



A Snapshot of UCD in the 2000s

Recently we asked you to paint a picture of UCD in your time. And you did. Through the memories you and thousands of your peers have shared with us, you have made it possible for us to understand what UCD means to you and to capture a snapshot of UCD in the 2000s.

Some of you told us about your favourite lecturer or society or the issues of the day that inspired you take to the streets in protest. Others told us about late nights spent studying and falling in love on campus.

We thank you for sharing each and every one of your precious memories with us.

So now it's time to take a look at your masterpiece, your UCD....

Solving the world's problems, cramming for exams and falling in love with your fellow students were all on the agenda in the 2000s. 23% of you stayed up all night to cram for an exam, 15% of you recall solving the world's problems over drinks in the bar and 23% of you spent many a sunny afternoon eating your lunch by the lake.

You Participated!

When it came to the best society there were a number of close contenders but it was the L&H society that was deemed the best society by 19% of you.

You Protested!

You also told us about your activism and the causes that took you beyond UCD and onto the streets of the capital to make your voices heard. The 2000s were a less contentious time than other decades with only 6% of you taking part in protests, marches and demonstrations during your time in UCD.

You learned from the best!

When we asked you about your favourite professor or lecturer there were 3 names which just kept coming up. Niamh Brennan, Pat Gibbons and Declan Kiberd were amongst those who won the hearts and minds of many of you during your time in UCD.



Niamh Brennan

"Niamh was our first professor at the MBA program and immediately made us all feel like home and turned our class into a family. She is my favourite and has taught us some of the most important lessons in corporate governance." **Khan Le, Graduate 2010**



Pat Gibbons

"Most relevant, experienced and on topic lecturer I have ever had - can remember and apply most of what he thought me."

Lorraine Butler, Graduate 2012



Declan Kiberd

"He made literature fun, easy to understand and was inspiring in his passion for the writing of James Joyce." **Graduate 2006**

You got together then...

It wasn't all work and no play though.

We asked you to tell us about the best Gig, Ball or Ents event you went to in UCD.

The social calendar has been busier than ever before for UCD students in the 2000s.

Whether it was the UCD Ball, Commerce Ball, Strauss Ball or the Med Ball, the social calendar was jam packed. Performances by Calvin Harris, Damien Dempsey, Kila and Shane McGowan, Kila and the Coronas were amongst those most frequently mentioned by you and your peers.

You're still getting together now...

With such amazing memories of the people and events who shaped your time in UCD, it came as little surprise that 81% of you would like to attend a college reunion of some sort. After taking this lovely trip down memory lane, no doubt you'll start planning one. Update your contact details at www.ucd.ie/alumni/ to hear about Reunions or contact the Alumni

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You made memories and friendships which have lasted a lifetime...

Your fondest memories were many and varied, recalling great sporting moments and historic events but your most treasured memories involved the lifelong friendships that you made and the people that changed your life in UCD.

"The fun and most importantly the people I met. In particular my wife who was in Engineering with me." **Graduate, 2001**

"The friends that I made. Some of us got together recently to toast 10 years since we met. I have no doubt that in another 10 years we will be toasting again!" **Graduate, 2008**

"Just being there - laughing so much with good friends, lying beside the lake watching people pass by. Wonderful times - I'd go back there in a heartbeat."
John Groarke, Graduate, 2000



Relaxing by the lake



The UCD Ball 2010

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