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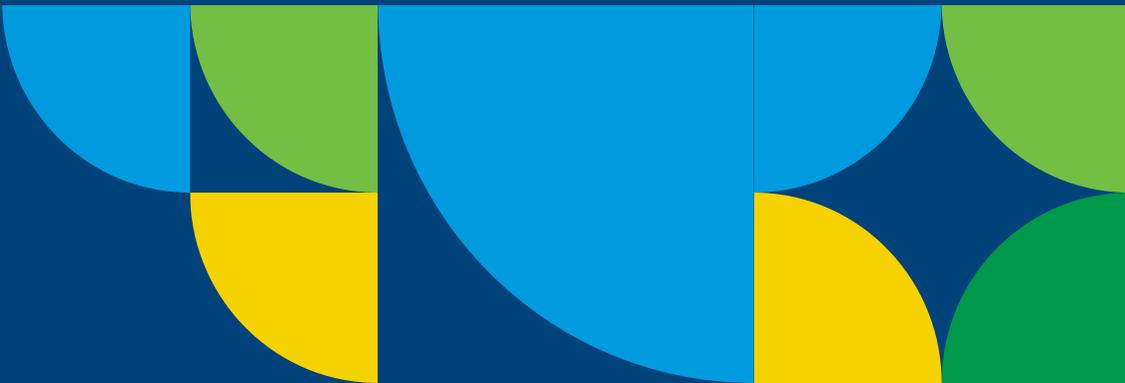
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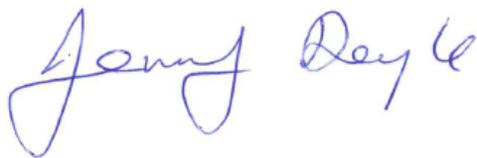
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Welcome to UCD Open Learning

We are delighted to welcome you to University College Dublin. Whether you are taking one or two modules out of personal interest, developing your skills, or taking the first steps toward a qualification, you are in the right place. With over 450 modules to choose from, UCD Open Learning is designed with flexibility and curiosity in mind.

You are joining a vibrant community of learners who are shaping their own educational journey, one module at a time. It gives you the freedom to learn at your own pace, on your own terms, and in a way that fits your life.

There is no pressure to commit to a full degree, just the opportunity to enjoy high-quality teaching, engage with world-class on-campus facilities, explore new subjects, and see where your interests might lead. We hope you find your time with us inspiring, supportive, and full of possibility.



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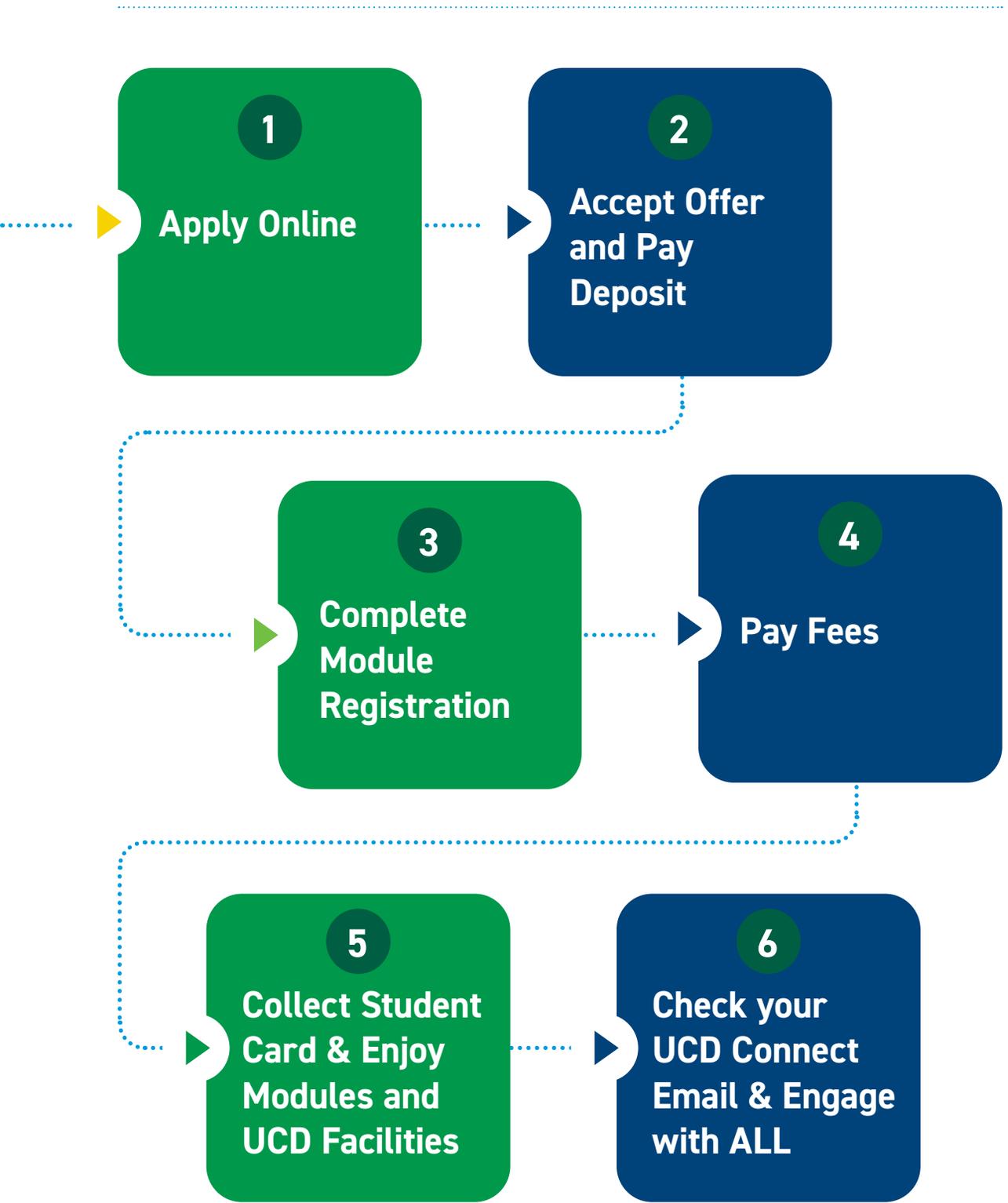
How does Open Learning Work?

We now have three Open Learning programmes to choose from:

- CG01 Open Learning.
- CG14 Open Learning Audit.
- U008 Open Learning Progression Pathways.

As an Open Learner you will be able to study modules taken directly from UCD undergraduate degree programmes, and can build your own timetable based on your own motivation and availability. You will participate in classes, labs, and tutorials with undergraduate students.

Open Learning students are fully registered students, with a UCD student card and access to the same world-class facilities and supports as all other UCD students. They are expected to meaningfully take part in their classes and are subject to the UCD Student Charter.



Who is Open Learning for?

Our Open Learning and Open Learning Audit programmes are for students who want a flexible and accessible way to engage in university-level study without committing to a full degree program.

They may be of interest to you if you are:

Planning their next stage of life and want to explore an academic subject.

Looking to upskill for professional development.

Wish to explore a subject for personal interest.

Curious and wish to stay intellectually active.

Which programme should I choose?

If you want to take modules for credit, continued professional development or are a mature student and using Open Learning to support an undergraduate application, then we would recommend our CG01 Open Learning Programme.

If you would like to attend lectures and learn without the pressure of assessment and do not plan on progressing to a degree programme or accruing credits, select our CG14 Open Learning Audit Programme.

Regardless of whether you take modules for audit or credit, there are over 450 modules to choose from. Students will attend lectures alongside undergraduate students and have access to high-quality university resources including the library, gym, virtual learning tools, and academic supports.



CG01 - Open Learning

CG01 Open Learning is for students who want the challenge of completing module assessment and the opportunity to accumulate credit. It allows them to study at their own pace, with the potential to exit with a University Certificate (30 credits, Level 7 NFQ) or University Diploma in Open Learning (60 credits, Level 7 NFQ).

For the curious or interested:

- Study modules at your own pace.
- Attend lectures with undergraduate students.
- Choose from a wide range of subjects, based on interest and your availability.



Did you know?
Credits are units of measurement used to quantify the commitment and academic effort required.

For Continued Professional Development:

- Stay current in your field.
- Broaden your skill set.
- Explore new areas of expertise.
- Earn credits that may be recognised within your field.

For mature applicants (aged 23 or over on 1 January of the year of entry) applying through the CAO in 2026/27:

- Demonstrate your academic ability and commitment to study at university level.
- Help you explore different subject areas to make a more informed course choice.
- Provide you with credits and academic experience that may strengthen your application.
- Build your confidence, study skills, and readiness for a full degree.

CG14 - Open Learning Audit

CG14 Open Learning Audit is for you if you want an inspiring way to stay engaged, follow your curiosity, and enjoy the benefits of structured, university-level learning in a welcoming and inclusive environment, without assessment or exams. You can choose to audit for personal enrichment, to build confidence or explore university study before making a bigger commitment.

Benefits of auditing an Open Learning module:

- Enjoy world class education experience, with undergraduate UCD students.
- Participate in lectures, labs, seminars and tutorials.
- Avail of UCD facilities, such as the library, gym, clubs and societies.
- Socialise with other like minded students, with similar interests.
- Experience university for the first time or return to UCD.



Did you know?

You should contact your chosen degree programme for advice on taking Open Learning to support your CAO application.

