



Accommodating
Learning and
Discovery

Summer at University College Dublin

Ireland's Premier University



*“When I die,
Dublin will be
written in my heart.”*

James Joyce



Welcome to Ireland's premier university

University College Dublin (UCD) is Ireland's largest university, with a ranking in the Top 100 World Universities and a history reaching back over 150 years. Figures associated with UCD include James Joyce, John Henry Cardinal Newman, Gerald Manley Hopkins, Maeve Binchy and Roddy Doyle.



During the summer months, the atmosphere becomes distinctly more relaxed, as UCD plays host to a variety of conference delegates, sports academies and language students. In addition, UCD has an established reputation as a destination for Study Abroad experiences particularly from the United States.

It is a dynamic, modern university where cutting-edge research and scholarship provide a stimulating intellectual environment. In short, UCD offers an ideal environment for learning and discovery.

Our summer visitors are attracted by our high quality educational, sports and leisure facilities, our closeness to Dublin city, our green and spacious campus and our premium quality residential accommodation.

Throughout the academic year, UCD is a hive of activity for some 22,000 students across five Colleges situated on the Belfield Campus of 130 hectares (325 acres).



“UCD offers superb residential facilities on a beautiful campus, ideal for American college students.”

Kevin Whelan, Director
of the Keough Naughton University
of Notre Dame Centre, Dublin





Residential accommodation

Residential accommodation at UCD is positioned discreetly throughout the main college campus (Belfield) and at nearby Blackrock, a friendly village on Dublin's southside.



The residences at UCD are carefully integrated into their surrounding parkland setting. Maintained to a high standard, they are an ideal home from home for our summer visitors.

All accommodation has optional self-catering facilities, including kitchen, laundry and separate living room. Guests have the option of being self-sufficient, although it is comforting to know that there are extensive catering facilities on campus and close-by.

- **2,500+ modern bedrooms**
- **Supermarket, bookshop, bicycle shop**
- **15 minutes from Dublin city centre**
- **Direct bus link to Dublin Airport**

“We had a very large conference with 937 delegates and the UCD venue proved ideal. The lecture theatres were ample, the large concourse areas perfect for delegates to congregate and hold meetings during breaks, and the dinner in O’Reilly Hall was superb.”

Dr. Gabrielle E. Kelly,
XXIVth International
Biometric Conference





A class apart

No matter how large or how small your group may be, we can provide suitable learning spaces from within our one hundred classrooms and twenty-five lecture theatres.

State-of-the-art audio visual facilities are available in all our main teaching rooms and we are always pleased to assist in providing any specialized set-ups.

UCD also offers O'Reilly Hall as an outstanding conference centre, with a seating capacity in excess of 1,000 and a dining capacity of up to 600.



The superb UCD James Joyce Library offers a magnificent research resource for our visiting students.

UCD provides the perfect educational environment, helping to keep your students focused on their studies while also allowing them to experience authentic Dublin life.

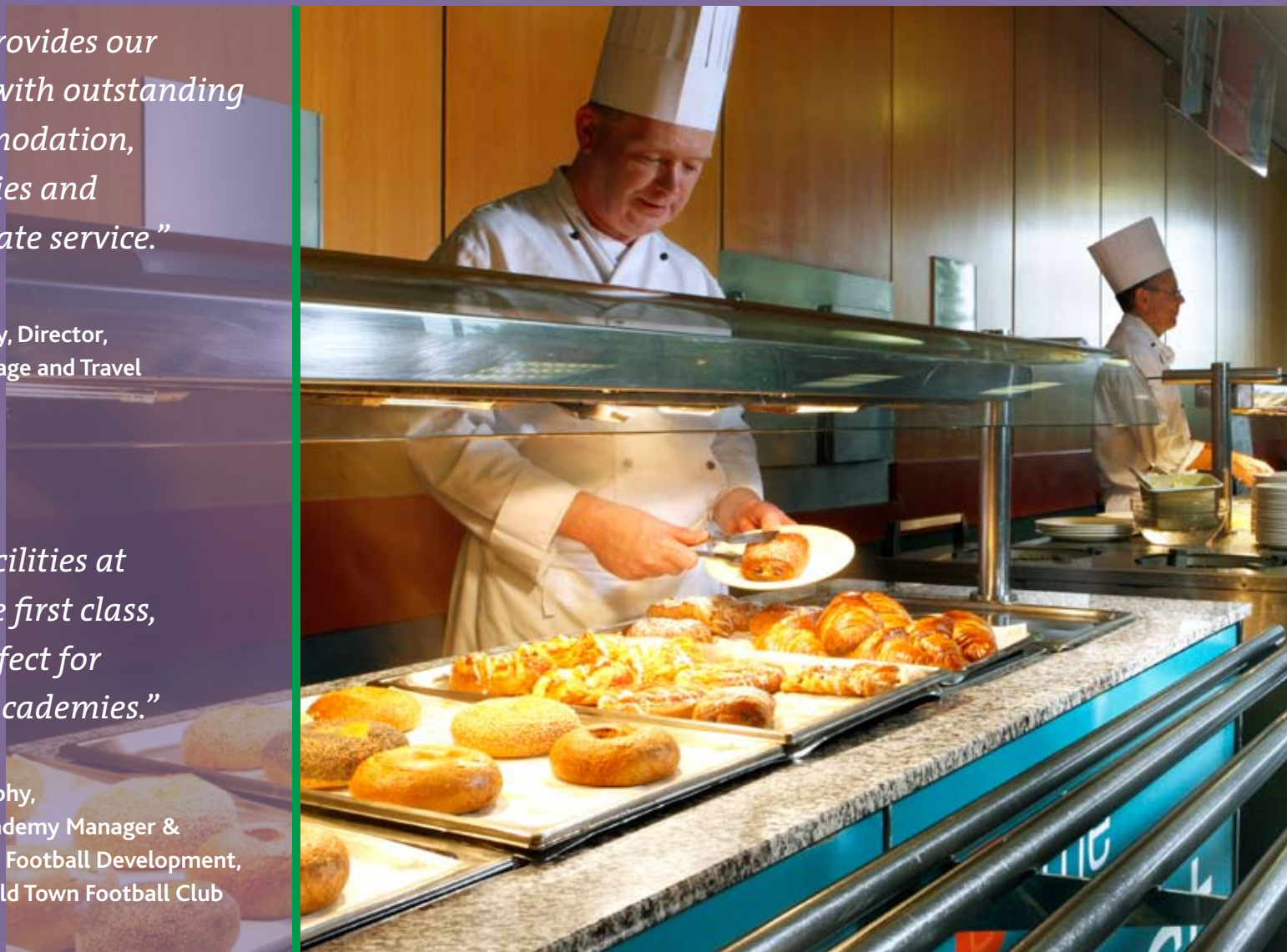
- **Teaching/seminar rooms to seat 10-60 delegates**
- **Lecture theatres seating 100-500 delegates**
- **Specialised requirements catered to**
- **O'Reilly Hall – premier conference centre for up to 1000+ delegates**

