INFORMATION SHEET 2017/2018 INCOMING STUDENTS

UCD is a vibrant, modern University with almost 30,000 students including over 5,000 international students from 127 countries. It is Ireland's most popular University for international students.

UCD is situated on a spacious and leafy campus about 5 km to the south of Dublin city centre.



VISITING STUDENTS

EXCHANGE PARTNERS

450

+65

The **UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business** is the leading Undergraduate Business School in Ireland. It combines the excitement of University life with one of the most progressive education programmes in the world. At Quinn, students have access to superb range of facilities including technology enhanced classrooms, presentation studios, Deloitte Data Analytics Lab and collaborative workspaces.

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Information for incoming International students

can be found in the <u>International student</u> section of the Quinn School webpage and UCD Central International Office webpage.

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ACCREDITATIONS

The School is also the only Irish School to hold both the AACSB (International) accreditation and the top European accreditation, EQUIS. With our postgraduate college, UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business, holding the prestigious AMBA accreditation, we are the only Business School in Ireland and one of a small group of Schools worldwide to hold the 'Triple Crown' of Accreditation. The School is also a member of some key international networks such as PIM and GNAM and has fully subscribed to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management education.

















ACADEMIC INFORMATION



RELEVANT DATES

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEAD-

LINES: The deadline to receive nominations is 1st May for semester 1 and full year students and 1st October for semester 2 students. Online application instructions are forwarded via e-mail to students upon receipt of official nominations. The deadline to complete the process is 15th May for semester 1 and full year students and 15th October for semester 2 students.

TERM DATES: www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm
Semester 1 Teaching Term: 11^h September—1st December 2017. Exams: 11th to Friday 22nd December 2017.
Semester 2 Teaching term: 22nd January-27th April 2018. Exams: 8th to 19th May 2018.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS: A Business orientation session as well as many other activities and social events organized by UCD International Office take place during the week before the start of each semester.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language of instruction: English. Students are expected to have adequate English language skills to follow lectures and take examinations through English while in UCD.

English language guidelines can be found on the UCD Admissions webpage. (IELTS 6.5/ TOEFL 600. A min score of 100 in internet based TOEFL)

<u>Very important!</u> Students who need to apply for a visa must check with the relevant Embassy to see whether an English language certificate is required as part of the visa process.

English and other foreign language modules are offered by **UCD Applied Language Centre**. Each language module is worth SECTS credits.



CREDITS AND GRADING

UCD uses the European Credit Transfer System. Modules are generally worth 5ECTS credits each. A full semester work-

load is equivalent to 30ECTS credits. Erasmus/ Exchange students can take a maximum of **30ECTS credits per semester**. They can also take less than 30ECTS if allowed by their Home University. Four modules is the minimum in order to be considered full-time for immigration purposes. Students may choose from a range of over fifty modules. These modules are from the third and second year of our Bachelor of Commerce Degree Programme (BComm). Further academic information can be found in the <u>Quinn School</u> webpage.

Examinations and UCD grading system: Exams take place at the end of each semester. Repeat examinations are available at the end of the following semester. Information about UCD grading system and UCD examinations can be found on the **UCD Assessment webpage**

Passing grades: A, B, C, D. Passed modules can't be repeated.



IT REQUIREMENTS: Lochlann Quinn School of Business operates a compulsory laptop policy. Further details are sent upon application.



LIVING IN IRELAND

VISA and IMMIGRATION: Students should check



the <u>Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service webpage</u> for full details on application procedures and to see whether you require a visa to

study in Ireland. You should also check out the website of the <u>Irish Department of Foreign Affairs</u> for details of the Irish Embassy attached to your country.

Registering with Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB): All non-EU/EEA students must register with the GNIB after they have registered with UCD and before the stamped date on their passport. GNIB will issue you with a residence permit/GNIB card. The fee for this card as of 2016 is €300. Further information is available in the Immigration section of UCD International Office webpage.



LIVING EXPENSES: Monthly estimated budget: € 668 without accommodation or insurance. For further information please visit

UCD International Office webpage.

WORKING IN IRELAND:

EU/EEA Nationals have the same entitlement to take up employment as that of an Irish person.

Non-EU/EEA Nationals: Students who are attending a full-time course of one year's duration are entitled to seek employment on a casual basis. Casual employment means you can work for 20 hours per week during term time or full-time (up to 40 hours) during normal college holidays. One semester students cannot seek employment. For further information, please visit the Working in Ireland section of the UCD International Office webpage.



HEALTH INSURANCE:

EU Nationals in possession of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to public health services in Ireland.

Non-EU Nationals: UCD doesn't arrange health insurance for students. You can purchase insurance in your home country, however you will need to ensure that it is valid in Ireland and in any other countries you plan to travel to. GNIB require that your health insurance must cover you up to €25,000 for in-hospital treatment. Further information is available in the Health section of the UCD International Office webpage.





CLUBS AND SOCIETIES: There are over a hundred <u>clubs and societies</u> registered with the Students' Union ranging from sports to academic interests ie: Erasmus Student Network UCD, International Students' society etc.

ACCOMMODATION:

On campus accommodation is available at both the Belfield and Blackrock campus. UCD has set aside a large proportion of on-campus rooms for international students. However, places are limited and we regret that we are unable to guarantee accommodation to all international students. Please check UCD Residences webpage for on campus and off campus accommodation information.

UCD STUDENT LIFE

CAMPUS FACILITIES STUDENT SERVICES AND SUPPORT

While on campus, students have access to a wide range of services and facilities including:

- UCD Global Lounge
- State of the art <u>Student Centre</u> with a cinema, theatre, debating chamber, a pharmacy
- Excellent <u>sporting facilities</u>, including an Olympic sizepool, gym, climbing wall, courts, halls and pitches
- Restaurants and Cafes
- Post Office & Bank Services
- Student Advisers and Student Health services