How to apply

You can start your Open Learning journey by visiting our Open Learning webpage or go to the UCD Application Website - www.ucd.ie/apply

1. Create an Account

- Click "Create Account".
- Fill in your basic details (name, email, etc.).
- Choose a username and password.
- You'll get a confirmation email – click the link in the email to activate your account.

2. Start a New Application

- Log in to your account.
- Click "Start a New Application".
- Choose the right application type: Other.
- Select one of the following - CG01 Open Learning Occasional or CG14 Open Learning (Audit).

3. Fill in Your Details

- Personal information (name, address, contact).
- Education background (schools, grades, qualifications).
- English language proof (if needed).
- Supporting documents are not required for this programme.

4. Review and Submit

- Double-check your information.
- Click "Submit".
- While we don't charge an application fee, a deposit is required.

5. Track Your Application

- Log in anytime to see updates.
- UCD will contact you by email to update you on your application.



Extra Tips:

Please make sure that you have submitted your application. There are resources to help with your application, scan the QR code for more guidance. You will not be selecting your modules until late August/early September. You will need to have accepted an offer and be provisionally registered before you can choose your modules.

What happens after I accept my offer?

After you have received your offer, you will have a limited time period to accept your place. This how the process will work:

- You must accept your offer so that UCD can create your student profile - this allows you to complete your online module selection once registration opens.
- Open Learning students will be notified by UCD Registry as to when they can start module selection. You must monitor your email during this time.
- All modules are filled on a first come, first served basis. Students are not guaranteed a place on their chosen module(s).

Module registration

Trimester 1 - late August/early September

Trimester 2 - mid-January

A few things to keep in mind:

- You will only have a limited window to accept your offer.
- A non-refundable deposit and the remaining fee balance must be paid by the UCD Fees deadline.
- Modules are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is a good idea to register as soon as you are able.

Help with your registration and module selection

Open Learning Modules for 2025/26 are listed in this brochure by Unit, College or School. When you find a module you are interested in, visit our website to explore the module descriptor in more detail. This is vital in understanding the module content and commitment. Choosing the right modules is a big part of setting yourself up for success. Before making your selection, it is a good idea to ask yourself:

All information was correct at the time of publication, however, modules can be subject to change.

- What subjects genuinely interest me?
- Have I taken the time to read the module descriptors?
- Do I have the time to commit to a module?
- Do I understand the academic commitment of what I'm undertaking?
- What kind of assessment must I complete?

Feel free to reach out to us for more information or you can book a one-on-one appointment.

Fees 2025/26

Students on our Open Learning Programmes are charged a per module fee:

Credit Modules	Audit Modules
5 credits - €525	€400



Fee deadlines must be met as outlined on the UCD Fees Office website and students are required to pay a deposit when they accept their place. Scan QR code for information on UCD Fee Deadlines.



Readiness Checker

Welcome to our Readiness Checker for students who are interested in applying for Open Learning at UCD. If you are new to Open Learning, we recommend that you complete this self-assessment tool, which has been designed to help you decide whether taking a module for credit (with assessment) or audit (without assessment) aligns with your personal preferences, academic readiness, comfort with self-directed learning and your learning goals. By completing this checklist, you will gain insight into whether you are ready for Open Learning and the UCD learning environment.

Getting Started

This is a short checklist to help you find out some essential aspects of being college ready for starting your Open Learning journey.

My understanding of Open Learning	Yes	No
I have a clear understanding of how Open Learning works and that I am registering for a university programme.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know that I'll be studying alongside UCD undergraduate students and the learning outcomes are designed for a minimum of a level 7 university award.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand the financial and academic commitment of undertaking a programme of study in UCD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I recognise that studying in an academic context might differ from my understanding of the subject area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know which academic areas I am interested in studying.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

My motivation	Yes	No
I want to explore a subject area, but I am not ready for formal assessments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I'm excited to try out university life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that I will have to be self-motivated and study independently.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have set clear goals for what I want to achieve through Open Learning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Directed Learning	Yes	No
I am comfortable learning at my own pace without a large group of peers pursuing the same goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer deadlines and assessment to maintain my motivation and interest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer to learn without the pressure of completing assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If I miss class or my assessment, I understand or I will take responsibility to seek out the process which exists within UCD to support me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My Academic, Literacy & Digital Skills	Yes	No
I have sufficient command of the English language in writing, reading and speaking to succeed in my studies, regardless of whether I am taking audit or credit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have sufficient command of basic computing skills, including email, accessing online resources, applications and word-processing software.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I am ready to communicate via email, comfortable with online learning platforms and using technology for education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If it is necessary for my module(s), I have the fundamentals of mathematics and numerical thinking.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that I will be studying independently.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am aware of the importance of attending lectures, tutorials, labs and seminars.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am comfortable participating in discussions, group work and sharing my experience/learning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Managing my time	Yes	No
I am prepared to dedicate time to my module(s) without the motivation of completing assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have explored a possible commuting option and the cost/time involved to get to UCD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a sense of the time that I will need to commit to my studies to successfully complete a module.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have made myself aware of time commitment, including the different requirements of lectures, labs, tutorials etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that engaging in University activities, clubs and societies will help me foster a sense of belonging.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this Readiness Checker. We hope it has helped you to get a clearer picture of what Open Learning involves and what it is like to study at UCD.

Take a little time to reflect on your responses, and if you have any questions or are still not sure if Open Learning is for you, we are always here to help.

UCD Centre for English and Global Languages

The UCD Centre for English and Global Languages is engaged in a wide range of high-quality language offerings across many of UCD's activities, including the provision of English language programmes for second-language speakers and our TESOL graduate programmes. Our Global Language Module programme offers approximately 2,000 module places in 14 different languages, making us one of the largest elective providers in UCD. All our languages are taken for credit and we do not offer an audit option.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
LANG10010	Italian for Gen Purp 1	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG10100	German for Gen Purp 1	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG10150	Polish for Gen Purp 1	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG10170	French for Gen Purp 1	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG10220	Russian for Gen Purp 1	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG10230	Spanish for Gen Purp 1	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG10380	Swahili for Gen Purp 1	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG10650	Intro to English Language Teaching	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG20440	French for Gen Purp 4	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG10670	Portuguese for Gen Purp 1	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
LANG10690	Portuguese for Gen Purp 2	Autumn	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

UCD College of Arts and Humanities

School of Art History and Cultural Policy

Founded by Françoise Henry, our department pioneered the teaching of Art History to degree standard in Ireland. For nearly sixty years, our teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels has pursued a cosmopolitan approach to the subject, embracing a wide spectrum of cultures and periods. We see our discipline as an ever-widening gateway to looking and thinking in depth about the creative visual world. From the great works of art and architecture of history to contemporary culture, our extended classroom is the gallery, the museum, the city streets, and the landscape itself.

We collaborate intensively with museums, galleries, and arts and cultural organisations as part of our research and teaching. Great emphasis is placed on first-hand interaction with art and architecture and with cultural professionals, and we make extensive use of site visits, field trips, and expert guest speakers. Our graduates hold many distinguished positions not only in cultural and art institutions in Ireland, but also in North and South America, Europe and Asia. We are a relatively small, and very collegial, department and we are very keen to foster a strong sense of subject identity and community among our students. This includes welcoming applicants of diverse backgrounds, and mature and international students.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
AH10160	Art History in the Making	Autumn	On Campus
AH20200	The Modern to the Contemporary	Autumn	On Campus
AH20250	Early Islamic Art and Architecture	Autumn	On Campus
AH10150	Art and the Modern World	Spring	On Campus
AH20220	History and Theory of Photography	Spring	On Campus
AH20230	European Architecture	Spring	On Campus
AH20300	Medieval Art and Architecture	Spring	On Campus
AH30540	Georgian Dublin	Spring	On Campus

School of Classics

Classics is the study of the lives, works, history and archaeology of the Greek and Roman civilizations that flourished between about 1,200 BCE and 400 CE, and our undergraduate programmes showcase the highlights of these famous cultures. We are a major centre of Classical studies in Ireland, with over two hundred undergraduate students, a strong body of postgraduate students, several experienced and highly accomplished occasional lecturers, and a full-time teaching staff of eight. We offer a popular undergraduate programme in Greek and Roman Civilization, as well as programmes in the Greek and Latin languages. Outside the classroom, students can work on archaeological projects and study tours in Greece and Italy, or get involved in the flourishing student subject society.

Our internationally renowned faculty have expertise in a wide range of areas, from ancient literature to political history, from archaeology to mythology. All GRC modules use textual evidence in translation, so no ancient languages are necessary!

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
GRC10170	Lost Cities of the Ancient World	Autumn	On Campus
GRC10200	Classical Greece: an Introduction	Autumn	On Campus
GRC20020	Early Roman Empire	Autumn	On Campus
GRC20310	Greek Religion and Sacred Places	Autumn	On Campus
GRC30290	Magic in the Ancient World	Autumn	On Campus
GRK10090	Greek Language I	Autumn	On Campus
GRK20140	Intermediate Greek	Autumn	On Campus
GRK30110	Epic	Autumn	On Campus
LAT10090	Beginners' Latin I	Autumn	On Campus
LAT20140	Intermediate Latin	Autumn	On Campus
LAT30120	Virgil's Aeneid	Autumn	On Campus
GRC10130	Ancient Rome: an Introduction	Spring	On Campus
GRC10140	Classical Myth: an Introduction	Spring	On Campus
GRC20010	Alexander and his Successors	Spring	On Campus
GRC20280	Near Eastern Myth	Spring	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
GRC30210	Eating and Drinking in Classical Antiquity	Spring	On Campus
GRK10100	Greek Language II	Spring	On Campus
GRK20160	Introduction to Greek Texts	Spring	On Campus
GRK30130	Sophocles	Spring	On Campus
LAT10100	Beginners' Latin II	Spring	On Campus
LAT20130	Catullus	Spring	On Campus
LAT20190	Cicero's Dream of Scipio	Spring	On Campus
LAT30020	Ovid and Lucan	Spring	On Campus
LAT30030	Tacitus Agricola	Spring	On Campus

School of English, Drama & Film

UCD School of English, Drama and Film is Ireland's largest and most diverse School devoted to the interpretation of literary, media, and performance cultures. The School of English, Drama and Film is ranked at number 41 in the world by QS World University Rankings in the subject area, English Language and Literature, as of 2025.

English, Drama and Film are disciplines that engage critically with written, spoken and performed media from early manuscripts to contemporary blogs. The focus of the School's activities is on high quality pedagogy informed by cutting edge research, and on teaching

core skills for work and life: critical thinking, excellent written communication, the ability to synthesise, organise and present complex ideas. Our disciplines educate students in the history and practices of theatre and performance, of media and cultural production, of literary and cultural production, and of creative writing. The School's origins go back to the foundation of UCD, and we have had a distinguished tradition of research, but also in the cultural life and practice of the state.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
DRAM10010	Theatre Context and Conventions	Autumn	On Campus
DRAM20110	Contemporary Ireland On Stage	Autumn	On Campus
ENG10130	Contemporary Irish Writing	Autumn	On Campus
ENG10230	Reading World Literature	Autumn	On Campus
ENG20450	Renaissance Literature	Autumn	On Campus
ENG20490	Romanticism	Autumn	On Campus
FS10010	Intro to Film & Media	Autumn	On Campus
FS20130	History of Television	Autumn	On Campus
ENG10020	Children's Literature	Autumn and Spring*	On Campus
ENG10180	Comics and Fantasy	Autumn and Spring*	On Campus
ENG10250	Horror Literature	Autumn and Spring*	Blended
HUM10040	Academic Writing in Practice	Autumn and Spring*	Blended
ENG10030	Literary Genre	Spring	On Campus
ENG10220	Literature and Crisis	Spring	On Campus
ENG20430	Modern American Literature	Spring	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
ENG20440	Irish Literature in English	Spring	On Campus
ENG20790	Global 19th C. Literature	Spring	On Campus
FS10020	Intro to Film & Media Theory	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

School of History

UCD's School of History is Ireland's foremost centre for historical teaching and research. The School has been a core part of UCD since its foundation, and today it is home to a large and diverse group of historians, who teach and research the people, events and processes of the past. The School is ranked amongst the top 100 history schools in the world, and we teach modules in Irish, European, and global history, from the early middle ages to the late 20th century. Our modules examine major historical transformation across a wide range of themes - politics, society, gender, economy, ideas, culture, medicine, environment, religion, sport, and war.

Our faculty are leading international scholars and you will be able to engage with them, their ideas, and their research in lectures, seminars, and one-to-one basis. We prepare our students for life beyond university by encouraging them to learn actively, pose questions and develop answers based on critical evaluations and analysis of evidence. The Open Learning modules are an opportunity to learn from expert historians and experience what it is like to study history at UCD.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
HIS10070	Modern Europe	Autumn	On Campus
HIS10080	Rome to Renaissance	Autumn	On Campus
HIS10450	Radicals and Revolutionaries	Autumn	On Campus
HIS20670	France since the Revolution	Autumn	On Campus
HIS20820	Nazi Germany	Autumn	On Campus
HIS21120	Northern Ireland 1920-2010	Autumn	On Campus
HIS21140	History Today	Autumn	On Campus
HIS21180	Landscapes Remade	Autumn	On Campus
HIS21210	Spanish Civil War	Autumn	On Campus
HIS21240	Celts Romans and Vikings	Autumn	On Campus
HIS21320	Sport and the modern world	Autumn	On Campus
HIS32460	Conquering Ireland 1579-1691	Autumn	On Campus
HIS32900	Questions in History	Autumn	On Campus
DSCY10050	War: Ancient and modern	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
HIS20780	History of Science	Autumn & Spring*	Online
DSCY10120	Contagion & Control	Spring	On Campus
HIS10310	Ireland's English Centuries	Spring	On Campus
HIS10320	The Making of Modern Ireland	Spring	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
HIS10440	The United States 1776-1991	Spring	On Campus
HIS10460	Animal Histories	Spring	On Campus
HIS20460	Islam and Christianity	Spring	On Campus
HIS20950	Statecraft & Strategy	Spring	On Campus
HIS21260	From the Goldmines to Trump	Spring	On Campus
HIS21340	The Irish at War 1914-1998	Spring	On Campus
HIS21360	People on the Margins of History	Spring	On Campus
HIS32310	Revolutionary Russia 1905-1921	Spring	On Campus
HIS32380	20thC Genocide & Mass Violence	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

School of Irish, Celtic Studies and Folklore

This is a vibrant multi-disciplinary School with a specific focus on Irish and Celtic culture and traditions, and on Irish language, literature and society in a national and international context. Eochair feasa foghlaim!

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Subjects include Irish, Irish Studies, Folklore, Celtic Civilization including Celtic languages with a focus on Early Irish.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
IRFL10010	Introduction to Folklore	Autumn	On Campus
IRST10010	Intro to Irish Studies	Autumn	On Campus
CCIV10010	Intro to Celtic Civilization	Autumn	On Campus
CCIV10040	Vikings in the Celtic World	Autumn	On Campus
IR10050	Irish for Beginners	Autumn and Spring*	On Campus
CCIV10020	Early Ireland: Continuity & Change	Spring	On Campus
CCIV10030	The British Celts	Spring	On Campus
CCIV20070	Poets, Power and Performance	Spring	On Campus
IRST10020	Introduction to Irish Cultural Studies	Spring	On Campus
IRFL10040	Ethnography of the Everyday	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

School of Languages, Culture and Linguistics

In the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics, we invite you to choose Modern Languages and Linguistics modules. Linguistics modules focus on the scientific study of language and its structure. Modern Languages modules focus on the rich tapestry of Europe and beyond, including language learning (French, German, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish) and cultural studies in literature, ideas, drama, global film and image studies. Our School modules will provide you with a comprehensive picture and insightful knowledge of the communities we know so well. The whole globe opens up to you when you study modules we currently offer in our six School Subjects: French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Linguistics.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
FR10060	French Grammar & Comprehension	Autumn	On Campus
FR10120	Reading Short French Texts	Autumn	On Campus
GER10100	German Beginners A	Autumn	On Campus
GER10120	Spoken German for Beginners	Autumn	On Campus
HUM10010	Study Skills in the Humanities	Autumn	On Campus
ITAL10020	Italian Language 1A	Autumn	On Campus
ITAL20240	Italian History 1815-1954	Autumn	On Campus
LING10010	Language Use & Communication	Autumn	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
LING10020	Language Acquisition & Disruption	Autumn	On Campus
LING30030	Language Impairment	Autumn	On Campus
PORT10020	Portuguese Language IA	Autumn	On Campus
PORT10110	Postcolonial Portuguese World	Autumn	On Campus
PORT20240	Brazil: Culture and Society	Autumn	On Campus
SPAN10110	Reading Hispanic Texts	Autumn	On Campus
SPAN20330	Catalan Culture and Society	Autumn	On Campus
FR10070	French Grammar & Expression	Spring	On Campus
FR10130	French Fictions	Spring	On Campus
GER10110	German Beginners B	Spring	On Campus
GER10150	German History on Screen	Spring	On Campus
HUM10030	Introduction to Arts	Spring	On Campus
ITAL10030	Italian Language 1B	Spring	On Campus
ITAL10120	Dante's Inferno	Spring	On Campus
LING10050	Introduction to Linguistics	Spring	On Campus
PORT10030	Portuguese Language IB	Spring	On Campus
PORT10090	Portuguese Film and Fiction	Spring	On Campus
PORT20210	Portuguese Today	Spring	On Campus
SPAN10130	Hispanic Cultures & Societies	Spring	On Campus
SPAN20240	Latin American Culture	Spring	On Campus

School of Music

The UCD School of Music offers a vibrant and dynamic learning environment, bringing together a diverse community of scholars and practitioners who are deeply passionate about music and its impact on society. As part of Ireland's largest university, we benefit from extensive resources and opportunities while maintaining a close-knit community where students receive individual attention and build strong connections. Our commitment to excellence ensures that students not only gain valuable knowledge and insight but also share in our deep enthusiasm for music.

The School is ranked in the Top 100 for Performing Arts in the QS World University Rankings and continues to be a leader in musical scholarship and practice.

