



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

Undergraduate Degree Information for North American Students

Fall 2024 Entry

WHY IRELAND?



Ireland is an island to the west of Europe. The island of Ireland is divided into two parts: Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, part of the UK



English and Irish are both official languages



Ireland is ranked 16th in the World Happiness index in 2023



The only predominantly English speaking member country of the EU



Ireland's incredible culture and history is celebrated worldwide



U.S. and Canadian Passport holders are not visa required for full degree study in Ireland

WHY DUBLIN?



Established in the 9th century as a Viking settlement



Ranked 37th overall and 16th for student mix in QS Best Student Cities 2023



Regularly voted friendliest city in Europe by TripAdvisor



Home to over 50% of the total number of international students studying in Ireland



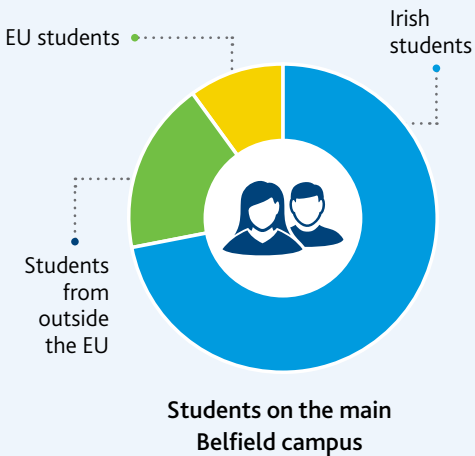
Dublin's international airport provides a gateway to the capital cities of Europe and the rest of the world



Regarded as Europe's tech capital, Dublin's thriving digital hub is home to international IT giants such as Google, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, AirBnB, Hubspot and Squarespace



WHY UCD?



ONE OF THE LARGEST
urban campuses in Europe

Ranked in the
TOP 1% OF HIGHER EDUCATION
institutes worldwide



160+ YEARS
of tradition

18,000
undergraduate
students



24 HOUR SECURITY
safe and modern campus



10,400 international students



31% international students

89% incoming North American students
received merit scholarship



49 STATES PLUS DC
and 8 Canadian provinces
represented by full degree
students on campus



UCD
campus

5km (3.1 miles)



Dublin
city center

EXPERIENCE UCD



High School Summer Program

UCD offers an enrichment program designed for North American students interested in learning more about Irish history, culture, and student life. This program is open to residents of North America aged 16 or 17 during the program dates.



Events in Your Country

UCD can be found at high school visits and college fairs throughout the year. We also host several virtual events throughout the year.

Check out our upcoming events in your country:
www.ucd.ie/global/events/

Campus Visits & Information Sessions

Visit Our Campus

North American Open House
 November 24, 2023

Experience UCD during our on-campus event for prospective full degree undergraduate students from North America. Family is welcome! For more information, reach out to northamerica@ucd.ie.

On-Campus and Virtual Tours

Use the QR code to view our tour schedule, plan your on-campus visit, and take a virtual tour of campus.





I chose the BA Joint Honours program due to the ability to study both English and Geography in depth without taking general education courses. Through my English classes, I've been able to explore contemporary Irish writing published in the last few years that I likely would not have been able to access or discover outside of Ireland. Through my geography classes, I've been able to pursue a subject in depth that is not a common major in the US.

In addition to this, I've been able to explore and apply what I am studying to the real world. Last year, I had the opportunity to visit nine countries outside of class due to the affordable airfare from Dublin. It's one thing to study geography in the classroom; it's another to actually go out and engage with it firsthand.

Sara Allen
Oklahoma
B.A. Joint Honours



Studying Commerce International at UCD is the best decision I have made. This course combines my love for learning languages and cultures with a dynamic business degree. I entered UCD not knowing exactly which sector of business I wanted to pursue, so I found the first two years covering various business subjects very beneficial.

The third year is spent abroad in another European or an Asian country, and this opportunity is ultimately why I chose commerce international as it meant I could study abroad in two countries: Ireland and, in my case, Spain. Being enrolled in Spanish business classes while living abroad has contributed tremendously to my Spanish-speaking abilities. In fourth year, I will return to UCD and intend to concentrate my studies in marketing. Overall, this course has helped me develop a truly global mindset and turned the world into my classroom.

