



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

Be smart and invest in your future

UCD International
Study Centre



Why Ireland?

Ireland is the perfect place for international students. Exciting employment opportunities, a rich cultural heritage, stunning scenery and famously friendly locals make it a magical place to live and study. It also has one of the world's most vibrant capitals, which is where you'll find the International Study Centre.

- An English-speaking country located on the western edge of Europe
- Third-largest island in Europe and the twentieth-largest island on Earth
- Member of the EU
- Population 4.5 million
- Ireland is ranked in the 10 best educated countries in the world and leads in the skills race with a higher percentage of 3rd Level Graduates than UK, US and OECD averages



Why Dublin?

Top 10

City to visit
(Lonely Planet, 2016)

Dublin combines the feel of a friendly village with the buzz of a big city. The capital is ranked among the **top 40 cities in the world for students**,* and is a top tourist destination.

- Ranked among the **top 40 best student cities** in the world (QS Best Student Cities, 2018)
- 4th UNESCO City of Literature
- National Geographic named Dublin as one of the **best places to visit in 2018** (National Geographic, 2018)
- Ranked **10th safest country** in the world by Global Peace Index 2017.
- Some of the **biggest businesses** in the world are based in Dublin, including Facebook, Amazon, Google and Twitter



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Dublin is an extremely friendly and safe city. It is a young, vibrant city with great culture and lots of activities to do. It is somewhere that a student has the ability to bring him or herself out in their best colours. Dublin and its people have given me the opportunity to thrive as an individual.”

Robin, Zimbabwe

Studied International Foundation Year in Science, Engineering and Biomedical Sciences.
Graduated with BSc (Hons) Sports and Exercise Management.



Why Dublin?

**One-year
work visas**
for international
graduates

Dublin is considered the home of **global business**, in 2017 it was ranked the 4th best place in the world to do business and one of the best cities in the world for start ups (Forbes, 2017).

- World-class education meets global business
- Ireland has been ranked the world's third most globalised economy in terms of GDP & the most globalised nation in the western world (Ernst and Young Index, 2013)
- Ireland was the third most 'digitally engaged' country in 2016.
- Ireland is ranked in the top 20 by the World Bank for ease of doing business in 2016 (Doing Business, 2016)

Why Dublin?

Financial Institutions



Over 1,000 multi national companies have head quarters in Ireland inc technology, pharmaceutical, financial and management companies

Pharmaceutical Corporations



United States investment into Ireland is greater than into Brazil, Russia, India and China combined

Internet based companies



The European headquarters capital – Native English speaking & uses the Euro

Ireland's top industries



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Ireland has one of the **highest percentages of graduates** in science, maths and computing in the EU - IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook, 2016

Ireland is home to **nine of the top 10** biggest software companies, including Facebook, Amazon, Google, Apple and Twitter



Medical technology

18 of the world's **top 25** medical technology companies have operations in Ireland

- