



University College Dublin  
Established 1854



## About Ireland

- Population: 4.5 million (UN, 2010)
- Capital: Dublin
- Area: 70,182 sq km (27,097 sq miles)
- Major languages: English, Irish
- Currency = Euro
- International dialling code: +353



### Ireland

Ireland is an island to the west of Great Britain and Europe. The island is divided into two parts – the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, part of the UK. The population is approximately 4.5 million people. Ireland is a member of the EU and is a Eurozone member country.

Ireland has **one of the best education systems in the world** according to the independent IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2009 (ranks 8<sup>th</sup>). This has allowed Ireland's small open economy to achieve deep integration within the world economy. Almost one thousand overseas companies use Ireland as their European base including Google, Intel, Yahoo, Adobe, Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Apple and Amazon.com. There are excellent air links to European capitals and flight time to London is approximately 1 hour.

It is well known for its stunning scenery and varying landscapes – from rugged coastlines, to inland lakes and rivers, to impressive mountains and flat pasture farmland. In 2008 and 2010, **it was voted by Lonely Planet as the friendliest country in the world!**

### Dublin

Dublin, capital of Ireland, traces its origins to 988 AD. With its wide streets and gracious architecture, Dublin is a historical and contemporary cultural centre for the island of Ireland as well as a modern centre of education, the arts, administrative function, economy and industry.

**West** of the city is the Phoenix Park, the largest enclosed park in Europe. To the **south**, and easily accessible by public transport, some of the most beautiful scenery in the country can be experienced in County Wicklow. To the **north** of the city is Dublin's international airport, which provides a gateway to the capital cities of Europe and the rest of the world.

### University College Dublin

Established in 1854, University College Dublin is the largest and most international of Ireland's universities. UCD has a student population of over 24,000. There are more than 4,500 International students, about 20% of the total student body.

The university provides a wide range of degrees in subjects grouped into five Colleges: Arts and Celtic Studies, Business and Law, Human Sciences, Life Sciences and Engineering, Mathematical and Physical Sciences.



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## Why Choose UCD?

- One of the world's top 100 universities
- Ireland's largest and most international university
- Emphasis on Research and Innovation
- Flexible undergraduate curricula, structured graduate programmes
- Safe, modern campus offers extensive accommodation options with 24 hour security
- Located in Dublin city, Ireland's capital
- Easy access to the Wicklow Mountains, 'The Garden of Ireland'
- Large, modern language centre on campus
- 1 hr flight from London
- Only Irish university with a dedicated International Student Centre

## Research

**Undergraduate courses** at UCD offer a wide level of flexibility and choice, while equipping students with broad-based skills, and offering clear career and graduate pathways.

There is an extensive range of taught **Masters programmes** across all of the colleges – many of which are one year in duration.

The **Structured PhD programme** aims to enable UCD PhD students to achieve the best possible experience of graduate research and training. Making a substantial and original contribution to knowledge, normally leading to peer-reviewed publications, remains the core objective of doctoral studies. The Structured PhD includes several innovative measures designed to support students in achieving academic and professional objectives.

## Research

UCD has an excellent track record in attracting external funding for research projects. In the last four years, the amount of funding awarded has more than doubled to €114.7 million and the level of proposals has increased two-fold.

[www.ucd.ie/research](http://www.ucd.ie/research)

## Facilities

### International Student Centre

UCD is the only Irish university with a dedicated International Student Centre. This features a 12 screen video wall with satellite channels allowing students to catch up on news from home and major sporting events. It's a great place to mix with other international students and Irish students interested in international affairs.

[www.ucd.ie/international](http://www.ucd.ie/international)

### Library

The UCD James Joyce Library has a stock of one million volumes, including some 30,000 early printed books, and important collections of Irish manuscripts. It offers a special range of reference books, course books, academic periodicals and background reading in all subjects.

[www.ucd.ie/library](http://www.ucd.ie/library)

### Sports

UCD sports facilities are among the finest in the country and reflect the popularity and significance of sport at the university. The new Student Sports & Social Centre will launch in Autumn 2011 and will feature a 50M swimming pool, theatre and cinema.

[www.ucd.ie/sport](http://www.ucd.ie/sport)

### Campus Accommodation

UCD has a lively campus community with on campus accommodation available in three, four, five and six-bedroom self-catering apartments in four locations. UCD is well serviced by a public transport network that connects the campus to Dublin city centre.

[www.ucd.ie/residences](http://www.ucd.ie/residences)

### Health Centre

The UCD Student Health Centre provides a confidential service to all registered students at the university. Male and female doctors are available by appointment and a nurse is available throughout the day. Students should arrange their own medical insurance before they travel to Ireland.

[www.ucd.ie/stuhealth](http://www.ucd.ie/stuhealth)