Study Abroad in
IRELAND
University College Dublin
ABOUT

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS WILL EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING FROM ACADEMICS OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER WITH INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE.

WHAT IS STUDY ABROAD?
UCD’s Study Abroad programmes offer visiting undergraduate students a unique educational opportunity to participate fully in the academic and social life of Ireland’s Global University for a semester and/or full year of study.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME
Students should apply for the UCD Study Abroad programme in the academic area where they are taking the majority of their modules.
• Study Abroad students can take up to six modules (classes) per semester at UCD. The minimum number of modules that students can take at UCD is four modules.
• Study Abroad students have access to the full range of undergraduate modules available at UCD, subject to prerequisites, capacity and timetabling.
• Students have the option to register for four modules within their main programme and up to two modules from across the university.
• Students are pre-registered for modules before they arrive at UCD and have up to two weeks after the start of term to change their modules.

MODULE (COURSE) DETAILS
You can find module (course) details on the UCD online course catalogue at www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm.
Study Abroad students have the option to study stage one, introductory; stage two, intermediate; or stage three, advanced modules and stage four graduate modules in some academic areas with academic approval.

STUDY ABROAD STUDENT SUPPORT
The Study Abroad team provides outstanding support before students leave home, when they first arrive on campus and throughout their time at UCD. The support system includes:
• Pre-arrival support and information
• Cultural transition support
• Extensive orientation programme
• Housing assistance
• Cultural-social programme
• Regular meetings throughout the semester
• Ongoing personal and academic support

HOUSING
In most cases, UCD will place students in on-campus housing. On-campus housing is in shared apartments with single bedrooms www.ucd.ie/residences. Alternatively and by request, UCD Global facilitates students in proposing suitable off-campus housing in private rented houses and apartments in Dublin.

CULTURAL-SOCIAL PROGRAMME
One of the essential elements of the Study Abroad experience at UCD is for international students to fully understand and appreciate the richness of Irish society and culture. Our cultural-social programme will offer you the opportunity to learn about Irish culture through a series of excursions and field trips in Dublin and across Ireland.

UCD GLOBAL LOUNGE
The UCD Global Lounge is a vibrant and comfortable space that provides a place to support the efforts of globally focused student groups and organizations. Designed by students, for students, it is the perfect place to relax and make friends while on campus.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES
studyabroad@ucd.ie
Why Ireland?

CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE – a hundred thousand welcomes

One of Lonely Planet’s TOP TEN ‘world’s friendliest countries’

Ranked in TOP 12 WORLDWIDE in the Global Peace Index

COMPACT AND EASY TO NAVIGATE – visit all of Ireland’s hotspots from your base in Dublin

THE EMERALD ISLE – home to world-renowned landscapes and two UNESCO World Heritage sites

Why Dublin?

TOP THREE MOST VISITED capital cities in Europe

Regularly voted FRIENDLIEST CITY IN EUROPE by TripAdvisor

Thriving COSMOPOLITAN CITY

INcredible ARTS and performance scene

We’re all about THE CRAIC (it’s our word for fun!)

Dublin is a GATEWAY TO EUROPE with easy access to many European destinations

Why UCD?

IRELAND’S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

BROAD AND DIVERSE curriculum

TOP 1% of higher education institutes worldwide

Over 30,000 students, with 8,000 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

SAFE, MODERN CAMPUS with 24-hour security
SUMMER PROGRAMMES

BUSINESS SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business Summer Internship is an eight-week programme combining academic, experiential and cultural elements into a holistic curriculum designed to ensure the student has the most engaged, international experience possible. Two weeks of intensive academic courses book-end a six-week internship placement at a leading Irish or multinational company.

The intensive academic component is comprised of two courses; one core and one elective. The elective options currently include: Global Finance, Digital Marketing Communications, Responsible Management and Society.

Week 1: Orientation & courses at UCD campus
Week 2-7: Professional internship placement in Dublin, Monday-Thursday, approx. 32 hours/week
Week 8: Complete academic work and projects at UCD

HEALTH SCIENCES SUMMER SCHOOL

This programme has two options which consist of a two week taught tuition period and an option to spend a further two weeks when students will work in small groups with a mentor who has experience and knowledge of a critical component of the evidence based healthcare process including: Clinical Audit, Lean Methodology, Clinical Research Centres, Systematic Review and Clinical Trials Methodology.

