



Gaeltacht UCD

UCD Global Centre for Irish Language & Culture

Scoil Samhraidh UCD

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International Irish Language Summer School



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University College Dublin, Ireland



Cur síos ar an Scoil

Tá Scoil Samhraidh Ghaeltacht UCD dírithe ar dhaoine fásta in Éirinn agus thar lear ar spéis leo an Ghaeilge agus an cultúr Gaelach. Beidh sé oiriúnach freisin do mhic léinn atá ag déanamh staidéir ar an nGaeilge nó ar an Léann Éireannach san ollscoil, in Éirinn agus i dtíortha eile.

Beidh ranganna teanga ar siúl gach lá, Luan go hAoine, ó 9.30am go 1.00pm. Déanfar na ranganna seo a thairiscint ag cúig leibhéal éagsúla agus is ar an teanga labhartha is mó a bheidh an bhéim.

Beidh léachtaí ar siúl tar éis lóin, Luan go Céadaoin, ina ndíreofar ar ghnéithe éagsúla den Ghaeilge agus den chultúr Gaelach – an béaloideas, cuir i gcás, logainmneacha na tíre, an litríocht agus an amhránaíocht. Beidh deis ag na rannpháirtithe freastal ar leagan Gaeilge nó ar leagan Béarla de gach léacht; tabharfaidh an léachtóir an chaint i dteanga amháin ar dtús, ansin, tar éis sosa, sa teanga eile.

Clár Laethúil

9.30am – 1.00pm

Ranganna Gaeilge ag na cúig leibhéal seo: Bonnleibhéal 1, Bonnleibhéal 2, Meánleibhéal 1, Meánleibhéal 2, Ardleibhéal/Cruinneas

1.00 – 2.30pm

Lón

2.30 – 3.20pm

- Léacht i nGaeilge, e.g. faoi logainmneacha
- Léacht i mBéarla, e.g. ar an amhránaíocht traidisiúnta

3.30 – 4.20pm

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7.00 – 8.00pm

Imeacht Cultúrtha Dátheangach
Samplaí: Ceardlann damhsa; Léamh filíochta; Taispeántas scannáin agus agallamh poiblí leis an stiúrthóir

School Description

Scoil Samhraidh Ghaeltacht UCD is aimed at adults in Ireland and abroad who are interested in the Irish language and in Irish culture. It will also suit students, both in Ireland and abroad, who are studying Irish as a subject or undertaking an Irish Studies degree.

Language classes will be held each day, Monday to Friday, from 9.30am until 1.00pm. These classes will be offered at five levels and the emphasis will be on developing the participants' spoken language skills.

Lectures will take place in the afternoon, Monday to Wednesday, in which the focus will be on various aspects of the Irish language and culture – folklore, for example, placenames, literature and the singing tradition. School participants can choose to attend an Irish language version or an English language version of each lecture; the speaker will deliver the talk in one language and then, after a short break, he/she will give the same talk in the other language.

Daily Programme

9.30am – 1.00pm

Irish classes at these five levels: Beginners, Elementary, Lower Intermediate, Upper Intermediate, Advanced/Accuracy

1.00 – 2.30pm

Lunch

2.30 – 3.20pm

- Lecture in Irish, e.g. about placenames
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Bilingual Cultural Event

Examples: Irish dance workshop; Poetry reading; Film screening and public interview with the director.



Bí cinnte d'uirlis ceol a bhreith leat, beidh deiseanna ann seinm lena céile.

Remember to bring along any musical instrument you might play, there will be opportunities to play with other musical participants.



Céad Míle Fáilte

Tagann rannpháirtithe Scoil Samhraidh Ghaeltacht UCD ó gach aon tír, ó gach cineál cúlra agus ó gach aon aois ghrúpa. Cuirtear fáilte faoi leith roimh daoine níos aosta; athnítear go gcuireann an taithí saoil agus an taithí proifisiúnta atá acu go mór leis an Scoil agus le pobal na hollscoile trí chéile. Is cúis cheiliúrtha dúinn é nuair a roghníonn cainteoirí agus foghlaimoirí Gaeilge Scoil Samhraidh UCD agus nuair a bhaineann said taitneamh agus tairbhe as na cúrsaí teanga, as na himeachtaí cultúrtha agus as an gcomhlúadar. Táimid ag tnúth le buaileadh libh Meitheamh 2025, bígí cinnte de sin.

