



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University



International Pre-Master's Programmes

The International Pre-Master's Programmes offer students the best way to prepare for their world class UCD Master's degree through a combination of academic, language, cultural and study skills modules.

Programme Summary

The International Pre-Master's Programmes offer the flexibility of a one semester (Certificate) programme starting in January or a two semester programme (Diploma) beginning in September. Students will attend English for Academic Purposes classes and modules relevant to their academic subject area. Students will also have the opportunity to take thesis preparation, cultural and creative thinking modules while acclimatising to life in UCD before commencing their Master's studies.

International Pre-Master's students must meet the academic entry requirements of their chosen Master's.

Progression requirements to UCD Master's programmes may vary.

For further information on progression requirements and for a list of Master's available through our Pre-Master's programme, please visit www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathway

Course Entry Requirements

| Programme | Length | English language requirements | Dates | Tuition fees |
|--------------------|-------------|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Diploma | 2 Semesters | IELTS 5.5 (with no band less than IELTS 5.0)* | September – May | €12,600 |
| Certificate | 1 Semester | IELTS 6.0 (with no band less than IELTS 5.5)* | January – May | €8,400 |

***Please Note:** Some Pre-Master's Pathway Programmes in Science, Business and Law require higher English language scores. For further information please visit www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathway

Why study at UCD?



Tradition

Established 1854, with over 160 years of teaching & research excellence



Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Global community

More than 8,000 international students from 139 countries study at UCD



Global careers

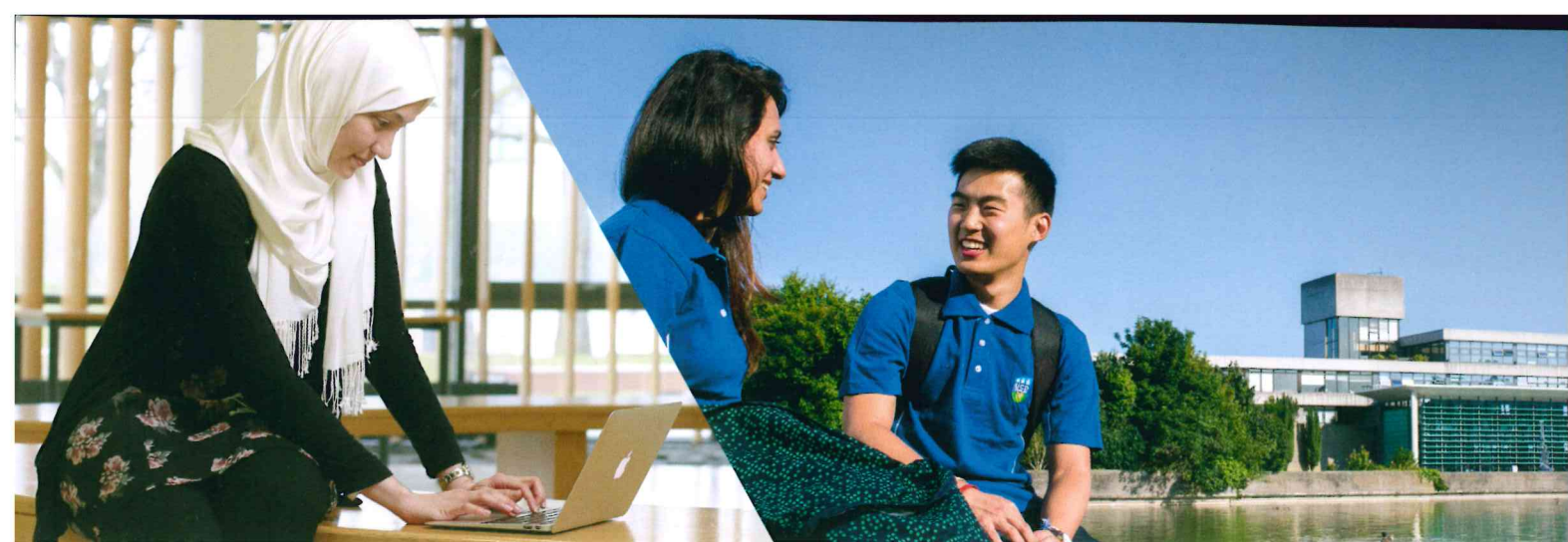
Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 2 year stay-back visa



Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre





International Pre-Master's Diploma – 60 ECTS Credits

The Diploma programme is a two-semester programme beginning in September. Students will attend **4 English Language tuition modules (35 credits)** to ensure they have the required proficiency to undertake their chosen UCD Master's programme. Students can also choose an **additional 25 credits from a broad range of optional modules.**

These optional modules provide students with the opportunity to further develop their subject knowledge through academic modules specifically related to their chosen Master's programme, while also giving students the tools to make the most of their Master's studies through our Cultural, Creative Thinking and Thesis Planning modules.

| Core modules | Credits | Optional modules | Credits |
|--|-----------|---|-----------|
| Semester 1 Academic Listening & Speaking I (10 credits) Academic Reading & Writing I (10 credits) | 20 | Semester 1 2 modules (10 credits in total) from: Modern Ireland: Culture and Society (5 credits) Intro to Creative Thinking (5 credits) 1 Academic module related to chosen Master's (5 credits) | 10 |
| Semester 2 English for Academic Writing (5 credits) English for Academic Purposes II (10 credits) | 15 | Semester 2 3 modules from: Modern Ireland: Culture and Society (5 credits)* Intro to Creative Thinking (5 credits)* Thesis Planning, Writing & Presentation (5 credits) 1 or 2 Academic modules related to chosen Master's <i>*This cannot be selected if already chosen in Semester 1</i> | 15 |
| Total core credits | 35 | Total optional credits | 25 |

International Pre-Master's Certificate – 30 ECTS Credits

The International Pre-Master's Certificate is a one semester programme beginning in January. Students attend **2 English Language tuition modules (15 credits)** to ensure they have the required proficiency to undertake their chosen UCD Master's programme. Students can also choose an **additional 15 credits from a broad range of optional modules.**

These optional modules provide students with the opportunity to further develop their subject knowledge through academic modules specifically related to their chosen Master's programme, while also giving students the tools to make the most of their Master's studies through our Cultural, Creative Thinking and Thesis Planning modules.

| Core modules | Credits | Optional modules | Credits |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| Semester 2 (January) English for Academic Writing (5 credits) English for Academic Purposes II (10 credits) | 15 | Semester 2 (January) 2 modules from: Modern Ireland: Culture and Society (5 credits) Intro to Creative Thinking (5 credits) Thesis Planning, Writing & Presentation (5 credits) 1 or 2 Academic modules related to chosen Master's (5 credits) | 15 |
| Total core credits | 15 | Total optional credits | 15 |

Contact Us

UCD Applied Language Centre, Daedalus Building, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland
E-mail: premasters@ucd.ie **Telephone:** +353 1 716 7900 **Web:** www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathway