Graduate Studies Orientation 2008
2008 Schedule of events, highlights and activities
Welcome to UCD! Orientation is an essential part of making your new University experience a memorable one. This Orientation schedule provides you with a general overview of all the important events that you should attend during Orientation.

There are Computer Induction Courses and activities to acquaint you with the Library and the Sports Centre during Orientation – be sure to attend these. Also, don’t forget to check out the social events in our “Orientation Entertainments” section of the guide. We’ve planned some great events to give you the opportunity to make new friends and experience UCD in a more social environment.

Orientation is your first contact with UCD and your new friends and classmates for the years to come. It is a perfect opportunity to get to know each other and build friendships that will last the rest of your life. To help you get the most out of UCD, there are orientation events at School, Graduate School & University Level. Your school will talk to you directly about programme orientation. The following timetables outline when and where the Graduate School and University orientation events are taking place for both Taught & Research graduate students.

We look forward to welcoming you to UCD.

### Orientation Timetable: Graduate Research Programme

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<td>Wednesday October 15 2008</td>
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<td><strong>College Welcome:</strong> Professor Mary E Daly, Principal Introduction to Structured PhD: Dr. Marc Caball The Graduate School as a resource: Ms. Barbara Gannon Overview of Revised RPDP: Dr. Claire Rosten UCD Graduate Experience – the Student Perspective: Neil Johnston (School of History and Archives) and Niamh Ni Shiadhail (School of Irish Celtic Studies, Irish Folklore and Linguistics) Seminar Room UCD Humanities Institute of Irl. (HII)</td>
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<td>UCD Graduate School of Business &amp; Law</td>
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<td>Monday September 8 2008</td>
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<td><strong>Welcome &amp; Introduction</strong> Undertaking your PhD Tackling a literature review Formulating Research Questions RPDP Reception Pillar Room Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School</td>
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<td>Tuesday September 9 2008</td>
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<td><strong>Time Management &amp; Research Principles &amp; Skills</strong> Introduction to Quantitative Methods</td>
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<td><strong>Technology Orientation</strong></td>
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<td>Friday September 12 2008</td>
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<td><strong>Welcome from the Dean Reception</strong></td>
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<td>UCD Graduate School of Engineering Mathematical &amp; Physical Sciences</td>
<td>Thursday October 16 2008</td>
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<td><strong>Welcome &amp; Introduction</strong> Programme Overview - Staff Meet &amp; Greet Overview of Revised RPDP &amp; DSPs UCD Graduate Experience – the Student Perspective Engineering, Mathematical &amp; Physical Sciences</td>
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<td><strong>Welcome &amp; Introduction</strong> Programme Overview – Staff Meet &amp; Greet Registration &amp; Module Registration Research Skills and Transferable Skills Overview of Revised RPDP &amp; DSPs Room G213</td>
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<td><strong>Welcome &amp; Introduction</strong> Programme Overview Overview of Revised RPDP &amp; DSPs UCD Graduate Experience – the Student Perspective</td>
<td>Deirdre Carroll Tel: +353(0)1716 2633 Email: <a href="mailto:gs.lifesciences@ucd.ie">gs.lifesciences@ucd.ie</a></td>
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<td>Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Training</td>
<td>Thursday October 16 2008</td>
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<td><strong>Welcome Reception</strong> Guest Speaker: Professor Frank Gannon, Director General, Science Foundation Ireland Quinn Contemplative Room</td>
<td>Marian O’Connor Tel: +353(0)1 716 4044 Email: <a href="mailto:graduatstudies@ucd.ie">graduatstudies@ucd.ie</a></td>
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Orientation Calendar of Events: Graduate Taught Programme

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**STUDENT CARDS**
Student cards are available for collection from the 8th-26th September from the Student Centre in Astra Hall on the Belfield Campus. The Student Centre is open from 9am-5pm extended to 6:30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. To collect your student card after the 26th September please visit the student desk in the Tierney Building. For students in the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School, each programme has arranged a time for student card collection. Details will be sent to you directly from your Programme Manager.

**ATTENTION NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
New international students are invited to attend an Orientation meeting on Friday 5th September, at 2:30pm in the O’Reilly Hall. Meet the International Office staff, get helpful information about academic life at UCD and learn practical tips for living in Ireland. For students in the Michael Smurfit School, there will be an orientation event taking place on the 29th of August. For further information please contact your programme manager.

