



University College Dublin
University for All

Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome 2025

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Starting university can be overwhelming, but you're not alone. My advice is to say yes to opportunities early, even if they push you out of your comfort zone. Join a society, go to events, talk to people, you'll settle in quicker than you think.

And don't be afraid to ask for help. UCD has great supports, but it's up to you to use them.

That's why the ALL Student Welcome is so important. It's a friendly, low-pressure environment to meet others, connect with staff, and find out what's available to help you succeed from day one.

– Kafayat Adewale,
Stage 4, Law

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The Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome 2025

Congratulations on Your Place at UCD!

We are delighted to welcome you to University College Dublin and to celebrate the beginning of your Higher Education journey. Earning a place here is a significant achievement, and we are proud to have you join our diverse and vibrant university community.

Now that you've secured your place, we're here to support you every step of the way. Our **Welcome Programme** is designed to help you transition into university life and set you up for success. You'll gain valuable strategies and insights to help you become an independent and confident learner, while also connecting with staff and fellow students.

The **Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome 2025** is your first step in this journey. This event will take place on **2nd September** on the UCD campus. You'll have the opportunity to meet current students who were in your position not long ago. They'll share their experiences, offer practical advice, and show you around **your** university. You'll also get the chance to meet other new students in your programme and have your questions answered.

To help you get started, we've created a practical **ALL Student Welcome booklet** with key checklists and information about the wide range of professional support services available to you throughout your time at UCD.

This is just the beginning of your UCD experience, and we are excited to be part of it.

We look forward to welcoming you in person on the 2nd of September!



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Who is Access and Lifelong Learning?

University for All is UCD's whole-university initiative working to ensure that all students feel welcome. We want UCD to be a place where everyone can feel they belong and that diversity is valued. We work with the whole community in UCD

- students, educators and everyone beyond the classroom
- to increase inclusion in our teaching, learning, assessment, student supports, built campus and technology infrastructure.

In Access and Lifelong Learning, we like to say that our job is to be the bridge to inclusion, which means that we offer connections, help you engage and build relationships with the University community. What this means is that we put in place the supports that you may need to fulfil your potential.

We do this by getting to know you and then providing supports to help you succeed in UCD. Some of the supports we offer and the people who help deliver them are outlined in the following pages, but the most important message from us to you is that we are here to help support, guide and advise you. No query, no challenge is too big or too small and if we can't assist you directly, we will let you know where you can find the help you need. Our doors are always open and you are always welcome.



Michelle Tracey

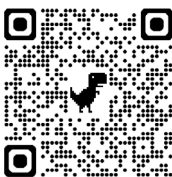
Senior Access Student Support Officer



Dr. Lisa Padden

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FAQs



Q. I need academic advice/ registration guidance about my modules

Go to the College/School office

[Link for UCD Colleges and Schools](#)



Q. I'm having problems with the online registration system

Go to the Student Desk College/School office

[Link for UCD Programme Offices](#)



Q. I have a personal problem

Make an appointment to speak with your Student Adviser

[Link for the UCD Student Advisers](#)



Q. I have a disability/learning difficulty

Email the disability team at disability@ucd.ie or drop into the Access & Lifelong Learning Centre.



Q. I have an emergency on campus

Go to Student Help

[Link for student help at UCD Estates](#)



Q. I've lost my UCD Student Card (UCARD)

Call to the Ucard Bureau

[Link for UCD U Card Bureau](#)



Q. I want to report an emergency on campus

Call Estate Services Ext. 7999 or (01) 716 7999

[Link for UCD Estate Services](#)



Q. I need a cert of attendance/ official university stamp/transcript

Drop into the Student Desk

[Link for the UCD Student Desk](#)



Q. I have a problem with my UCD accommodation

Contact Student Residences
(Resident Assistant)

[Link for UCD Residences](#)



Q. I want to join a society to meet new people

You will have plenty of time to do this during
Freshers Week at the beginning of term UCD

[Link for UCD Student Societies](#)



Q. I have a question about my fees

Drop in to the Student Desk

[Link for the UCD Student Desk](#)

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If I could give you one piece of advice,
it would be to seek out meaningful
connections because that's what truly makes
this journey at UCD enjoyable and rewarding.
Like Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a
beginning, staying together is progress, and
working together is success"

The ALL Student Welcome is more than an event,
it's about an all inclusive community.