Open Learning Modules

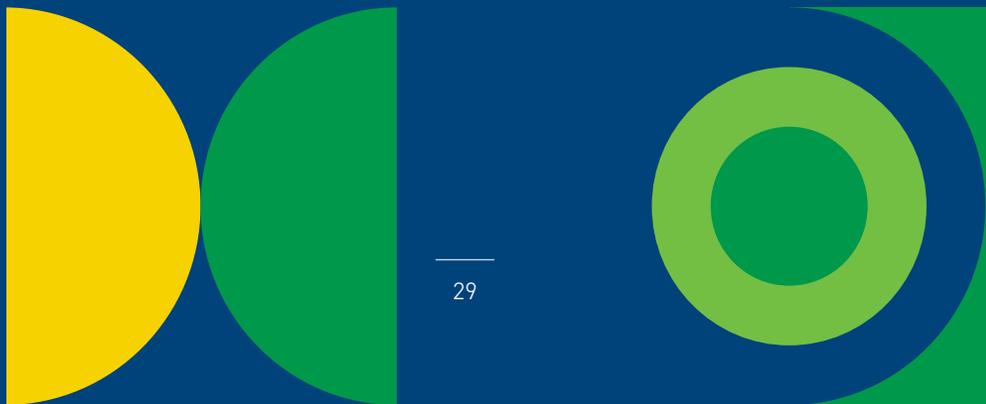
Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
MUS10150	Writing about Music	Autumn	On Campus
MUS10210	Musicianship	Autumn	On Campus
MUS10230	Classical Music	Autumn	On Campus
MUS20400	Early European Music	Autumn	On Campus
MUS10220	Popular Music	Autumn and Spring*	On Campus
MUS10240	Music in Ireland	Autumn and Spring*	On Campus
MUS20880	Techniques of Songwriting	Autumn and Spring*	On Campus
MUS10120	Music, Culture and Society	Spring	On Campus
MUS20410	Music History Since 1750	Spring	On Campus
MUS21020	Film Music	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.



UCD Open Learning has given me tremendous confidence and belief that a new world full of alternative opportunities is waiting for me out there. The lecturers and Open Learning Team are totally invested in your success, so don't hesitate and take the leap you will love it.

— Kieran Moore



UCD College of Health and Agricultural Sciences

School of Agricultural and Food Science

The UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science is the only academic institution in Ireland that delivers education and research on the complete food chain from initial on farm production through processing to final consumption by the consumer. The School supports the agri-food industry in Ireland by educating students to become industry leaders and by conducting world class research.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
FOR10020	Trees and Forests in Ireland	Autumn	On Campus
FDSC10010	Food Diet and Health	Autumn & Spring*	Online
FDSC20110	Food Diet and Health II	Autumn & Spring*	Blended
ANSC10010	Intro to Animal Science	Spring	On Campus
CPSC10010	Introduction to Crop Science	Spring	On Campus
FDSC10030	Our Food, Our Planet	Spring	On Campus
FDSC40710	Bioinformatics in Food Safety	Spring	Online
FOR20110	Forests, Climate and Carbon	Spring	On Campus
HNUT30010	Food Diet and Health III	Spring	Online
HORT20020	Fundamentals of Horticulture	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

Open Learning allowed me to touch on all the areas of Science that interested me. I enjoyed every minute of it.

— Noel Young

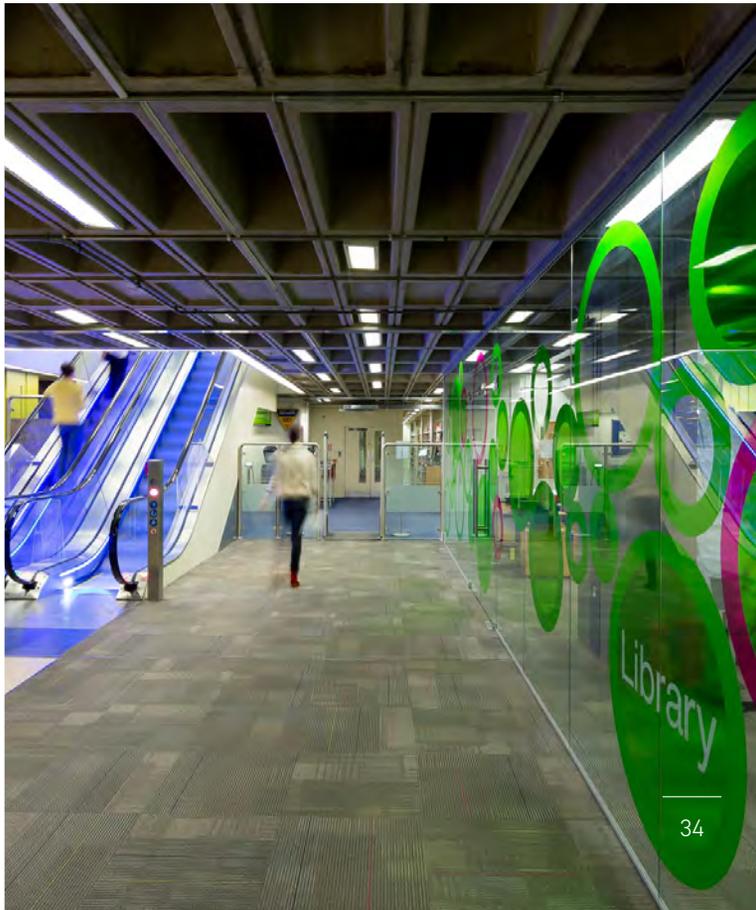
School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science

The UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science is a dynamic and multi-disciplinary School. Marrying tradition with ambition, the philosophy of the School is to foster excellence in all its disciplines and this is evident from the calibre of our programmes in Public Health, Physiotherapy, Sport and Exercise, Dietetics and Occupational Safety and Health. The main focus is on student-centred learning in an environment where research and scholarship stimulate high achievement. Our graduates contribute to their professions world-wide and enhance the international reputation of our programmes and the University.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
OSH10100	OSH Principles (7.5 credits)	Autumn	Blended
PERS10130	Intro to Sports Injuries	Autumn	Online
PHPS40010	Principles of Epidemiology	Autumn	On Campus
PHPS40980	Introduction to Knowledge Synthesis, Systematic Reviews & Meta-analysis	Autumn	Blended
PHPS41270	Introduction to microbiology	Autumn	Online
SMGT10070	Sports Management	Autumn	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
SMGT10240	Sport Development	Autumn	On Campus
PHPS41280	Applied Infection Control (10 credits)	Autumn & Spring	Online
PERS10020	Fundamentals of Strength & Conditioning	Spring	Online
PERS10060	Introduction to Exercise Physiology	Spring	On Campus
PERS20030	Sort Your Life Out and Thrive	Spring	On Campus
PERS20040	Motor control and skill acquisition	Spring	On Campus
PHTY20280	Born to Run:	Spring	Online
SMGT10060	Sociology of Sport	Spring	On Campus
SMGT10220	Sports Legislation	Spring	On Campus
SMGT10290	Sport Mega Events	Spring	Online
SMGT10300	Sports Marketing & Branding	Spring	On Campus
PHPS40040	Public Health Practice and Policy	Spring	On Campus
PHPS40370	Non Communicable Disease Epidemiology	Spring	On Campus
PHPS40750	Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods and Data Management	Spring	On Campus
PHPS40970	Clinical trials	Spring	Blended
PHPS41290	Global Public Health	Spring	On Campus



UCD College of Business

Lochlann Quinn School of Business

The UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business is the leading undergraduate business school in Ireland. We offer a welcoming and stimulating learning environment marked by innovative teaching methods and a diverse, globally oriented cohort. Students benefit from a range of programmes and modules designed to foster both theoretical knowledge and practical skills, preparing students for further study, graduate programmes or successful careers in their chosen field. The School's commitment to a broad curriculum, coupled with its modern facilities, ensures a dynamic and inclusive experience, where students collaborate and learn from each other, creating a rich and vibrant academic community.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
BMGT10160	Global Marketplace	Autumn	On Campus
ACC10060	Introduction to Accounting	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
BMGT10140	Business Plan	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
BMGT10130	Mastering University Learning	Spring	Blended
BMGT20050	Business Across Borders	Spring	On Campus
MIS10040	Web Design and Analytics	Spring	On Campus
MKT10720	Marketing: An introduction	Spring	On Campus
BMGT10150	Project Management	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

The following 2 modules are available on the pathway Open Learning Progression Pathway (BComm and Commerce International) and students registered on the pathway should be given priority access to these:

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
BMGT10170	Inside Organisations	Autumn	On Campus
MIS10050	Digital Technologies in Business	Spring	On Campus

UCD College of Science

School of Biology and Environmental Science

Located at the heart of the Belfield campus in the UCD O'Brien Centre for Science, the School of Biology and Environmental Science is the largest teaching and research centre for biology in the Republic of Ireland. A unique feature of the School is the interdisciplinary nature of its activities, providing students and scientists alike with critical knowledge and perspective about modern biology and environmental science.

We offer four undergraduate degree programmes: BSc in Cell and Molecular Biology, Environmental Biology, Plant Biology, and Zoology. Our broad portfolio of teaching is strongly informed by our research, and we are actively engaged in three key areas of interlinked thematic research; environmental change and sustainability; genetics and evolution; cellular and molecular biology.

The breadth of expertise that we have also facilitates our involvement in large scale research activities in UCD, and our staff actively contribute to the UCD Conway Institute for Biomolecular and Biomedical Research and the UCD Earth Institute. At the national level the School provides expertise that informs environmental and sustainable management policies, supporting agricultural and food industries.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
BIOL00010	Fundamentals of Biology	Autumn	On Campus
BIOL10130	Biology in Action	Autumn	On Campus
BIOL10140	Life on Earth	Autumn	On Campus
BIOL10010	Animal Biology and Evolution	Spring	On Campus
BIOL10070	Biology for the Modern World	Spring	On Campus

School of Biomolecular and Biomedical Science

The School of Biomolecular and Biomedical Science is a leading centre for education and research in the life sciences. Our school is dedicated to advancing knowledge in biochemistry, microbiology, genetics, pharmacology, and neuroscience, with a strong focus on human health and disease.

