What is exchange?

Agreement between two universities to exchange students on a non-fee basis.

Europe → Erasmus

Rest of the world → Non EU Exchange

500 Students/year
250 Universities
Why go on exchange?

**Academic**
- **Opportunity** to study at some of the best universities in the world
- Chance to spend time abroad while earning credits
- Improving and learning a language
- Take new/different/more specialised courses
- Experience
  - Sets CV apart from other applicants
  - International experience
  - Possibility of work experience/internship

**Career**
- Opportunity to live away from home
- Extra-curricular activities
- Multi-cultural experience
- Fun
- Friendship
- Travel
- Weather!

**Personal**
Where can I go?
## When can I go?

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When can I go? Yes/No: YES/YES/YES
Non-EU Exchange

Exchange places are available to students across the university.

How to apply?

Fill in online application at:
www.ucd.ie/international/exchange-programmes/

Any queries e-mail:
exchanges@ucd.ie

If you are…..
Agriculture: claudia.schmid@ucd.ie
Business: esther.sanz@ucd.ie
Law: claire.collins@ucd.ie

Application deadline:

University of California, University of Connecticut: Friday 15 January 2016
All others: Friday 29 January 2016
Non EU Exchange

• Main selection criteria = GPA

• Some partner universities such as: University of California
  University of Virginia
  University of Washington

Minimum GPA = 3.0

• Programmes with minimum GPA: Science: 3.0
  Engineering (provisional): 3.08 (minimum of C in core modules)

• Agriculture, Business and Law also have minimum GPAs. Please check with the relevant exchanges co-ordinator for information

• Need to ensure a mixture of students across disciplines

* Where individual programmes do not have a minimum GPA requirement, minimum GPA of 2.8 will apply at Stage 1 and Stage 2
Notification of exchange place from UCD International:

– **University of California/University of Connecticut**: Up to one week after the release of the provisional results from semester one of 2015/16
– **On a rolling basis until end of March** for remaining universities.

All students selected for an exchange place must:

– Get written academic approval for the courses they take while on exchange
– Complete the host university’s exchange application requirements
Erasmus

- Exchanges within Europe
- Funding available from European Commission
- Over 350 UCD students go on Erasmus each year
Most Erasmus exchanges are subject-specific.

Students are selected by School-based academic co-ordinators.

Once nominated by your School, you must complete the Erasmus online application form on your SIS web account.

Online form must be completed by 12 February 2016.

You should contact the co-ordinator in your School well in advance of this date.
There are a small number of open exchanges which are not limited to one School.

- Freie Universität Berlin
- Universita degli Studi di Roma III
- Université de Lausanne
- University of Nottingham
- University of Birmingham
- Lund University
- University of Glasgow
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Amsterdam
- Amsterdam University College

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You can apply to be considered for both Erasmus and non-EU exchange but if offered one of each must make a decision quickly as to which one to take.

Students on exchange pay fees as normal to UCD. No tuition/registration fee to host university.

Must take and pass full course load as agreed with your academic coordinator.

Science students must obtain a GPA equivalent to 2.48 while on exchange to be eligible to enter Stage 4.
Next Steps
You’ve been to a talk, you’re interested in applying for exchange. What next?

1. Research your options
   Look at the exchange universities available to students of your major.
   - **Language:** Are courses offered through English? If not, can you speak the language of country well enough to follow lectures, and do assignments and exams?
   - **Courses:** Make sure that a wide range of courses in your major are offered. Students outside of Arts & Social Science will be required to take equivalent courses to those offered at Stage 3 in UCD while on exchange. It is your responsibility to research that your course/subjects are available in the universities you put on your form.
   - **Location:** Would you like to stay closer to home and come back at Christmas? Would you be OK going further afield and not returning at all during the academic year? Would you like to live in a city, a small town, or a rural setting?
Next Steps

2. Calculate your finances
You need to start thinking now about how you will fund your exchange semester/year. All exchanges require students to self-fund all or most of it.

– Erasmus grant available for students going on exchange within Europe approximately €200 to €250 per month
– Only funding available for non-EU exchange partners is for Universitas 21 (www.universitas21.com) partners in Asia and Latin America (€500 per semester)
– US universities require students to show proof of funds when they apply to them for exchange (approx $18,000 per academic year depending on location)
– Approximate cost of living for non-EU exchange: €15,000 per academic year
– Approximate cost of living for Erasmus exchange: €9,000 per academic year
– Arts and Social Science students need to bear in mind that they will be adding a year to their degrees which means an extra year of costs including the fees normally paid to UCD
3. Apply

- For Erasmus Exchange: Apply through the Erasmus academic co-ordinator in your School
- For Non-EU Exchange and Erasmus Open Places: Apply online at: http://www.ucd.ie/international-going-abroad-with-ucd/exchanges/how-to-apply/
Further Information

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Website:
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Talks in the Global Lounge in October & November at 1.00pm:
• Thursday 19 November: General Exchanges talk
• Monday 23 November: General Exchanges talk
• Wednesday 25 November: Italian-language Exchanges
• Thursday 26 November: Study in the USA talk

Watch out for our pop-up Study Abroad Fairs around campus in November.