I met some great people behind ALL and all the
students who help make ALL so magical.

I experienced how special it was and now I'm
part of making it happen, I hope it will be
as special for you as it was for me.

– William Lin, Stage 3,
Computer Science

Can you repeat that?

UCD is a whole new world with a whole new language. During the Access and Lifelong Learning student Welcome 2025, you will begin to hear some of this language. It's all just jargon unless you understand it, so we have translated a small selection of terms you are likely to need.

College Office

Each course (programme in UCD) is supported by a College Office. They are your first point of contact if you need academic advice.

Major

While your programme shows what degree you're studying, such as a BSc, your major will show what subject area your degree is in, such as Zoology.

Module

A module is a self-contained unit of learning, teaching and assessment. Each course will have a set number of modules.

Core Module

A module that you must do as part of your programme.

This [link](#) will show you the core modules for your programme.



Elective Module

These are modules you can choose from many subject areas across UCD.

Option Module

A module that is part of your programme. You will be given a list of option modules to choose from when you register online. The Course Search will show you the option modules for your programme.

Module Coordinator

The Module Coordinator is responsible for the design, delivery and assessment of a module and acts as the principal examiner for that module. The Course Search will tell you who the coordinator of a module is.

Credit

This is the value given to a module. For example: A 5-credit module will require 100 to 125 hours of work. This includes lectures/seminars, self-directed study and assessment.

Level

The level of a module is an indication of the level of difficulty of the learning outcomes and the material covered, and broadly indicates the stage in your academic career when you are likely to attempt the module. Levels range from 0–5 with 0 being the most basic level. Generally, levels 1–3 are taken by undergraduate students.

GPA

GPA is the numeric average of the grades achieved. When you have completed all the modules of a Stage, all your grade points are averaged to get a Grade Point Average, or GPA, for that Stage.

Stage

This is the term used to identify the year of study. Each Stage is worth 60 Credits.

Trimester

The taught programmes of the University will normally be based on three teaching trimesters, Autumn, Spring and Summer. Within each trimester you will have 15 weeks of teaching, revision week and exams. As an Undergraduate you will have two trimesters – trimester 1 runs from September to December and trimester 2 runs from January to May.

Laboratory, Practicals and Fieldwork

These are opportunities for you to do the practical work related to your course and to put into practice the knowledge and techniques you learn in your lectures, e.g. carrying out chemistry experiments or visiting historic sites.

Brightspace

Brightspace is an e-Learning tool, especially designed for universities. It is used by lecturers to share course material with students and to post class announcements. It also includes other useful features such as virtual classrooms, discussion forums, surveys and much more. Assessment such as multiple choice exams and essay submissions are often done through Brightspace. You can access it through UCD Connect.

Access Leaders

Access Leaders are a group of exceptional students who have been selected to represent UCD Access and Lifelong Learning and provide peer to peer support. Their first-hand understanding of UCD's diverse entry pathways and of the journey you have taken to be here means they are uniquely placed to help you in your new environment.

You will have an opportunity to meet your Access Leader at the Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome 2025. You can also hear what their experience of coming to UCD was like by listening to their podcasts. See the back cover of the Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome 2025 booklet for the web address.

Programme

Tuesday 2nd September – Morning



Check in at 11:00am

Check in at the UCD campus. You will receive a check in time and location by email after you have registered for the Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome 2025.

Timing: 15 minutes



Meet the ALL team and your Access Leader

When you check in you will be linked up with your Access Leader and have a chance to meet some of the Access and Lifelong Learning team who will be supporting you while you are at UCD.

Timing: 45 minutes



Campus Welcome

Welcome from the Access and Lifelong Learning team.

Timing: 30 minutes



Student Success Workshops

There will be workshops and information sessions to introduce you to the supports that are available to help you get a head start in UCD.

Timing: 80 minutes



Ask your Access Leader Anything

This is your opportunity to ask your Access Leader anything, with free lunch.

Timing: 80 minutes

Programme

Tuesday 2nd September – Afternoon



My College Finances Workshop

Learn the tips and tricks for wise budgeting and financial supports in UCD.

Timing: 30 minutes



Getting to know your campus

Campus Tour with your Access Leader

The campus tour will start with your programme building. This will help you become more familiar with where you will be studying and see where your lectures will take place.

Timing: 60 minutes



Ice Cream and Chat

Time for a break and a chance to ask your Access Leader any questions you may have while enjoying a 99 cone.

Timing: 30 minutes



ALL Student Mega Quiz

Fingers on the buzzers! Take part in the ALL Student Quiz or if you prefer something quieter, you can take part in our board games activity.

Timing: 90 minutes



Family and friends information session

There will be an information session at 6:00pm on Tuesday 2nd September for anyone who has a student in their life coming to UCD including parents and supporters. This is an opportunity for them to know a little bit more about what your new environment will be like. Registration is necessary.

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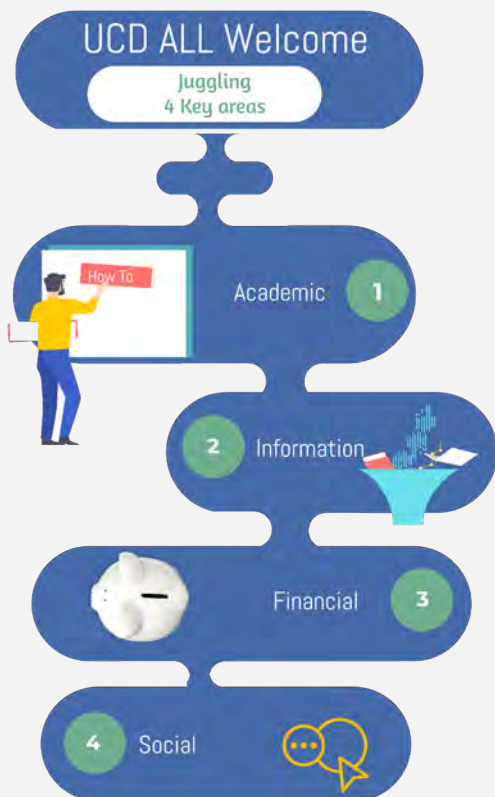
Every student will be contacted with a starting time and place for their UCD Campus Welcome. Each group will have a different location on campus so don't worry if you have a friend with a different registration location, you will meet on campus.

Wednesday 3rd September

On Wednesday 3rd September, 10:00am – 4:00pm you will have an opportunity to call to the Access and Lifelong Learning Centre to meet with the ALL team and Access Leaders again. This is a drop in day where you can ask any questions that you may have, meet with the Digital Ambassadors who can help with any tech or digital questions or find out more about the supports that you can avail of.

Juggling Balls

As a new student to UCD, there are going to be lots of things that are new to you. You are going to have to get to know the campus, familiarise yourself with your programme, start learning a new vocabulary while at the same time making new friends and getting on top of your academic work. In short, you will be juggling a lot of balls. That's why it's important that you connect and engage with UCD at every level, whether that's availing of academic supports, applying for a scholarship, joining clubs and societies or knowing the importance of your Programme Office.



During the Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome 2025 you will have an opportunity to find out how to juggle the various priorities. You will participate in activities and workshops to introduce the University and its systems to you. You will discover how UCD works and how you can navigate it to succeed. Like a juggler, you will learn new skills which will feel unfamiliar at first; however with repeated engagement you will succeed. Most importantly, we will be reminding you to take it one step at a time.

