Credit Transfer

UCD will send an official transcript of exam results to your home institution. Your home institution decides on credits to be awarded for modules pursued at UCD.

## Eligibility

**THE MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT IS 3.00 (Bachelors degree)**

Applications are made on-line at [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)

### Application Deadlines:

Full year or first semester (fall)	<b>May 1st</b>
Second semester (spring)	<b>October 15th</b>

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