We are home to world-class teaching and research facilities, where students learn from leading academics and industry experts. Our school is deeply involved in pioneering research that addresses global challenges, from understanding disease mechanisms to developing new medical therapies and biotechnological innovations.

As part of UCD's Open Learning programme, we offer the module "Understanding Human Disease", designed for anyone interested in learning about the biological basis of disease, how illnesses develop, and the latest advances in diagnosis and treatment. This engaging course provides an excellent introduction to biomedical science, whether you are considering further study in the field or simply have a passion for understanding human health.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
BMOL10030	Biomedical Sciences: Understanding Human Disease	Spring	On Campus

School of Chemistry

We are the largest School of Chemistry in Ireland and are based in newly renovated teaching and research laboratories in Science Centre South, of the O'Brien Centre for Science.

We offer undergraduate degrees in Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology (both accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry), Chemistry with Biophysical Chemistry, Chemistry with Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry.

We also offer taught MSc programmes in Chemistry (through Negotiated Learning) and an MSc in Advanced Synthetic Chemistry accessible through the UCD Graduate taught programmes application process.

Our academic staff are engaged in active research, raising over €32 million in research funding over the past 5 years with a strong record of publications in high impact international journals. This directly results from a thriving research school with over 120 researchers (at MSc, PhD and postdoctoral levels), supported by a suite of Technical Officer-supported instrumentation including NMR, Mass Spectrometry and Crystallography facilities.

The School has recently been awarded an Athena Swan Bronze Award, confirming our commitment to gender equality and the development of a family friendly working environment.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
CHEM00010	Introductory Chemistry	Autumn	On Campus
CHEM10040	The Molecular World	Autumn	Blended
CHEM10050	The Basis of Organic and Biological Chemistry	Spring	On Campus

School of Computer Science

UCD's School of Computer Science is the largest computer science department in Ireland. Our mission is to deliver a quality learning experience to a diverse cohort of students, preparing students for careers in a sector that is dynamic, rapidly changing and facing disruptors such as AI.

Classes are delivered by a research-active academic staff who are engaged in addressing big societal challenges such as AI, sustainability and secure IT infrastructure. From a teaching and learning perspective, the school is committed to extending its reach to a diverse international student body, through flexible programmes, delivered face-to-face, online and in blended modalities.

Research and innovation are to the forefront of the School ethos, with a remit to disseminate positive impacts on the wider community. Our staff are research active and hold key leadership positions in internationally significant research centres such as the Insight Centre for Data Analytics (insight-centre.org), CeADAR - the Centre for Applied AI (ceadar.ie), ML

Labs Centre for Research Training (ml-labs.ie), and the UCD Centre for Cybersecurity and Cybercrime Investigation (www.ucd.ie/ccj).

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
COMP10010	Introduction to Programming I	Autumn	Online
SCI20020	Intro to PM and Leadership	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
COMP10020	Introduction to Programming II	Spring	On Campus
SCI20030	Community Volunteering & Lead	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

School of Earth Sciences

The UCD School of Earth Sciences has an internationally recognised reputation for excellence in teaching and research in the areas of Fault Analysis, Geochronology, Petrology and Isotope Geochemistry, Geophysics, Earth Resources, Sustainable Geoenergy, Marine and Earth Surface Processes, Palaeobiology, Geohazards, Quaternary Geoscience and Palaeoclimatology.

Our degree programmes reflect the evolving needs of society and industry, producing graduates with modern field, digital and geospatial skills that are nationally and internationally highly regarded by prospective employers. Along with our BSc in Geology and MSc in Subsurface Characterisation and Geomodelling, we offer PhD and MSc by research.

The School hosts the Irish Centre for Research in Applied Geosciences (iCRAG), one of 16 National SFI Research Centres: iCRAG conducts research in areas critical to society and the economy, including the sustainable discovery of raw materials, the energy transition, securing and protecting groundwater, geohazards and the crossover between geoscience and the social sciences.

We also host the National Centre for Isotope Geochemistry at UCD (NCIG), a world class analytical facility. We have a vibrant international community comprising researchers from over 15 countries and research funding typically exceeding €2 million per year.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
GEOL20180	Geoscience for Sustainability	Autumn	Blended
GEOL10050	Earth and Humanity	Autumn & Spring*	Blended
GEOL10060	Introduction to Earth Sciences	Autumn & Spring*	Blended
GEOL20110	Global Environmental Change	Autumn & Spring*	Online
GEOL20240	Medical Geology	Autumn & Spring*	Online
GEOL10040	Earth, Environment and Society	Spring	Blended
GEOL10070	Understanding Earth Systems	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

School of Mathematics and Statistics

UCD School of Mathematics and Statistics is Ireland's highest ranking school within its subject area (QS Rankings, 2023). The School is the largest of its kind in Ireland and offers the greatest choice of programmes at undergraduate, masters and PhD level, reflecting the ubiquity of the mathematical sciences in the modern world.

As a dynamic, multi-disciplinary school, we engage in research and teaching in all aspects of Mathematics, Applied and Computational Mathematics, Statistics, and Actuarial Science. Academic staff are actively involved in many research centres and institutes including Insight Centre for Data Analytics, UCD Institute for Discovery, UCD Meteorology and Climate Centre, and the Earth Institute.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
MATH00010	Introduction to Mathematics	Autumn	Blended
MATH00030	Access Mathematics I	Autumn	Blended
MATH10030	Maths for Business	Autumn	Blended
MATH10310	Calculus for Science	Autumn	On Campus
STAT10010	Research Methods	Autumn	On Campus
MATH00040	Access Mathematics II	Spring	Blended
MATH10290	Linear Algebra for Science	Spring	On Campus

School of Physics

The School of Physics is home to a dynamic, international group of researchers working across a diverse range of disciplines within Physics. These include: Astrophysics, Atomic, Molecular and Laser Plasma Physics, Quantum and Condensed Matter Theory, Computational Biophysics, Experimental NanoScience, Experimental Particle Physics and Radiation/Medical Physics.

Our staff maintain strong links, including organisation of joint training schools and research visiting positions, and high-impact common research publications with staff from reputable research institutions such as CERN (EU/EAA), CECAM (EU/EAA), NASA (USA) and ESA (EU), National Institutes of Health (USA), King's College London (UK), Boston University, and the University of California at Irvine. Many School staff are active members or fellows of the professional body of physicists in Ireland, the UK, and USA, including the Institute of Physics (IoP), and all our degree programmes are IoP accredited. We offer undergraduate degree programmes in Physics, Theoretical Physics and Physics with Astronomy and Space Science (PASS) as well as taught Masters degrees in Computational Physics, Nano-technology and Space Science.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
PHYC10050	Astronomy and Space Science	Autumn	Blended
PHYC10070	Foundations of Physics	Autumn	On Campus
PHYC10210	Quanta, Particles & Relativity	Autumn	On Campus
PHYC10250	Thermal Physics and Materials	Autumn	On Campus
PHYC10200	Conceptual Physics	Spring	Blended
PHYC10080	Frontiers of Physics	Spring	On Campus
PHYC20040	Exploring the Solar System	Spring	On Campus



UCD College of Social Sciences and Law

School of Archaeology

Archaeology is the investigation of societies from their material remains, from the distant past to the modern world. It is an exciting discipline that enables us to trace the astonishing diversity of human culture, across the world and through time.

The UCD School of Archaeology is Ireland's leading centre for archaeological education and research. Our research and teaching programmes explore not only the archaeology and environments of Britain and Ireland, but also continental Europe, the Mediterranean, North America, and East and Southeast Asia. We are a friendly, supportive and approachable School, with a thriving undergraduate and postgraduate research community. Archaeology combines the intellectual, analytical and interpretative skills of the humanities (e.g. History, Geography, Art), with the qualitative methods and techniques of Social Sciences and Sociology – we work with people. Archaeologists in UCD also utilise advances in Information and Computer Technology (ICT), sciences (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and the study of the human body (e.g. DNA, Osteology, Forensics, Anthropology).

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
ARCH10010	Exploring Archaeology	Autumn	On Campus
ARCH10160	The Human Past	Autumn	On Campus
ARCH20510	Archaeology of Landscapes	Autumn	On Campus
ARCH20570	Cultural Heritage	Autumn	On Campus
ARCH20610	Historical Archaeology	Autumn	On Campus
ARCH30500	Experiment Archaeology & Ancient Technologies	Autumn	On Campus
ARCH31020	Understanding Human Origins	Autumn	On Campus
ARCH20670	Mediterranean Archaeology	*	
ARCH31040	The Art of Greek Emotions	*	

*New modules; details not yet confirmed

School of Economics

Economics explores how and why people make decisions and choose between alternative ways of spending their money and using their time, energy and skills. That is why Economics can help to shed light on decision-making in areas from love and marriage to sports and crime. If you are interested in people's behaviour and in current affairs, and if you enjoy problem-solving and are naturally analytical with good numeracy skills, then Economics will appeal to you.

The UCD School of Economics is Ireland's leading economics department. Our economists are experts with international reputations in a wide range of topics including behavioural economics, macroeconomics, economic history and the economics of health and labour markets.