A Welcome for All

Central to the success of Gaeltacht UCD's Irish Language Summer School is the diversity of its participants. In addition to the traditional student cohort, the Centre is committed to recognising and supporting older people; who's experience, both personal and professional contribute greatly to the University, socially, culturally and economically. Wherever our diaspora is, it brings great pride to Ireland, wherever Irish speakers and learners are is a source of celebration for Gaeltacht UCD. We look forward to welcoming you to UCD, to hearing your story, learning from your experience and enjoying the language together.



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What our participants say:

I was very nervous coming to the summer school as a beginner from another country, but I was immediately put at ease by the warm welcome I received. Not only is the program amazing for language learning, but also for getting to have an amazing time with lovely people from all over the world. I can't recommend this program enough.

Kaylee Owen, Canada

An excellent and professional Gaeltacht course with friendly welcoming staff/teachers and a substantive and sophisticated variety of lectures and workshops on a beautiful campus. A wonderful week!

Patrick O'Donnell, USA

Arriving at UCD, I quickly discovered how warm and welcoming everyone was. From the clear communication beforehand to the friendly and inspiring teachers, who were not only knowledgeable but truly passionate about the Irish language and Irish culture – everything was organized with such care. Each day offered language classes in the morning, fascinating lectures in the afternoon and cultural workshops at night, creating a rich and well-rounded experience of Irish language and culture.

Anne-Pauline van der A, The Netherlands

Níl a leithéad ar fáil ar fud na cruinne/It's equivalent can't be found anywhere in the world!

Mairéad Ní Fhinn, Ireland

Being in an academic environment was a great opportunity for me as a beginner. As someone learning the language in the community in Ireland, the international connection in the University was important; I understood that I come to the language from a different context.

Gilmar Barbosa Souza, Brazil

The Gaeltacht in UCD is excellent, it is very well organised, those running it are very friendly and inclusive. The people on the course are from various countries and backgrounds, all very interesting. I did the elementary level as I had forgotten my Irish from school, I felt very included in the Gaeltacht, it was great fun.

Ruth McAdams, Ireland

I thoroughly enjoyed this experience, the warmth of the welcome was lovely and indeed the lovely bright atmosphere that pervades throughout the environment that made learning so much a pleasure. The classes were exceptional.

Marian Dwyer, UK

I felt I was immediately among friends; there was a positive and encouraging atmosphere. I would highly recommend this course to anyone learning Irish. It's a terrific opportunity to perfect your Irish.

Lorna Johnson, New Zealand

I found the afternoon lectures very good and our guide on the city centre historical walking tour was excellent. The musical/cultural activities were also very good.

Brigid Delaney, Ireland

I had a very positive experience at my first chance to attend the summer school, great teacher, great classes.

William Gaylord, USA

I had a wonderful week at the language summer school. The course for beginners was brilliant, it moved at a good pace, so I felt I really took it in, I wasn't left behind. I was also provided with helpful resources throughout. The lectures covered a good range of topics, and the evening activities were good; I really liked the atmosphere. I would highly recommend this course for anyone starting out who doesn't know where to go.

Nox McCarthy, UK

It was one of the best weeks I've had. The campus is lovely; it is easy to get transport to anywhere in Dublin. Great teaching and staff are very helpful. I will come again.

Lesley Vavoulas, UK

I really enjoyed my first visit to UCD. I have been to the Gaeltacht in Uladh, Corca Dhuibhne, and An Rinn, Port Láirge. I found this course excellent and intensive. I would love to come back.

Laurence Dowd, UK





Maidir le Gaeltacht UCD

Ionad Domhanda UCD don Teanga agus don Chultúr is ea Gaeltacht UCD. Déanann an t-ionad freastal orthu siúd ar fad ar mian leo teagmháil a bheith acu leis an nGaeilge. Déantar é seo trí réimse tionscadal a bhunú agus a riar a chuireann an teanga chun cinn go gníomhach ar bhonn laethúil. I measc na dtionscadal sin, tá cúrsaí teanga, scéim chónaithe Ghaeilge agus imeachtaí cultúrtha. Cuireann an t-ionad seirbhísí comhleoireachta agus aistriúcháin ar fáil chun tacú leis an reachtaíocht teanga. Cuireann an t-ionad fáilte faoi leith roimh mhic léinn agus baill foirne idirnáisiúnta, alumni agus lucht an diaspora.