5 steps to wellbeing and success

- Connect with other people
- Be active
- Learn new skills
- Pay attention to the present moment
- Give to others

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Get involved with clubs and societies, attend freshers events. Come to the student welcome to know friendly faces and to get a head start on learning the campus!

– Holly Riley, Stage 2,
Arts & Humanities

Making Friends at University

Starting university is exciting – and a little overwhelming. One of the biggest questions you might have is: “How do I make friends?” Here’s a few ideas to help you connect with others and build your circle.

1. Say Yes Early On

- The first few weeks are key – everyone’s looking to meet people.
- Go to events, accept invites, and don’t stress if it feels awkward. Everyone’s in the same boat.

2. Join Things (Even If You’re Unsure)

- Clubs, societies, sports, volunteer groups – all great for meeting people.
- Try at least one new thing. You never know who you’ll meet or what you’ll enjoy.

3. Start Simple Conversations

- Ask about classes, roommates, or campus life.
- Try: “Do you mind if I sit here?” or “Have you been to this event before?”
- It doesn’t have to be deep – just consistent.

4. Be Friendly Where You Live

If you are in a shared flat, consider leaving your door open during move-in or when you are not studying. Get in to the habit of using communal areas where possible as this is a great opportunity to start talking to your flatmates.

5. Use Group Chats & Social Media

- Join Programme/Course, Res, or club group chats.
Be active!
- Follow campus pages and social media for events and opportunities.
- Send a DM or comment.

6. Friendships Take Time

- You don't have to find "your people" in week one.
- Keep showing up – acquaintances can turn into close friends naturally.

7. Be Yourself & Stay Open

- Be genuine. You'll find people who appreciate you for you.
- Be open to friends from different backgrounds and interests.

How to Unplug and Make Real Connections at UCD

1. Set Device Boundaries Early

Decide ahead of time when you'll put your phone away – like during meals, classes, or social events.

Try setting “no-phone” hours each day, especially during times you're most likely to meet people (e.g. between classes).



2. Be Present in Shared Spaces

Common areas like campus cafés, and libraries are goldmines for meeting people. Leave your headphones in your bag and keep your phone in your pocket. A smile or simple “Hey, what are you studying?” can spark a connection.

3. Use Your Phone as a Social Tool, Not a Shield

Take a break from scrolling to actually use your device to invite someone to lunch, join a group chat, or follow up on a conversation.

Don't let texting or Instagram scrolling replace in-person interaction. They're supplements, not substitutes.

4. Join Clubs and Go to Events (Without Live-Posting Every Moment)

Participate in group activities or attend mixers without feeling the need to document everything. Engaging fully makes it easier for others to approach and connect with you.

5. Practice “Tech-Free” Challenges With Friends

Suggest group activities where you all put your phones in the center of the table or bag. First one to reach for theirs buys the coffee! It's fun and helps everyone stay more present.



6. Recognise When You're Using Devices to Avoid Discomfort

It's normal to feel awkward in new situations – but checking your phone as a crutch can send a “don't talk to me” signal. Try to sit with the discomfort – it passes, and people notice when you're open and approachable.

7. Be the First to Say Hello

Real connections start with small risks. If someone seems interesting, talk to them – even if it's easier to stay in your digital bubble.

Bottom Line: You don't need to ditch your phone altogether, just be intentional. Some of the most meaningful friendships start when we simply look up and give someone a chance.

New student checklist

As a new student, you will have lots of questions about where to go to find the resources and information you need to prepare and get started in UCD. This new student's checklist is a useful tool which outlines and explains the essential things you need to be aware of and to complete in chronological order.

- ☐ 1. Read this Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome Guide.
- ☐ 2. Read your emails about the financial supports available.
- ☐ 3. Read all relevant emails from UCD.
- ☐ 4. Join relevant social media groups.
- ☐ 5. Download the UCD App.
- ☐ 6. Find out how to get your UCD Student Card – check your email for details.
- ☐ 7. Establish when and how you register for your modules.
- ☐ 8. Download your timetable and sync your Google calendar.
- ☐ 9. Finalise your accommodation.
- ☐ 10. Read your Welcome to UCD student handbook.
- ☐ 11. Make a note of student support resources and services.