Open Learning Modules

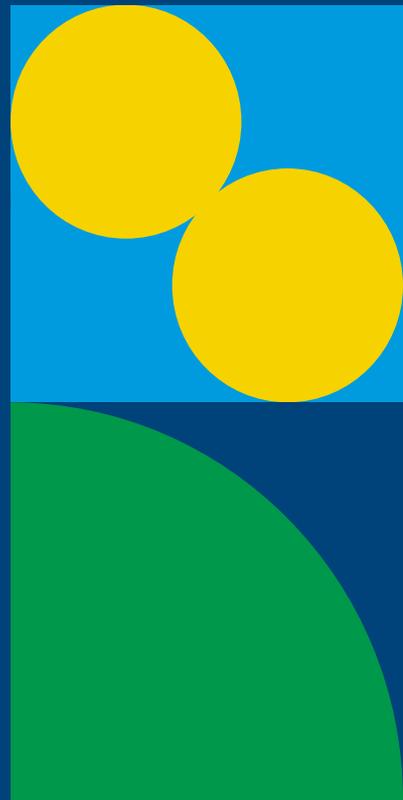
Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
ECON10030	Intro to Quantitative Economics	Autumn	On Campus
ECON10760	Macroeconomics for Business	Autumn	On Campus
ECON10770	Intro to Economics	Autumn	On Campus
ECON20060	Irish Economy	Autumn	On Campus
ECON20080	Economic Policy Analysis	Autumn	On Campus
ECON20190	Intro to Financial Economics	Autumn	On Campus
ECON20240	R for Economists	Autumn	On Campus
ECON30130	Econometrics	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
ECON10040	Economics and Sustainability	Spring	On Campus
ECON10720	Microeconomics for Business	Spring	Blended
ECON20100	Game Theory	Spring	On Campus
ECON20120	European Economics	Spring	On Campus
ECON30260	Transport Economics	Spring	On Campus
ECON30400	Political Economy	Spring	On Campus
ECON30500	Field Experiments in Economics	Spring	On Campus
ECON30550	Philosophy of Economics	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

Being able to take modules that interest you, and studying at your own pace is invaluable; and all the while being a full member of the student community, with access to all the facilities that this entails. I truly enjoy it.

— Pascale Claes-O’Callaghan



School of Education

UCD's School of Education is a leader in the field of education, with over 100 years of service to the wider education community in Ireland and beyond. Our record of excellence in teaching and learning is built on a foundation of research excellence, recognised in the QS World Subject Rankings where we consistently achieve the highest of ratings for research activity. The School has extensive engagement with leading practitioners in the field, senior policy makers, government and NGOs, as well as with leading international research networks and universities.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
EDUC10170	Human Learning	Autumn	Blended
EDUC10180	Irish Childhoods	Autumn	Blended
EDUC20030	Key Ideas in Education	Autumn	On Campus
EDUC10200	Young Adult Fiction	Spring	On Campus
EDUC10210	Black Studies and CRT	Spring	On Campus
EDUC10220	Education for a Sustainable Future	Spring	On Campus
EDUC10280	Why Trust Science?	Spring	On Campus
EDUC20070	Travellers, Ethnicity & Rights	Spring	Blended

School of Geography

Geography is the only discipline that combines the study of both the natural and social worlds and their interaction is key to solving global problems such as climate change, poverty, migration, urbanisation and environmental management. Geography at UCD covers all these topics and these open learning modules are representative of the scope of the subject.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
GEOG10130	Geography Matters	Autumn	Blended
GEOG10140	Mapping a Sustainable World	Autumn	Blended
GEOG20040	Rivers, Estuaries and Coasts	Autumn	On Campus
GEOG20070	Urban Geography	Autumn	On Campus
GEOG20150	Quaternary Environmental Change	Autumn	Blended
GEOG30240	Political Geography of European Integration	Autumn	Blended
GEOG30820	Development Geographies	Autumn	On Campus
GEOG10080	Dynamic Earth	Spring	On Campus
GEOG10100	People, Places, Regions	Spring	Blended
GEOG20060	Weather, Climate, and Climate Change	Spring	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
GEOG20140	Geography, Politics and Media	Spring	On Campus
GEOG30780	Quaternary Environmental Change in Ireland	Spring	Blended
GEOG30840	The Urban Environment	Spring	On Campus
GEOG30020	Historical Geography of Ireland	Spring	On Campus
GEOG30940	Global Risks and Resilience	Spring	On Campus

School of Information and Communication Studies

The School of Information and Communication Studies (ICS) is a leading information school and part of the international iSchool consortium. Our programmes and research are concerned with the relationship between people, information and technology. We offer undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Information and Communication Studies, Communications and Media, Information Systems, Human Computer Interaction (HCI) and Digital Policy. Our Masters in Library and Information Studies (MLIS) is accredited by the Library Association of Ireland (recognised by ALA and CILIP)

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
IS10010	Communication & Media Studies	Autumn	On Campus
IS10050	Digital Judgement	Autumn	On Campus
IS40910	Digital Policy (10 credits)	Autumn	Online
IS10040	Information, Society & Culture	Spring	On Campus
IS10060	Digital Technology	Spring	On Campus
IS20030	Contextual Design Inquiry in Organisations	Spring	On Campus
IS30450	Artificial Intelligence	Spring	On Campus
IS30470	Technology and Human Rights	Spring	On Campus
IS40920	Digital Policy Issues & Trends (Professional Certificate Digital Policy)	Autumn	Online

School of Law

UCD Sutherland School of Law, the largest and most diverse law school in Ireland, is committed to the development and creation of new initiatives, to enriching the educational environment of its student body, to working in partnership with the practising legal profession and to establishing a major, well-regarded and authoritative presence in the international legal community.

The Sutherland School of Law building is the first purpose-built Irish law school in Ireland and was designed with the principles of community and communication in mind. Completed in 2013, the state-of-the-art facilities include the Arthur Cox Clinical Legal Education Centre which houses negotiation and arbitration suites, a Judge's Chamber, Witness Room, and Moot Court.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
LAW10270	Civil Procedure	Autumn	On Campus
LAW10340	Contract Law Formation	Autumn	On Campus
LAW10400	Business Law 1	Autumn	On Campus
LAW10420	Legal and Professional Skills	Autumn	On Campus
LAW10540	Introduction to Criminology	Autumn	On Campus
LAW10560	Academic and Professional Skills	Autumn	On Campus
LAW10260	Criminal Procedure	Spring	On Campus
LAW10350	Contract Law Vitiating Factors	Spring	On Campus
LAW10360	Intro to Irish Law and Legal Procedure	Spring	On Campus
LAW10440	Law in Europe	Spring	On Campus
LAW10450	Law and Courts	Spring	On Campus
LAW10490	Introduction to Criminal Justice	Spring	On Campus

School of Philosophy

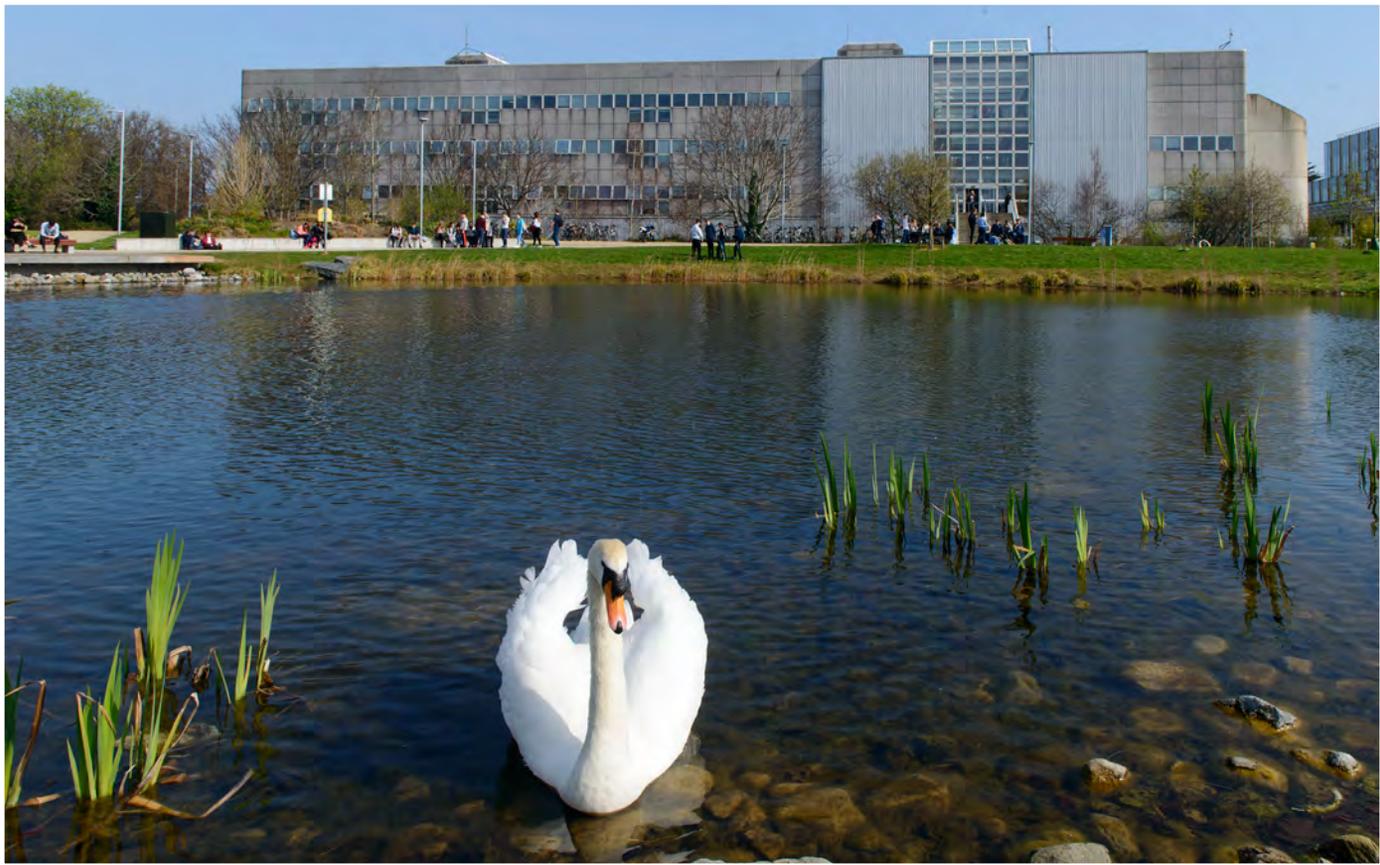
Are you interested in thinking for yourself? Do you like problem solving? Do you want to tackle some of the most challenging questions that have fascinated thinkers for centuries, such as: Do we have free will? What is consciousness? How should we live? Does God exist? How do we learn from art and literature? Philosophy is essentially about dialogue and discussion, about giving reasons and examples, about counter-arguments and counter-examples. We read the work of great philosophers, but we also challenge their arguments and conclusions.