Katie Ryan
New York
Commerce International



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

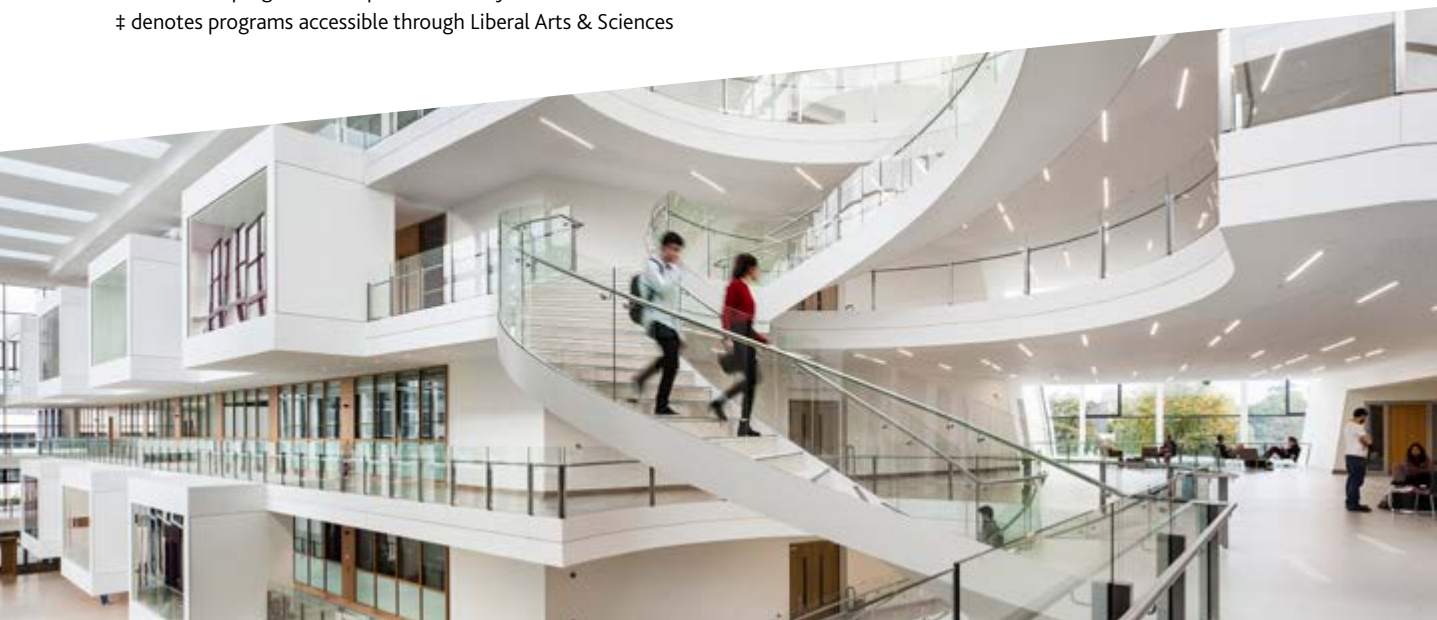
Actuarial & Financial Studies	
Agri-Environmental Sciences	‡
Agricultural Science	‡
Agricultural Systems Technology	‡
Animal & Crop Production	‡
Animal Science	‡
Animal Science – Equine	‡
Applied & Computational Mathematics	‡
Archaeology	
Architecture	*‡
Art History	*‡
BA Arts (Two Subject Combination)	‡
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	‡
Biomedical Engineering	
Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences	
Business	‡
Business & Law	
Cell & Molecular Biology	‡
Celtic Civilization	*‡
Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering	
Chemistry	‡
Chemistry with Biophysical Chemistry	‡
Chemistry with Environmental & Sustainable Chemistry	‡

City Planning & Environmental Policy	
Civil Engineering	
Classics (Greek & Roman Civilisation, Latin and Greek)	*
Classics, Art History & Archaeology	
Classics, English & History	
Commerce	*‡
Commerce International	
Computational Social Science	
Computer Science	
Computer Science with Data Science	
Creative & Cultural Industries	
Criminology with Psychology	
Crop Science	‡
Dairy Business	‡
Drama Studies	*‡
Earth Sciences	
Economics	*‡
Economics & Finance	*
Economics, Mathematics & Statistics	
Electrical or Electronic Engineering	
Engineering	‡
English	*‡
English, Drama & Film	
English Literature	

English with Creative Writing	
Environmental Biology	‡
European Studies	
Film Studies	*‡
Financial Mathematics	‡
Food & Agribusiness Management	‡
Food Business with Chinese Studies	‡
Food Science	‡
Forestry	‡
French	*‡
Genetics	‡
Geography	‡
German	*‡
Global Studies	
Greek	‡
Greek & Roman Civilization	‡
Health & Performance Science	*
History	*‡
History & Politics	*
Horticulture	‡
Human Nutrition	‡
Information & Communication Studies	‡
Irish	
Irish Folklore	*‡

