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International Pre-Master's Pathway Programme

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

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

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

International Pre-Master's students must meet the academic entry requirements of their chosen Master's. International Pre-Master's students achieving the progression requirements will automatically receive a full offer for their Master's. Progression requirements for different UCD Master's programmes may vary.

For further information on progression requirements and for a list of Master's available through our International Pre-Master's Programme, please visit www.ucd.ie/cegl/programmes/pathways/int%20pmp/

WHY STUDY AT UCD?

Tradition



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

Global Profile



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

Global community



Over 9,500 international students from over 140 countries study at UCD

Global careers



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

Safety



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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Programme	Length	English language requirements*	Date	Tuition Fees
Diploma	2 trimesters	IELTS 5.5 (with no band less than 5.0)	September - May	€ 13,650
Certificate	1 trimester	IELTS 6.0 (with no band less than 5.5)	January - May	€ 8,820

*Please Note: Some International Pre-Master's Pathway Programmes require higher English language scores. For further information contact premasters@ucd.ie



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COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules	Credits	Option Modules	Credits
Trimester 1			
Academic Listening & Speaking I	10	Trimester 1 - choose 1 Modern Ireland: Culture and Society Creative Thinking & Innovation	5 5
Academic Reading & Writing I	10		
1 academic module (related to chosen master's)	5		
Trimester 2*			
Academic Listening & Speaking II	7.5	Trimester 2* - choose 1 Modern Ireland: Culture and Society Creative Thinking & Innovation Thesis Planning, Writing & Presentation	5 5 5
Academic Reading & Writing II	7.5		
1 or 2 academic modules (related to chosen master's)	5/10		

***Please Note:** Students on the International Pre-Master's Certificate start in trimester 2 and take trimester 2 modules only.



Graduate Profile

Zeyu Chen, Pre-Master's Diploma Master's Regional and Urban Planning

I completed the International Pre-Master's Pathway Programme in UCD Applied Language Centre in 2020. As a Chinese student, I found the language courses here in ALC particularly helpful, as they provided focused approaches to academic English which helped me being well-prepared for the oncoming master's degree. The optional modules, such as Modern Ireland, are also worth underlining regarding their exclusive access to multi-aspects of learning experiences in UCD.

It is a vibrant and open environment here in UCD and this programme supported me to connect with many other facilities and resources in this environment. One of the handy events is the Alumni Event which gave me exceptional opportunities to understand the outcome of the programme and future choices.

I'm currently doing my master's degree in Regional and Urban Planning, which is a very interactive programme. Having completed the International Pre-Master's Pathway Programme, I do find it smooth while cooperating with other classmates. By the way, Ireland is a breathtaking place to live and there are plenty of opportunities to explore during the programme!

APPLY NOW Start your application at www.ucd.ie/apply

OPPORTUNITIES:

In addition to their classes, International Pre-Master's students have unique opportunities to connect with the UCD community and explore Ireland, including:

- Meeting with academics or representatives from their Master's
- 10% scholarship awarded towards master's tuition upon successful completion
- Career and Industry talks
- Day trips exploring Ireland's breathtaking scenery
- Option to change your masters during the International Pre-Master's Programme

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requirements for
their master's in
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