Although all the modules are based on lectures, many of these are highly interactive. In addition, philosophy is rare in the university for offering small-group tutorials for every single module. There is a variety of assessment: traditional exams, take-home essays, on-line assessments, as well as presentations and group work.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
PHIL10040	Introduction to Ethics	Autumn	On Campus
PHIL10160	Critical Thinking	Autumn	On Campus
PHIL20240	Applied Ethics	Autumn	On Campus
PHIL20440	Feminism and Gender Justice	Autumn	On Campus
PHIL20490	Knowledge and Scepticism	Autumn	On Campus
PHIL20500	Phenomenology and Existentialism	Autumn	On Campus
PHIL20580	Plato's Republic	Autumn	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
PHIL20630	Art and Society	Autumn	On Campus
PHIL20750	What was Philosophy?	Autumn	On Campus
PHIL10020	Mind and Meaning	Spring	On Campus
PHIL10030	Introduction to Modern Philosophy	Spring	On Campus
PHIL10040	Introduction to Ethics	Spring	On Campus
PHIL10100	Existentialism and Humanism: An Introduction to Continental Philosophy	Spring	On Campus
PHIL20010	Rationalism and Empiricism	Spring	On Campus
PHIL20020	Logic	Spring	On Campus
PHIL20570	Philosophy & Literature	Spring	On Campus
PHIL20640	Philosophy of Mind & AI	Spring	On Campus
PHIL20710	Body, Mind, World	Spring	On Campus
PHIL20760	Intro to Buddhism	Spring	On Campus



I'm so glad that I heard about the Open Learning Programme. The quality of content and teaching is tremendously high. Retiring after 34 years in professional practice, it's the enthusiasm of teachers and students that I have most valued. It has been terrific fun.

– David Byers

School of Politics and International Relations

UCD's School of Politics and International Relations is a dynamic, multi-faceted and highly-international school offering exciting and professionally-valuable programmes of study at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Our academic staff are engaged in cutting-edge research on a wide variety of political issues, including ethno-political conflict, human rights, and Ireland's role in the European Union, to name just a few. The School is also home to four research centres: the UN-linked Centre for Sustainable Development Solutions, the Centre for Peace and Conflict Research, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Research and the Centre for Connected Politics.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
DEV30010	Sustainable Development through the Lens of Gender	Autumn	On Campus
INRL20040	International Relations	Autumn	On Campus
INRL20080	Irish Foreign Policy	Autumn	On Campus
INRL20160	Introduction to EU Politics	Autumn	On Campus
INRL30330	Integration Fragmentation	Autumn	On Campus
INRL30370	Terrorism & Political Violence	Autumn	On Campus
POL10160	Foundations of Contemporary Politics	Autumn	On Campus
POL10170	Foundations in Political Research	Autumn	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
POL20010	Individuals and the State	Autumn	On Campus
POL20260	Intro to Chinese Politics	Autumn	On Campus
POL20270	Post-Soviet Politics	Autumn	On Campus
POL30780	Justice in Education	Autumn	On Campus
POL36120	Gender, Religion & Colonialism	Autumn	On Campus
POL36160	Northern Ireland Politics	Autumn	On Campus
POL36180	Politics of Care	Autumn	On Campus
POL36200	Democracy, Elections and Campaigns	Autumn	On Campus
DEV20010	Topics in Intl Development	Spring	On Campus
DEV20130	Sustainable Development Goals	Spring	On Campus
INRL10020	Foundations of Intl Relations	Spring	On Campus
INRL20110	Intro to Middle East Politics	Spring	On Campus
INRL30390	Foreign Policy Mistakes	Spring	On Campus
INRL30400	EU Foreign Policy	Spring	On Campus
POL10120	Found in Global Dev	Spring	On Campus
POL10180	Foundations of Pol Theory	Spring	On Campus
POL20020	Comparative Politics	Spring	On Campus
POL20050	Research Methods in Pol Sci	Spring	Blended
POL30660	Data Analytics for Soc Sci	Spring	On Campus
POL30680	Gender and Politics	Spring	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
POL30690	Introduction to Asian Politics	Spring	On Campus
POL30820	Pol Risk & Foreign Investment	Spring	On Campus
POL30840	Electoral Systems	Spring	On Campus
POL36110	Comparative Political Theory	Spring	On Campus
POL36150	Feminist Pers. on Social Pol.	Spring	On Campus
POL36170	Respecting Diversity	Spring	On Campus
POL36210	Climate Targets in Europe UZH	Spring	On Campus
POL36220	Pol Communication & Propaganda	Spring	On Campus
POL36230	Authoritarian Politics	Spring	On Campus
POL36240	Diplomacy & Int. Organisation	Spring	On Campus



It gave me a full insight into life on campus and how the college campus works before committing to a full time course.

— Monica Caulfield

School of Psychology

UCD School of Psychology is a leading centre for research, teaching and professional training in psychology in Ireland. The history of psychology in UCD began in 1958 when the university established the first psychology laboratory and the first psychology course in Ireland. The School of Psychology also incorporates the Centre for Disability Studies, which was established in 2002 and was the first centre of its kind in Ireland. We have three strategic research themes: Affective, Behavioural and Neuroscience; Group Processes and Social Inclusion; and Psychological Health, Wellbeing and Resilience.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
PSY10050	Introduction to Psychology	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
PSY10060	Brain & Behaviour	Autumn	On Campus
PSY10080	Introduction to Social Psychology	Autumn	On Campus
PSY10040	Psychology of Perception	Spring	On Campus
PSY10090	Introduction to Applied Psychology	Spring	On Campus
PSY10140	Mind and Brain	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

The UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice is the centre of excellence for research, teaching and professional training in social policy, social work, equality studies and gender studies. We offer diverse degree programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate level, community outreach certificate programmes, CPD modules, and research degrees in social work, social policy and social justice to PhD level.

Our research is interdisciplinary, international in scope and influences policy and society. Teams and colleagues work on a range of topics (e.g. housing, families, child welfare, health care, migration, social justice movements) and have received funding from prestigious sponsors such as the Irish Research Council and the European Union. We host two internationally renowned research centres: the UCD Equality Studies Centre and the Centre for Gender, Feminisms and Sexualities.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
SPOL10010	Social Policy Theories and Concepts I	Autumn	On Campus
SPOL10030	Understanding Social Problems and Policies	Autumn	On Campus
SPOL10180	History of Irish Social Policy	Autumn	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
SPOL20050	Economics of Social Policy	Autumn	On Campus
SPOL20210	Investigating Social Services	Autumn	On Campus
SPOL28150	Global Social Policy	Autumn	On Campus
SPOL30010	Policy-making, Implementation and Evaluation	Autumn	On Campus
SPOL30360	Drug Use, Society and Policy	Autumn	On Campus
SPOL38190	Child abuse, sexual and domestic violence	Autumn	On Campus
SPOL38210	Migration, Racism and Irish Society	Autumn	On Campus
SPOL10020	Contemporary Irish Welfare State	Spring	On Campus
SPOL18130	Introduction to Social Work	Spring	On Campus
SPOL20260	Social Protection	Spring	On Campus
SPOL20280	Housing Policies, Neighbourhoods and Homes	Spring	On Campus
SPOL28110	Social Work in Practice	Spring	On Campus
SPOL28170	Work and the Welfare State	Spring	On Campus
SPOL28180	Social Policy and the Lifecourse	Spring	On Campus
SPOL30220	Social Policy, Justice and the Environment	Spring	On Campus
SPOL38200	Analysing Health and Social Care Policy	Spring	On Campus
SPOL38270	Gender, Inequality and Social Policy	Spring	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
SSJ10070	Exploring Gender	Autumn	On Campus
SSJ10090	Social Justice Perspectives	Autumn	Blended
SSJ20160	Race and Racism	Autumn	On Campus
SSJ30070	Gender, War and Violence	Autumn	On Campus
SSJ30080	Global Masculinities	Autumn	On Campus
DSCY10160	Refugee Displacement	Spring	On Campus
SSJ10020	Global Justice	Spring	On Campus
SSJ10060	Inequality in Irish Society	Spring	On Campus
SSJ20110	Gender, Power and Politics	Spring	On Campus
SSJ20150	Political Economy and Social Justice	Spring	On Campus
SSJ38270	Inequality in the Labour Market	Spring	Blended

School of Sociology

Sociology is devoted to understanding how people make sense of the world and how they build the collective realities they inhabit. Sociologists reveal the influential ways in which culture, power, and structure intertwine in everyday life, from our most intimate relationships to the broadest social movements.