* to denotes programs with possible three year duration

‡ denotes programs accessible through Liberal Arts & Sciences





Irish Studies	*‡
Italian	*‡
Landscape Architecture	
Languages, Linguistics & Cultures	
Latin	‡
Law (BCL)	
Law with Economics	
Law with French Law	
Law with History	
Law with Philosophy	
Law with Politics	
Law with Social Justice	
Liberal Arts and Sciences	
Linguistics	*‡
Mathematics	*‡
Mechanical Engineering	
Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology	‡
Medicine	**
Microbiology	‡
Modern Languages	

Music	*‡
Music, Film & Drama	
Neuroscience	‡
Pharmacology	‡
Philosophy	‡
Philosophy, Politics & Economics	
Physics	‡
Physics with Astronomy & Space Science	‡
Physiology	‡
Physiotherapy	**
Plant Biology	‡
Politics & International Relations	‡
Portuguese	
Psychology	*
Radiography	
Science	‡
Social Justice	‡
Social Policy & Sociology	*

Social Sciences (Two Subject Combination)	‡
Sociology	‡
Spanish	*‡
Sport & Exercise Management	*
Statistics	*‡
Structural Engineering with Architecture	
Sustainability with Environmental Sciences	
Sustainability with Social Sciences, Policy & Law	
Sustainability with Business & Economics	
Theoretical Physics	‡
Veterinary Medicine	***
Veterinary Nursing	
Zoology	‡

** denotes program of 6 year duration and apply through Atlantic Bridge

*** denotes program of 5 year duration, applications not accepted via Common App

Note: Some courses may be accessible through multiple programs and/or different combinations

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS

Diverse Degree Programs

North American students have the flexibility to choose their pathway to 70+ undergraduate degree programs at UCD through Direct Entry or Liberal Arts & Sciences. At UCD, there are no general education requirements.

Direct Entry

These streamlined degrees are well suited for students who know exactly what they want to study and wish to specialize directly upon entry to UCD. Most degrees are 4 years, while others may be completed in 3 years due to an extremely focused degree structure.

Liberal Arts & Science

The UCD Liberal Arts & Science program is a 4 year degree that mirrors the American educational system in that you are enrolled in the university and can delay declaring your degree path (major) for 1 or 2 years. In this way, you are offered the space and time to explore different areas of interest before settling on a degree of your choice after your first or second year at UCD.



I am so grateful that I chose the Liberal Arts and Sciences Program because it has helped me find the right fit by allowing me to explore various subjects as my interests evolve. I love the opportunity to take a diverse range of subjects, and I have had room in my schedule to take courses that help me learn about Ireland, such as Irish Language for Beginners, Modern Irish History, and a class that focused on ancient archaeological sites around Ireland.

I entered the program with the intent of studying architecture and music, but because I was able to explore other subjects, I found that English was the right fit for me. I have also enjoyed taking classes for my general knowledge, such as an art history class and philosophy. The Liberal Arts and Sciences Program allowed me to have the diversity and flexibility that comes with an American degree while still immersing myself in a new culture. It has given me knowledge of the world, myself, and my chosen areas of study.

Edith Weinstein
Minnesota
Liberal Arts and Sciences





Studying social sciences at UCD allowed me to choose from a diverse mix of courses which has made me a more well rounded student and person. My specific course, politics and international relations, allow me to learn from and beside people of diverse backgrounds. I've met many amazing people and created connections that will help me further my studies.

Ceara Ryan
Pennsylvania
Politics and International Relations



Engineering at UCD has been an incredible experience. Being able to see each individual stream of engineering in first year before choosing my discipline has allowed me to explore every option before making important decisions. I was hard set on Mechanical Engineering before I came, but then I found a new interest in coding and Electronic Engineering that I did not know I had.

The program has also allowed to explore new extracurricular programs and societies that I would not have been able to enjoy elsewhere. I have time for Gaelic Football, sea swimming, and assisting with the Engineering Society, among other things. The balance between the workload of Engineering, and time to explore other programs and clubs the program offers, has allowed for an incredibly rewarding 2+ years here.

Jack Coleman
New York
Engineering



I am in my final year of Cell & Molecular Biology and writing my fourth-year thesis on urea protein transporters in a brain with Alzheimer's Disease to characterise the disease pathology. This project is a perfect example of how Cell & Molecular Biology provides students with an extensive number of opportunities to undertake exciting research. At the moment, I am in the application process to undertake my PhD in Neurobiology.