**MEET THE DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICE**
The Disability Support Service (DSS) provides advice and support to students with disabilities, including physical disabilities, long term medical conditions, sensory impairments or specific learning disabilities (e.g. dyslexia). Come and meet the DSS staff and learn about how they can support you during your studies at UCD. DSS Orientation talks will be held on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th of September, from 2 to 4pm in the Blue Room (2nd floor, UCD Student Centre). After each talk there will be an accessible tour of the campus.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOUR LIBRARY**
Did you know that you can borrow books & laptops in UCD Library? Find out more about our services and resources to support your learning. Visit the New Student Desk in the UCD James Joyce Library during orientation week, library staff will be available to answer any questions you have.

**STUDENT IT INDUCTION COURSES**
Get Connected and receive a FREE 4GB USB memory stick! Learn about getting started on UCD’s computer system and, most importantly, how to use UCD Connect. 30 minute Student IT Induction courses are available during Orientation week in the Daedalus Building. No need to sign up – just show up! All new 1st year graduate students attending will receive a free 4GB USB memory stick with a link to the 2008 Student IT Guide.

**CHAPLAINCY**
Why wait for Fresher’s week? Check out the Chaplaincy! There’s more to student life than studying! Stop by St Stephen’s Chaplaincy (opposite the no.10 bus terminus) for refreshments and information about events and unique opportunities during orientation week. The chaplaincy provides: UCD Volunteers Overseas, Spanish walking Pilgrimage, retreats, student Masses, faith development groups and more. So drop in to St Stephens Chaplaincy on Thursday September 4th and Friday 5th from 4pm to 6pm. More details at www.ucd.ie/chaplaincy.

**ALL WORK AND NO PLAY!**
A fun recreational programme is organised throughout orientation week featuring rowing competitions, archery boxercise, interactive sports games, climbing wall activities as well as a demonstration from the UK’s Rope skipping champions.
TUESDAY 2ND

Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th (10am – 6pm)
UCD STUDENTS’ UNION MARQUEE
Between The Student Bar & The Quinn School
Don’t forget to visit the Students’ Union marquee! Pick up your free SU Orientation Pack, Freshers’ Guide and meet your full-time elected officers (President, Ents, Campaigns & Communications, Education & Welfare).

WEDNESDAY 3RD

2.00pm
COMEDY DEBATE WITH LAW SOC
(SPECIAL GUEST RYAN TUBRIDY)
Astra Hall Student Centre

3.30pm
FECKARSE - THE SKETCH COMEDY SHOW
Astra Hall Student Centre
UCD Dramsoc is proud to present ‘FeckArse - the sketch comedy show’. This is the newest creation of FeckArse Productions, the group of talented young UCD comedians that wrote and performed the hugely successful ‘Father Ted - The Divinely Inspired Episode’. This brand new sketch comedy show which features six of UCD’s brightest and boldest comedic actors is being premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival from the 17th - 25th of August 2008. The show is a vibrant mix of slapstick, situation, dark, satire and musical comedy. Some of the sketches involve irate driving instructors, never say die lawyers and professional babies!

5pm
ORIENTATION BBQ
Between The Centre Club, The Student Centre
Enjoy a free BBQ to celebrate Orientation week. As you eat you will be entertained by the UK Rope Skipping Champions followed by music from a tribute band and the Ents DJs.

6pm
MOVIE “ONCE”
Theatre P Newman Building

WEDNESDAY 3RD (CONT.)

9pm
THE ESKIES & THE UCD ENTS DJS
The Student Club
The Eskies are a talented group of UCD graduates who have become a firm student club favourite over the past year, reaching the 2008 Battle of the Bands final and supporting Aslan on a number of their tours dates this year. The Eskies will be followed by the UCD Ents DJs banging out a collection of your favourite chart, hip-hop & electronic tunes.

THURSDAY 4TH

3.00pm
THE ARTS SOC 5 A SIDE SOCCER COMPETITION
The Astroturf 5-A Side pitches
The Sports Centre

6pm
FREE MOVIE - I AM LEGEND
Theatre P Newman Building

8.30pm
INUENDO
supported by Onya & The UCD Ents DJs
The Student Club
Inuendo are an entertaining and charismatic tribute act who cover material from artists such as The Counting Crows, Damien Rice & The Kaiser Chiefs. Once again the UCD Ents DJs will be banging out a collection of your favourite chart, hip-hop & electronic tunes after the band.

FRIDAY 5TH

14.30
DRAMSOC SHOWCASE
Astra Hall, The Student Centre
UCD’s most active student society do what they do best, with Edinburgh Fringe sketch comedy, stand-up performances, stage combat showcases and some surprises in store. Dramsoc will show audiences why they are winners of ‘National society of the year’ and twice winners of ‘Student society of the year’ in the last four years. Not to be missed.

6pm
MOVIE; “BOM BOM EL PERRO”
Theatre P Newman Building

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOUR TIME AT UCD!