Read all relevant sections of the UCD Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome 2025 Book, including the top tips

This handbook will help you transition into UCD by providing practical guidance on the first steps and the things you should do in your first weeks. It also includes first-hand advice from current students based on their first year experience.

Read your emails about the financial supports available

You will receive emails telling you about the financial supports that are available. Please read these emails as they contain very important information about how to apply and eligibility criteria.

Read all UCD emails and pay particular attention to those from your School/ Programme

Each UCD student receives a personalised email address. Check your UCD Connect email regularly as it is the official channel through which administration related information is communicated to students. You will receive regular updates about registration, fees and exams, a fortnightly student e-zine, information from your Students' Union as well as academic information. It is the responsibility of each student to check their UCD Connect email account, to read the messages issued to them and to act on any requests contained in the messages.

Join relevant social media groups

UCD uses social media to inform students of events and activities. It is also a very useful way to connect with other students in your programme. You should also connect with Access and Lifelong Learning on social media to keep up to date and informed of our activities, events and latest news. Follow us @ucdforall on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn

You can find a full list of UCD social media sites here:
www.ucd.ie/social-media

○ Download the UCD App from Google Play or iTunes Store



There is a wealth of information available through the new app which delivers real-time news and services. For example, at the touch of a button you can see where exactly you are on campus and find the building you're looking for with the interactive

Maps service. Bright Mobile Learn gives you direct access to Brightspace content, announcements and much more.

There is a wide variety of student and faculty produced videos including lectures from various programmes.



○ Make a note of how to get your UCD Student Card



Please keep an eye on your emails to find out when and where you can collect your student card.

Establish when and how you register for your modules

You will have to register for your modules before you begin your course. You can begin Step 1 of Registration from 1st to 6th September (depending on when you accept your offer). To enter online registration, go to UCD Connect, click on the SISWeb icon and enter your login details. Undergraduate registration closes on 19th September 2025, so make sure you have registered. You will receive more information during your programme orientation, but it is very important to make sure that you have enough credits (60 credits) and that you have registered to any labs and tutorials by that date. You will have a chance to change your choice of modules for Trimester 2 in early January.



[Link for Key Dates.](#)

○ Download your timetable and sync your Google calendar



Your UCD Connect account integrates with Google Calendar and Google Drive, all of which can be synced to smart phones for easy access. This is a very easy way to make sure that you receive any updates or notices sent by the University.



○ Finalise your accommodation

If you have applied to UCD Residences and are offered a room, please make sure to follow the instructions you are given on how to accept your offer. It is very important that you accept within the timeframe given. Failure to do this may result in the offer being rescinded.

Other accommodations options can be found on the [UCD Accommodations Pad](#), which lets you search for housing options in Dublin.



Read your Access and Lifelong Learning Welcome 2025 to UCD student handbook



This is a handbook that is given to you when you accept your place in UCD. It contains more information on being a UCD student.

Make a note of the student support resources and services

UCD Access and Lifelong Learning delivers a range of student supports to help you become an independent learner. The supports are designed to help you enjoy the full student experience and benefit from all that UCD offers. Supports include financial, academic, disability and social supports. See page 41 & 42 for more information on these.

The key capitals to help support you while at UCD



There are a number of key areas that you need to be familiar with when you begin your studies. These include having a good knowledge of UCD, knowing what supports are available and where to go if you have a question. Having a good understanding of these will help you as you settle into your programme. The information contained in the following pages offers the top tips on each of these and how you can successfully navigate your first trimester and beyond. All you have to do is read the advice, avail of the supports and engage with the services and people here to help.

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It gives you an early opportunity to connect with other students from similar backgrounds and to get familiar with the campus before your first day. The ALL Student Welcome made me feel way less nervous on my actual orientation day as I already knew people in my course and knew exactly what buildings I needed to go to.