Georgie Xistris-Songpanya
Wisconsin
Science (Cell & Molecular Biology)



LIFE ON CAMPUS

On-Campus Accommodation

Ireland's largest university campus, UCD is a vibrant student community with over 4,000 students living on a state-of-the-art campus only 5km from Dublin city center!

UCD seeks to guarantee first year non-EU undergraduate students on-campus accommodation, to those that apply and accept their offer by May 1st, as we recognize that you may need a little more support to help you get started at UCD.



Single room accommodation



Apartment style, complete with living area and kitchen



10 minute walk to the James Joyce Library



Res Life that helps foster a sense of community

On-Campus Facilities



Huge range of facilities including restaurants, cafes, a bookshop, bike shop, barber shop, post office, a bar, grocery store



Student Center facilities with 3D cinema, drama theater, debating chamber, radio pod, and more



Sport and Fitness Center with extensive range of amenities for students of all fitness levels



UCD Global lounge is the center of internationalization on campus and provides a "home away from home" to all students



SOCIETIES & CLUBS

Societies

Actuarial & Financial
 Agricultural Science
 Amnesty International UCD
 An Cumann Gaelach
 Arab
 Archaeology
 Architecture
 Arts
 Broadcasting
 Biological
 Chemical
 Chemical Engineering
 Chess
 Chinese
 Christian Union
 Classical
 Commerce & Economics
 Dance
 Drama
 Draw
 Economics
 Electrical & Electronic Engineering
 Engineering
 English & Literary
 Fianna Fáil

Film & Video
 Food
 French
 Games
 Geography
 Geological
 German
 Harry Potter
 History
 Horse Racing
 Horticulture
 Indian
 International Students
 Internet
 Investors & Entrepreneurs
 Islamic
 Japanese
 Jazz
 Juggling and Circus
 Law
 LGBTQ+
 Literary & Historical
 Livingstones
 Malaysian
 Mathematical

Mature Students
 Mechanical Engineering
 Medical
 Microbiology
 Music
 Musical
 Newman Catholic Society
 Nutrition
 One Health
 Pharmacology & Toxicology
 Philosophy
 Planning and Environmental Policy
 Politics and International Relations
 Psychological
 Science
 Science Fiction & Fantasy
 Sinn Féin
 Social Democrats
 Socialist Worker
 Spanish
 St Vincent de Paul
 Traditional Music
 TV
 Veterinary
 Volunteers Overseas

Clubs

American Football
 Archery
 Athletics (Track & Field)
 Badminton
 Basketball
 Boat
 Boxing
 Camogie
 Canoe
 Caving & Potholing
 Cricket
 Cycling
 Equestrian
 Fencing
 Field Hockey
 Gaelic Football

Golf
 Handball
 Hurling
 Judo
 Karate
 Lacrosse
 Lau Gar Kickboxing
 Mountaineering
 Ninjutsu
 Olympic Handball
 Orienteering
 Rugby
 Sailing
 Shaolin Kung Fu
 Snowsports
 Soccer

Soccer
 Sub-Aqua
 Surf
 Swimming & Waterpolo
 Table Tennis
 Taekwon-Do
 Target Shooting
 Tennis
 Trampoline
 Triathlon
 Ultimate Frisbee
 Volleyball
 Windsurfing



Key Dates

Applications open: 1 October

Priority deadline: 1 December*

Applications close: 1 July

*deadlines for clinical programs
may differ

HOW TO APPLY

Entry Requirements

- We accept but do not require ACT, SAT and AP for all subjects.
- We accept IB, French Baccalaureate and other international exams as well.
- Require High School Transcript

Step-by-Step Guide to Joining UCD



Direct Application

- Fill out the application form at www.ucd.ie/global/apply
- You may create up to four applications under one application fee
- Upload transcripts and/or copies of test scores (if applicable)
- Press submit; you will then receive a confirmation email which will include a list of required supporting documents in order for your application to be processed.

Please note that only complete and submitted applications with transcripts will be reviewed.

OR



- You may select up to four courses to apply to under one application fee on Common App
- Self report any test scores that you may have or indicate any exams that you plan to take

After submission, you'll receive your UCD SISweb application portal login instructions to the email you listed in your application



Checking your application status

- You can check the progress of your application and whether your documents have been received by logging in to your application account and viewing your application
- You will receive an automated email alerting you of a change in the status of your application when a decision has been made



Accepting your offer

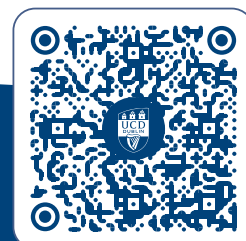
- Log in to your application account, accept your offer and pay the deposit (if appropriate). The deadline to take this step will be clearly stated on your offer letter.
- Your acceptance will not be recorded until you pay the deposit (if required)

UCD Professional Programs

UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science and UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Population Science (Physiotherapy BSc) only consider applications submitted via the Atlantic Bridge Program. Please reach out to Atlantic Bridge for Queries relating to the Medicine application process.