UCD Sociology offers robust tools to examine key global challenges such as inequality, migration, climate change, digital surveillance, conflict, and demographic change. If you are

curious about the world, enjoy critical thinking and want to understand how communities function and transform, then Sociology is for you. Modules in areas such as conflict, health, family, nationalism, and social data science reveal how sociology makes sense of the forces shaping our lives – exposing hidden societal patterns and offering fresh perspectives on the most pressing issues of our time.

The UCD School of Sociology is Ireland's leading centre for education and research in sociology. Our undergraduate programmes equip students with critical insights and practical skills that translate across careers, while our faculty and graduate researchers pursue transformative, socially engaged scholarship that speaks to the challenges of an increasingly interconnected world.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
CSOC10010	Introduction to Computational Social Science	Autumn	On Campus
SOC10010	Theorizing Society: Foundations of Sociological Thought	Autumn	On Campus
SOC10020	Introduction to Sociology	Autumn	On Campus
SOC10110	Sociology of Crime & Deviance	Autumn	On Campus
CSOC20010	Applied Computational Social Science	Autumn	On Campus
SOC20070	Social Anthropology	Autumn	On Campus
SOC20100	Sociological Theory Level 2	Autumn	On Campus
SOC20220	Social Theory and Social Media	Autumn	On Campus

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
SOC20250	Sociology of Nations	Autumn	On Campus
SOC20260	Quantitative Research Methods	Autumn	On Campus
SOC20350	Sociology of Law	Autumn	On Campus
SOC20400	Sociology of Gender	Autumn	On Campus
SOC20460	Health, Illness & Society	Autumn	On Campus
SOC10060	Ireland in Comparative Perspective	Spring	On Campus
SOC10070	Sociological Analysis and Research Design	Spring	On Campus
SOC20210	Animals & Human Society	Spring	On Campus
SOC20270	Sociology of Health & Inequality	Spring	On Campus
SOC20280	Sociology of the Family	Spring	On Campus
SOC20320	Qualitative Research Methods	Spring	On Campus
SOC20330	Sociology of Peace, Conflict & Justice	Spring	On Campus
SOC20360	Sociology of the Environment	Spring	On Campus
SOC20380	Global Developments	Spring	On Campus
SOC20450	Social Movements	Spring	On Campus



UCD College of Engineering and Architecture

School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy

Based in the UCD Richview Newstead campus, the School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy combines teaching, learning and research in the disciplines of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy.

We are unique in connecting the disciplines of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Policy, and Planning. Together these subjects advance knowledge, teaching and research related to the built and natural environment, addressing the challenges of climate change and building sustainable communities.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
PLAN10010	Intro to City Planning	Autumn	Blended
PLAN10020	History of City Planning	Autumn	On Campus
PLAN10040	Research Methods	Autumn	Blended
ENVP10010	Environment Change & Policy	Spring	Blended
PLAN10100	Contemporary Issues in Planning	Spring	On Campus

Before applying for a full time undergraduate course, studying part time as an Open Learning student is a great opportunity to experience what third level education is like which is essential to gain confidence.

— Kate Sipos

School of Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Welcome to the UCD School of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. The School has been producing graduates who are leaders within their respective industries for the past 100 years. Our principal taught programmes include Bachelors and Masters degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Management, Engineering with Business, Materials Science & Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, and Energy Systems Engineering. Additionally, we provide structured PhD programmes in Mechanical Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, and Inclusive Design. We are fortunate to recruit the best students to our programmes. As the largest of UCD's five engineering schools, with more than 30 full-time academic faculty, and being leaders for the SFI Centre for Advanced Manufacturing (www.i-form.ie), we offer you many exciting and varied opportunities for you to study and achieve a fulfilling and successful career in engineering, as well as to undertake cutting-edge research both in Dublin, with our industry partners and with our international collaborators around the world.

Open Learning Modules

Code	Module	Trimester	Delivery
DSCY10070	Materials in Society	Spring	On Campus
MEEN40310	Project Management	Spring	Online

Discovery Modules

Discovery modules focus on topics of global significance, and will include lectures on cutting-edge research or current affairs.

Each module is taught by more than one school within UCD and is designed to deepen your understanding of different disciplinary perspectives on topics of significant importance.

Taking a Discovery module can help you get insights into specific, contemporary issues, and broaden your study within Open Learning.

The Discovery modules for 2025/26 are:

Code	Module	School	Trimester	Delivery
DSCY10050	War: Ancient and Modern	History	Autumn & Spring*	On Campus
DSCY10070	Materials in Society	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Spring	On Campus
DSCY10120	Contagion & Control	History	Spring	On Campus
DSCY10160	Refugee Displacement	Social Work, Social Policy & Social Justice	Spring	On Campus
DSCY10180	Intercultural Encounters: A Multi-Perspective Approach	Global Engagement	Spring	On Campus

* Module is offered in both Autumn and Spring.

Student & Financial Supports

Open Learning Student Support

As an Open Learning student, you will have access to a range of supports designed to help you settle in and make the most of your university experience:

Throughout the academic year we offer:

- ▶ Our Orientation Sessions with the Open Learning Team.
 - ▶ Drop-in sessions twice a week in each trimester and bespoke appointments.
 - ▶ Regular emails about information on upcoming events and deadlines, as well as signposts to other Student Supports.
 - ▶ We strongly encourage students to join clubs and student societies, as well as using our Sports Centre, five libraries and scenic woodland walks.
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Did you know?
UCD has 80+ societies to choose from

Academic Supports

There are numerous academic supports available to students taking modules for credit:

Academic Skills Workshops	Enhance your study techniques, time management, and exam preparation through workshops offered by UCD Access & Lifelong Learning.
ALL Digital Ambassadors	Get help with technical queries and enhance your digital learning skills through support from Digital Ambassadors.
UCD Writing Centre	Receive free one-on-one tutoring to improve your academic writing, including essay structure, referencing, and clarity.
UCD Maths Support Centre	Access assistance from experienced tutors for a range of mathematics and statistics modules.
UCD Library	Utilise five libraries with extensive resources, study spaces, and online collections. Library staff are available to assist you in navigating these resources.

Health, Guidance and Advice

UCD Student Health Service	Provides on-campus medical, psychological and psychiatric care for registered students of the University.
Chaplaincy	Offers student support, pastoral care, and spiritual direction.

Disability Support

The UCD Disability Service offers support to students with a disability or a significant ongoing illness who are taking modules for credit. If this is you, you are encouraged to connect with the service to explore the academic and exam supports available to help you succeed.

To get started, book a Needs Assessment with the Disability Team after you complete your Open Learning registration by emailing disability@ucd.ie.

Supports include:

Needs Assessment	To access Disability Supports, students must provide documentation of their disability and attend a Needs Assessment with a member of the Disability Support Team.
Reasonable Accommodations	Tailored supports such as extra time in exams, assistive technology, and classroom accommodations are available.
Support Continuity	Once registered, supports typically continue each academic year without the need for reassessment, unless there is a break in studies.

Financial Supports for Open Learning Credit Students

Part-Time Student Support Fund

This fund assists part-time students from low-income households, who are taking modules for credit. Eligible students can receive €325 annually, with an additional €325 available for those who are parenting. To qualify, your course must lead to a higher education award (Level 6–10) and funding is awarded on a pro-rata basis.

Think Again Scholarship

Designed for students returning to education, this scholarship offers up to €1,000 per year for part-time students. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and provide supporting documents. The scholarship can be used flexibly to support your studies.

Sanctuary Programme

This programme supports refugees, asylum seekers, and individuals with leave to remain, offering fee reductions and additional supports.

Please note

Find out more about our specific support funds by using the QR code.

- Open Learning modules cost €525 per 5 credit module.
- Open Learning is not eligible for SUSI funding.
- To apply for these supports, you may need to provide income documentation, such as a Statement of Liability or social welfare statements.



UCD Access and Lifelong Learning offers a number of other part-time study options:

University Access

UCD University Access Courses are empowering, part-time foundation programmes designed to help adult learners and young adults take their first step into higher education. Access to Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Law (AHSSL) and Access to Science, Engineering, Agricultural Science & Medicine (SEAM+) help students to build academic skills and confidence in a supportive environment. Open to mature students and eligible young adults (AHSSL only), successful completion can lead to guaranteed entry into select UCD degree programmes. With dedicated support, scholarships, and a welcoming community, UCD's Access Courses are a fantastic opportunity to unlock your potential and embrace university life.

Lifelong Learning

UCD has a long tradition of offering a vibrant and unique Lifelong Learning Programme, they are short, non-credit bearing courses for adult learners eager to explore new ideas in a relaxed, exam-free setting. The programme includes subjects like appreciation, literature, history, philosophy, languages, and creative writing. Courses are taught by expert tutors and designed to be engaging and participative. With both in-person and online options, it's easy to find a course that fits your schedule. UCD is proudly an Age-Friendly University, welcoming learners of all ages. Whether you're returning to learning or just curious, this is your chance to grow and connect through education.

More Information

Visit our website: www.ucd.ie/all or complete our Interactive Guide to help you decide which programme works best for you.





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