– Eabha Clarke, Stage 2,
Agriculture Science

Roadmap to success

Below are the five most relevant people/places for you to explore next in UCD.



1. College Office

Each Programme in UCD has a dedicated College Office. Your College Office is there to support you with questions or queries you may have about your course. You can contact your College Office by visiting their website or dropping into the offices on campus. Scan the QR Code to get more information on your College Office!



2. Student Adviser

Each Programme also has dedicated Student Advisers. Your Student Adviser offers time and space to explore issues of concern and can help you find pathways to deal with personal, social and emotional concerns. They can also advise you of appropriate UCD policies, procedures and services. Scan the QR code to find out who your Student Adviser is!



3. Module Coordinators

Each of your modules has a Module Coordinator. Often, they are the lecturer on the module. Module Coordinators are there to teach you, as well as answer any questions you have about the module, exams, assignments etc. You can find out who your Module Coordinators are for each module by reading the Module Descriptors on Brightspace.



4. Student Desk

The Student Desk is there to help you with anything relating to module registration, fees and official UCD documents. For example, they can help you register for modules at the beginning of term, SUSI, and free fees assessments if you are a Mature Student. They are based in the Tierney Building on campus, or you can contact them via their website.

5. Student Health & Counselling



The Student Health Service offers a range of healthcare services to students, including access to GP's, Nurses and a Psychiatrist. There is a fee for these appointments.



The Student Counselling Service is free – they offer confidential one-to-one counselling, group based counselling and online programs that can be worked through at your own pace. Scan the QR codes to visit the websites for the Student Health and Student Counselling services.

How to find your way around campus

NaviLens

NaviLens is a free application that uses colourful QR codes to assist you in finding key services and locations around the UCD campus.

You can use audio-cues, written text and vibrations to indicate distances and directions. NaviLens can help you to independently navigate the world around you. This is particularly important for internal spaces that cannot be easily captured by tools such as Google Maps.

NaviLens tags contain key information on how the service can support you and includes opening hours for student services, ways to get in touch, and helpful information links.

Download NaviLens and start exploring UCD today!



How to be college ready and the Top Tips and Tricks for Student Success

1. Get organised

A large part of being a successful student depends on your organisational skills. It is very easy to become organised and just takes a little time and know how. We can provide the top tips which means that all you have to do is put aside a little time to do the following:

- Check your timetable for the times of your lectures.
- If your module has a tutorial, you will find it on your calendar.
- Not all modules will have tutorials and some may not be scheduled every week.
- Some modules will also have laboratory sessions and other classes.
- You should also check the submission dates for any assignments you may have.
- Complete your registration by assigned date given to you by your College Office.

- You can download your timetable onto your Google calendar.
- Plan your finances: It is important that you plan your finances to help ensure you can cover your costs. The Money Management Guide has information that will help with this and also gives examples of some of the costs you may have. You can use the budget template to begin budgeting for the next academic year.

2. Check your emails

UCD only communicates with you by email, so it is very important that you set time aside to read any email you receive. Some of examples of the emails you will receive are:

- An email to let you know when your U card is ready and where you can collect it.
- An email to complete your registration.
- An email from your Student Adviser explaining how they can support you during your time at UCD.

3. Log onto Brightspace

Brightspace is the virtual learning environment used by UCD. This is where you can access material relating to your course and start the “Introduction to UCD Module” where you will be welcomed to your inclusive university and you will learn how to use our IT systems and explore content designed to help you integrate with the UCD Community.

4. Engage and Connect with UCD

Another component of being a successful student is engaging and connecting with UCD. This connection extends to both your studies and your relationships. Some of the tips provided will already be familiar to you so they are just serving as a reminder of what you should do:

- Go to your lectures and tutorials.
- Submit assignments on time.
- Join clubs and societies.
- Be brave – talk to the person sitting beside you in a lecture.
- Use the facilities in the UCD Sports Centre.

