

MSC visitor comments from 2015/16

The MSC has been an incredible support for me as an engineering student. It is an invaluable service and the tutors are a fantastic help! Huge gratitude to MSC for the hard work all year and I look forward to attending again in second year!

The MSC was very useful and allows students to improve their mathematical and problem solving ability in a friendly environment where someone is always willing to help. I really like the way that the tutors don't just tell you the answer, they make sure that you understand the approach. The MSC shouldn't be seen as just a service for students who are weak at maths. I was always pretty confident in my mathematical ability, I just needed a helping hand sometimes.

More! Pump resources into this invaluable support!

Any help I received was very helpful, everything was very well and efficiently explained by well prepared tutors, sometimes waiting times were a bit long!

I got a D due to low CA marks, the MSC actually made me pass in spite of it. Thanks again.

I cannot express how much the MSC has guided and supported my learning. I had very little mathematical skills upon starting my course as it is a long time since leaving school. I think the MSC is an invaluable resource at UCD and should only be expanded and developed for betterment of all relevant students. Without the help of the MSC I do not think I would have achieved the grades I did. I cannot sing its praises enough!

Brilliant and needed service. Helped me through tough modules in 1st year and allowed me to remember basic knowledge that meant I could do everything myself in 2nd year.

Before christmas I failed 3 of my 6 modules. I found it very difficult and then i discovered the maths support centre. All the tutors where extremely helpful and gave me a huge boost of confidence going into my final exams. I learnt 10 times as much in that centre as I did in lectures. ITS PERFECT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I think the maths support centre is an incredible resource and I valued it highly. I am very glad to have been introduced to it during the access course as I would most likely have been too intimidated to use it otherwise.

Really helped me with the aspect of the course I was struggling with, I would have definitely failed had I not gone to the centre.

The tutors are very approachable and very patient. They are a very important part of any module involving numerical or abstract reasoning and am very grateful of their time, skill and effort.

It is a really good service to have in college. It gives me confidence to know I can go there for assistance through my degree. The experience as a mature student with the approach taken to teaching maths at the centre is quite different from my school days where I was left feeling stupid. In second year we will be using maths a lot more in relation to Auto Cad and technical drawing/measurements for landscape plans etc so I hope to learn with the help of the Maths Support Centre.

Absolutely fantastic to have the MSC, I really think it is brilliant resource with excellent people involved

The MSC is an invaluable service that UCD provides, and I can say with confidence that this year would have been much more difficult without it! Overall, I was happy with the standard of the MSC and it's tutors, and I really cannot thank you all enough for the help and support you offered over the last year.

I am very grateful for the help the people give there and their dedication to show me where I went wrong. I also found working with other students in my class or even who were struggling with the similar issues who came there very good as we were working from the same level. Encouraging this class mate to class mate learning seems a good idea to me and it would also reduce the work of supervisors.

I used it a lot more in first year before I became close with others on the course. It was great to have something to rely on if I was stuck.

The MSC is an amazing service. I would never have passed my modules without it. It may need more input from Vet Sciences as the calculations are very different to the science subjects but I know a lot of my fellow vet med students struggle with the maths on certain modules. Maybe consider some group sessions for first years struggling with vet epidemiology that run concurrently with the module? Perhaps also consider doing the same for students struggling with the maths in second year vet nutrition? (diary and sheep nutrition calculations)?

I think it is a fantastic service and feel it should be implemented in more universities given that so many students feel discouraged by maths based modules.

The MSC is very good I wish I had of gone a bit more.

MSC is a great support, I honestly do not think I would have passed either of the two maths modules I had to take without the help provided and I ended up doing quite well in the modules as a result. Some tutors adopted an approach where they would help each student for five minutes or less at a time, which meant they could float about and help everyone, reaching the first people again very quickly. This was a much better approach than helping someone for fifteen or twenty minutes, as the queues built up and people are more inclined to leave rather than wait to receive help.

Great support for mature students. Anthony and Catherine gave fantastic support throughout the year to our access class. It is a great service for students struggling with maths.

The MSC was most useful for my studies and it was recommended to me by other mature students.

Earlier opening hours would have been great (before 10 am). Otherwise lifesaving support, for junior freshmen. Grateful customer!

I would consider the MSC to be a vital resource for anyone studying health, science or engineering.