UCD Veterinary Medicine only accepts applications via the UCD Direct Application on the SISweb portal. Applications open October 1 and we recommend submitting your application by November 1.

* Please note that additional documentation and interviews may be required for these programs.



Scan QR Code to take you to our
entry requirements page!

FEES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

Tuition Fees

For up-to-date details of tuition fees by program of study including clinical programs and additional program costs, please check the UCD fees website: www.ucd.ie/fees

Degree Program Fees for 2023/2024 academic year

Arts, Humanities, Business, Social Sciences: €21,520

Sustainability: €24,610

Science, Engineering, Architecture: €27,720

Academic Merit Scholarships

International Student Scholarships

- 15% - 30% of tuition
- Automatically awarded at time of admission to qualifying students
- No additional application

Global Excellence Scholarship

- UCD's top award available to North American Students
- Highly competitive scholarship
- 50 - 100% of tuition
- Requires separate application and essay by February 1, 2024
- Only students who submit completed applications by the priority deadline of 1 December will be eligible to apply for the UCD Global Excellence Scholarship

Funding

- US Subsidized & Unsubsidized Direct Loans
- Direct PLUS loans
- G.I. Bill and V.A. Bill for some programs
- Private Loans are also accepted
- Canadian Provincial Loans

Accommodation at Belfield Main Campus

As a guideline, accommodation fees for the 2023/2024 academic year range from €5,625.52 - €11,626.70, depending on the type of accommodation.

Cost of Living Estimates

Living costs	Approx. Monthly Cost	1.15 USD Exchange Rate
Food (incl. lunches)	€360	\$414
Travel (student Leap card)	€30	\$35
Clothes / medical	€120	\$138
Mobile phone (excl. handset)	€30	\$35
Social life / miscellaneous	€160	\$184
UCD accommodation (Apartment Ensuite)	€1,030	\$1,185
Total	€1,730	\$1,990
Annual Cost (9 Months)	€15,570	\$17,906
Annual Tuition Fees	€21,520 - €27,720	\$24,748 - \$31,878
Total Cost of Attendance	€37,090 - €43,290	\$42,654 - \$49,784

This table gives a rough guide to the cost of living in Dublin per month (calculated using a general exchange rate of 1.15) based on non-clinical programs at UCD. The cost of living in Dublin depends on each student's individual needs. The estimates above do not include the cost of flights or insurance. You should also budget for any initial costs you will likely incur, such as short-term accommodation and the immigration registration fee of €300 (as of August 2023).

This is a rough guide only based on the median budget. For more information and guidelines on cost of living, view our Cost of Living page: <https://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/livingcosts/>



60 mins from UCD

Glasnevin
Cemetery
Museum

National
Botanic
Gardens

Croke Park

The
Spire

Phoenix
Park

Dublin
Zoo

North Side
of City

River Liffey

South Side
of City

Kilmainham
Gaol

Guinness
Storehouse

Temple Bar

Dublin
Castle

Book
of Kells

St. Stephens
Green

Jeanie
Johnston

Poolbeg

Aviva Stadium

US Embassy

Sandymount
Beach



75 mins from UCD to City Center



25 mins from UCD to City Center



20 mins from UCD to City Center



15 mins from UCD to City Center



N11 Entrance

Clonskeagh
Entrance

Dundrum
Town Centre

10 MINUTE CYCLE

20 MINUTE CYCLE



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Being able to easily access both the airport and the Heuston train station has allowed me to see famous sites in Ireland- such as the Cliffs of Moher in just a day, as well as travel to six different European countries during my first year at UCD. I am so grateful to be able to explore so freely and relatively inexpensively- such as my 34 Euro round trip ticket to London on Ryanair- and look forward to all the adventures that await in the years to come.

Ella Cheney
Washington D.C.
Sustainability

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Despite UCD being in the suburbs of Dublin, it has an incredible transportation system. There are many buses that come to or nearby UCD including the 24 hour-running 39a. These buses will bring you all around Dublin. If you want to leave the county, you could easily take a bus to a train, Luas, or Dart station that will bring you all over the country. Understanding how the transportation system works and getting a Leap card is key to getting the most out of your experience at UCD.

Margaret O’Riordan-Stamato
Massachusetts
Medicine

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