5. Troubleshoot

As a new student to UCD, you are not expected to know everything. There are people and places that can help you when you run into any problems. We are expecting you to come to us when you have any questions so all you have to do is ask.



Check out the UCD Roadmap on page 32 to find out who can answer your questions.

How to arrange Disability Supports

What is a Disability?

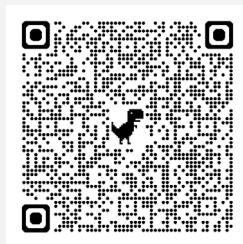
A disability may be a Specific Learning Difficulty (Dyslexia/ Dyscalculia), Mental Health Difficulty, Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADD/ADHD, Dyspraxia, a Significant Ongoing Illness, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Blind/Visual Impairment, Physical Disability, Neurological Condition or Speech and Language Communication Disorder.

What are Disability Supports?

All students with a disability or significant ongoing illness in UCD have the opportunity to receive disability supports. These supports may include academic supports such as awareness supports for your lecturers and/or exam supports such as extra time for exams (10 minutes per hour).

How do I arrange Disability Supports?

Provide supporting documentation which confirms your disability or diagnosis. More information on suitable documentation can be found on our website.



Make an appointment by emailing disability@ucd.ie. You will then be asked to complete a short online form and upload your documents there.

Attend your Needs Assessment appointment and discuss the supports that will assist you during your degree.

[Link for Disability Support in UCD.](#)

Financial Support at UCD

There are a range of financial supports that you may be eligible for. Some of these include the Student Assistance Fund, the Student Welfare Fund and scholarship opportunities. These supports and other information can also be found in the Money Management Guide.



1. Cothrom na Féinne Scholarships

Cothrom na Féinne, meaning justice and equality, is the overarching title for UCD scholarships for access students and is now Ireland's largest access scholarship scheme at undergraduate level. These scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate motivation to pursue higher education, and offer leadership in their communities while overcoming significant socio-economic and educational barriers.

2. 1916 Bursary

The 1916 Bursary is a financial award to encourage the participation and success of students from sections of society that are significantly under-represented in higher education.

3. Student Support Fund

The Student Support Fund (SSF) is a means-tested fund. Students registered to a full-time or part-time UCD programme of at least one year's duration which leads either to an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification can apply.

4. Student Welfare Fund

The purpose of this discretionary fund is to offer financial assistance to students who encounter acute and unexpected difficulties during their time of study in UCD. Illnesses, bereavement and sudden unemployment are some of the issues which may make you eligible for the Welfare Fund support. Applications can be made with your Student Advisers.

Top tips from students

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The ALL Welcome offers students a chance to meet other students before their main orientation and to build connections via their access leader.

I personally remember the ALL welcome being so amazing. I was really excited knowing that I'll meet new people in my course and from other courses really early. The talk was really interesting and answered a lot of my questions and my access leader who was in charge of my group was lovely as well.

– Zoe Eneaneke, Stage 3,
Radiography

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Force your nerves aside and talk to as many people as possible! It may feel like the last thing you want to do but the ALL welcome is there for you to meet new people and ask the access leaders anything you want or to get support from them

– Máirin Harding, Stage
2, Law

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It is a great way to get to know some people from your own course. Eventually, you will meet everyone on your actual first day, but there will be so many people together that you might hesitate to talk to someone. Whereas, in the ALL Student Welcome, the group is much smaller and somehow more intimate, so it's easier to get to know someone and eventually make some friends, which I did.

Another great thing about the ALL Student Welcome is that so much valuable information is shared, such as details about scholarships, who to contact if you need help, and many other useful tips.

– Sakib Hossain, Stage 2,
Engineering

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The ALL welcome helps you to get comfortable with the college surroundings. My advice would be to have an open mind and get to know other people there and not to worry about starting college as everyone is in the same boat.

– Sydney Kennedy Sharpe,
Stage 2, Architecture

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