Maidir leis an Ollscoil

Is é an Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath, Ollscoil Dhomhanda na hÉireann agus áirítear é i measc an 1% de na hinstitiúidí is fearr ar domhan. Beidh Scoil Samhraidh Ghaeltacht UCD ar siúl in Belfield, príomhchamps na hOllscoile atá lonnaithe i bhfearann páirce álainn 133 heicteár ina bhfuil cosán coille 9km agus linn snámha 50 méadar. Tá sé furasta lár chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath a bhaint amach ón gcampas.

Maidir le Gaelchultúr



Cuireann Gaelchultúr cúrsaí agus acmhainní foghlama Gaeilge ar an gcaighdeán is airde ar fáil, atá dírithe ar dhaoine fásta ar fud na cruinne a bhfuil spéis acu sa teanga. Tá sé mar sprioc ag an gcomhlacht seirbhísí den scoth a thairiscint d'fhoghlaimeoirí agus do chainteoirí líofa chun iad a spreagadh lena gcuid Gaeilge a fheabhsú agus a shaibhriú. Tá cúrsaí Gaeilge á reáchtáil ag Gaelchultúr timpeall na hÉireann agus cuireann a suíomh gréasáin ríomhfhoghlama, ranganna.com, deiseanna ar fáil d'fhoghlaimeoirí i ngach cearn den domhan cur lena gcuid Gaeilge.



About Gaeltacht UCD

Gaeltacht UCD is the University's Global Centre for Irish Language and Culture. The centre facilitates all those who wish to engage with the Irish language through initiating and managing a range of projects which actively promote the language on a daily basis. Its projects include language courses, an Irish language student residence scheme and cultural events. The centre also provides translation and advisory services to facilitate compliance with Irish language legislation. It has a particular warm welcome for international students and staff, alumni and diaspora.

About the University

University College Dublin, Ireland's Global University, is currently ranked within the top 1% of institutions worldwide. Summer School Gaeilge UCD will be based in Belfield, the University's main campus which is located in a beautiful 133 hectare parkland setting with a 9km woodland walkway and a 50 metre swimming pool. The campus is within easy access of Dublin city centre.

About Gaelchultúr



Gaelchultúr provides Irish language courses and learning resources of the highest quality, aimed at those with an interest in Irish worldwide. The company's goal is to provide first-class services that will inspire both learners and fluent speakers of Irish to improve and enrich their knowledge of the language. Gaelchultúr offers courses throughout Ireland and their e-learning website, ranganna.com, gives learners all over the world the opportunity to attain a higher standard of Irish.



Táillí / Áirithintí

Rogha 1 - Imeachtaí uile na Scoile gan lóistín: €330 (€310 do mhic léinn)

Rogha 2 - Imeachtaí uile na scoile, maraon le lóistín leaba agus bricfeasta (5 oíche le bricfeasta i gClub na hOllscoile san áireamh): €800 (€780 do mhic léinn).

Ar champas Belfield UCD a chuirtear an lóistín ar fáil, ón Domhnach go dtí an Aoine. Críochníonn an scoil ag 1.00pm Dé hAoine.

Tá roghanna eile le feiceáil ar www.ucd.ie/irish/ ga, lascaine do Alumni UCD, do bhaill UNA Europa, Universitas 21 & Gaeil Shasana. Chun áit a chur in áirithe ar an scoil, ní mór táille iomlán a íoc roimh ré ar líne.

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Fees / Bookings

Option1 - All Summer School activities, without accommodation: €330 (€310 student rate).

Option 2 - All Tionól activities with bed and breakfast accommodation (5 nights, Sunday to Friday including breakfast in the UCD University Club): €800.00 (€780 student rate). Accommodation will be provided on the UCD Belfield campus from Sunday to Friday. The school finished at 1.00pm on Friday.

Additional options including reduced rates for UCD Alumni, UNA Europa, Universitas 21 & Gaeil Shasana can be viewed on the booking page www.ucd.ie/irish/en To book a place on the school the entire fee must be paid in advance online.

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