“UCD provides our clients with outstanding accommodation, amenities and a first-rate service.”

Ugo Greevy, Director,
ATC Language and Travel

“The facilities at UCD are first class, just perfect for sports academies.”

Gerry Murphy,
Former Academy Manager &
Director of Football Development,
Huddersfield Town Football Club



Catering to your needs



While our residences are generally self-catering, our summer visitors will often choose to enjoy the excellent catering facilities on campus.

Throughout the day, our main restaurant provides a wide range of nutritious meals and snacks, while you will also find a number of cafes dotted throughout the campus for added convenience.



If your group has special catering needs outside of normal opening hours, we will make every effort to facilitate them. Social interaction is provided in the spacious main restaurant or in a number of convivial bars.

By night, there are a number of excellent, lively bars which further help our guests to mingle in a relaxed, informal setting.

- Large modern restaurant
- Wide range of meals & snacks
- Several cafes & bars
- Menus to meet special dietary requirements

“If then a practical end must be assigned to a University course, I say it is that of training of good members of society. It is the art of social life, and its end is fitness for the world.”

John Henry Cardinal Newman



Our history and heritage

Established in 1854, the University has played a key role in the history of the modern Irish State and has produced no fewer than five of Ireland's Taoisigh (Prime Ministers).



The Joyce tradition is very much alive at UCD today and we are proud to have our own Chair of Joyce Studies. We also host an annual James Joyce Summer School which is attended by scholars from around the globe.

During its century and a half, UCD has produced graduates of remarkable distinction in Irish and international life, including distinguished surgeons, architects, entertainers and entrepreneurs.

Perhaps the best known of all its creative graduates is the internationally acclaimed writer, James Joyce, who completed his Bachelor of Arts at the University in 1902.

University College Dublin, with its ranking in the Top 100 World Universities, is acknowledged as a centre of excellence for both teaching and research, and its degrees are recognised and respected worldwide.



“UCD consistently meets and exceeds our expectations.”

“The UCD Institute for Sport and Health provides a valuable support service through its state-of-the-art testing facilities.”

Michael Cheika,
Leinster Rugby Head Coach





A wealth of sports and leisure facilities

'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy'. There is certainly no excuse for dullness at UCD, with a wealth of sports and leisure facilities to satisfy even the most demanding sports enthusiasts.



With access to facilities such as ice-baths, physiotherapy room, strength and conditioning suites, UCD is the ideal venue for elite sports academies and training squads.

With over 130 hectares (325 acres) to explore, the UCD campus is an absolute haven for walkers or joggers, while more serious athletes might like to test their mettle on our 400-metre athletics track.

There are also numerous grass and synthetic sports pitches on the campus, along with tennis courts and Ireland's national hockey stadium, which has hosted a number of prestigious European and international competitions.

In addition, UCD's Institute for Sport and Health incorporates a world-class Human Performance Laboratory, offering a range of fitness and health monitoring services.

The modern, well equipped gymnasium and sports halls offer everything from weight training and racket sports to basketball and wall-climbing.

From 2011, we will have a superb new Olympic size swimming pool, offering the perfect antidote to a hard day's studying.

“UCD is located in one of the most beautiful parts of Dublin. It is really easy to see all of Dublin and get to just about anywhere in Ireland from there. I highly recommend it.”

Michael Paoli,
Salt Lake City, Utah



In the heart of Dublin

The main UCD campus at Belfield is just 4 km (2.5 miles) from the centre of Dublin, one of Europe's most youthful, dynamic and vibrant cities. The city is easily accessible and offers an unbeatable blend of historical, cultural, sporting and retail attractions.

Frequent buses on a dedicated Bus Corridor whisk you into the heart of Dublin in less than fifteen minutes.



We are also within easy reach of Dublin airport, and a direct Aircoach service passes our gates. Located on the southern fringes of Dublin, we are less than twenty minutes from both the mountains and the sea.

Within a 40 km (25 miles) radius, you will find superb

national treasures such as the 5,000 year-old passage tomb at Newgrange and the ancient Irish monastic settlement of Glendalough, with its beautifully preserved medieval "round tower."



Find out more?

No matter how big or how small your group, or how long you intend staying in Dublin, we will be delighted to tailor a package which suits your specific needs at very competitive prices.

We guarantee you our personal attention and service.



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Travelling from Dublin by Air	Hours
London	1
Paris	1.5
Rome	2.5
Madrid	2

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