Week 1-2: Orientation, Taught Classes, and UCD’s cultural-social programme on UCD campus.
Week 3-4: Mentor led group work to facilitate active student engagement with reflection on the complex processes and mechanisms by which evidence is translated into healthcare practice.

IRISH STUDIES SUMMER SCHOOL

UCD Irish Studies Summer School runs for two to four weeks in June. This School draws on the expertise in a range of disciplines including Irish history, culture and society. Topics are addressed in lectures by leading experts in that particular field. Along with field trips to museums and cultural sites, the Summer School offers a cultural and social programme of excursions and fun events for students to explore Ireland outside the classroom. This Summer School is designed for students majoring in a range of academic areas, who would like to earn credits within Arts & Humanities.

SPORTS STUDIES SUMMER SCHOOL

UCD Sports Studies Summer School runs for two to four weeks in June. This School is a unique international study experience for students from Sport and Health-related programmes. Students will gain insights on optimising an athlete’s performance, in addition to learning how a sports history and culture shapes how athletes participate and prepare for competitions. Along with lectures, workshops, and group activities, the School offers a programme of excursions and fun events for students to explore Ireland outside of the classroom. This Summer School is designed for students enrolled on a broad range of sport and health-related programmes e.g. sports studies, kinesiology, athletic therapy, physical therapy, sports psychology, nutrition, and medicine.
AGRICULTURE, FOOD & NUTRITION

• Only Irish university to offer a BAgSc degree – as a study abroad student you are required to take four core agriculture modules from an annually approved list of school modules from across all degree options.
• Excellent learning support facilities – including a purpose built food science building with dedicated food science labs and a sensory evaluation suite.
• Access to 220 hectare research farm – Lyons Estate.
• Study Abroad students to Agriculture, Food & Nutrition will be linked to a peer mentor who is a second or third year UCD Student.

Subject Choices

agandfoodprogrammes@ucd.ie

ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING

• Celebrated 100 years of Architecture Excellence in 2011/12.
• Professionally accredited architecture programmes.
• NAAB Substantial Equivalency status has been granted for the Master of Architecture Degree.
• Design studio ethos in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Planning.
• Option to take up to two elective courses from other academic programme areas.

Subject Choices
Study Abroad students have the opportunity to choose from several studio modules: 15-ECTS Design Studio module for students from architecture programmes; 10-ECTS Local Planning Studio for students from accredited planning schools and one of several Landscape Architecture studios which occur at every level of the curriculum.
eastudyabroad@ucd.ie

ARTS & HUMANITIES

• Offers a broad range of course options for students of any major.
• Take classes alongside degree-seeking students, as well as dedicated classes for visiting students such as Ireland Uncovered, Music in Ireland and Reading Irish Literature.
• Opportunity to take up to two elective courses from another academic programme area.
• Home to the UNESCO National Folklore Collection, the UCD Classical Museum, and resident performing choirs and orchestras; UCD Arts & Humanities is a bedrock of Irish culture.
• Some famous alumni from UCD Arts & Humanities include writers James Joyce and Emma Donoghue, actor Brendan Gleeson, and film director Neil Jordan.

Subject Choices
Art History, Celtic Civilization, Drama Studies, English, Film Studies, French, German, Greek, Greek & Roman Civilization, History, Irish, Irish Folklore, Irish Studies, Italian, Latin, Linguistics, Music and Spanish.

artsstudyabroad@ucd.ie

BUSINESS

• Ireland’s only internationally accredited business school – AACSB, EQUIS, AMBA.
• Unique learning support facilities – analytics lab with Bloomberg terminals, and collaborative learning spaces.
• Service Learning module – working with non-profit organisations for credit.
• Option to take up to two elective courses from other academic areas including Economics.
• The UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business offer a number of scholarships, worth €1,000, for students who are successful in the scholarship application process.

Subject Choices
Accounting, Banking and Finance, HRM & Employment Relations, Management, Management Information Systems, and Marketing.
quinnstudyabroad@ucd.ie

ENGINEERING

• Research and industry practice-linked teaching.
• Largest engineering school in Ireland offering the widest range of engineering disciplines.
• Professionally accredited engineering programmes.
• Unique research module offers students the opportunity to join a research group in their area of interest.
• Summer research/internship options between 4-16 weeks duration.

Subject Choices
Biomedical Engineering, Biosystems Engineering, Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Energy Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering.
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FRESHMAN STUDY ABROAD

• Freshman Study Abroad students are given greater flexibility than upperclassmen to enrol in stage one courses across the University (subject to timetabling restrictions).
• Entry requirements – high school GPA of 3.00.
• Freshman Study Abroad students are housed on campus.
• A range of customized activities and events are co-ordinated for first year international and local students which gives students the opportunity to make friends.

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LAW
- The UCD Sutherland School of Law is the only Irish Law School to be ranked in the top 50 Law Schools in the World by the Times Higher Education Subject Rankings, 2018.
- The School offers degree programmes in law as a stand-alone discipline or in combination with other disciplines including Business, History, Economics, Philosophy, Politics, Chinese Studies and Social Justice.
- Students on this study abroad programmes are introduced to legal skills such as case law analysis, legal writing, legal argument, debating, They may participate in mock court (mooting) competitions and negotiation competitions through student societies.

Subject Choices

See www.ucd.ie/law for more information.

NURSING, MIDWIFERY 
AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
- The UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems is a dynamic and internationally diverse School with a cutting-edge focus on research, education and global engagement.
- The nursing, maternal and global health courses which match courses on your home programme.
- Experience purpose built clinical skills centers, with interactive video equipment, library, computing resources and student resource rooms.
- Benefit from the School’s extensive network of health service partnerships and clinical practices at national centers of excellence.

Subject Choices
Study Abroad students may select from a comprehensive range of undergraduate courses.

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY
- Over 60 years of Physical Therapy excellence at UCD.
- Europe’s only Pre-Physical Therapy programme.
- Learn with Physical Therapy students in lectures, workshops and laboratory classes.
- UCD Pre-PT programme is for you if you plan on studying Physical Therapy as a graduate.

Subject Choices
Physiology, Functional Anatomy, Exercise Science, Massage, Biomechanics, Psychology of Sport and Health, European Health Care, Becoming a Health Professional.

PRE-VETERINARY
- Coordinated by the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science, in collaboration with the AVMA accredited UCD School of Veterinary Medicine.
- Access to the research farm: UCD Lyons Research Farm is the teaching and research facility operated by University College Dublin outside Newcastle, Co. Kildare. The farm consists of approximately 220 hectares and is an important resource for the Schools of Agriculture and Food Science and Veterinary Medicine.
- Study Abroad students will be linked to a peer mentor who is a second or third year UCD student.

Subject Choices

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY
- lawexchanges@ucd.ie

PRE-VETERINARY
- physio.therapy@ucd.ie

NURSING, MIDWIFERY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
- international.nmhs@ucd.ie

Subject Choices
Study Abroad students may select from a comprehensive range of undergraduate courses.
• UCD Science has the largest and most diverse science programme in Ireland.
• Unique research module offers students the opportunity to become active members of a research group in their area of interest.
• Pre-medical pathway for students on a pre-medical track.
• World class O’Brien Centre for Science.

Subject Choices

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• Experience a diverse range of course options that explore how human groups behave and investigate the development of societies – past, present and future.
• Opportunity to take up to two elective courses from another academic programme area.
• Join an Alumni network of Irish and Global Leaders.

Subject Choices
Archaeology, Economics, Geography, Information and Communications Studies, Philosophy, Politics and International Relations, Psychology, Social Justice, Social Policy and Sociology.

sport.studies@ucd.ie

• Study sport and exercise science and management in an international context.
• Choose from a wide variety of modules in sports science, sport and exercise management, and coaching.
• This is the Study Abroad for you if you seek a global dimension to your studies in Kinesiology, Exercise Science, Sports or Recreational Management.

Subject Choices

science@ucd.ie
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for any UCD Study Abroad programme, students should hold a GPA of 3.0 and submit their transcript as part of the application process.

APPLICATION PROCESS & DEADLINES
Students can apply for Study Abroad programmes directly online at www.ucd.ie/apply

Fall semester/full academic year deadline: May 1st
Spring semester deadline: October 25th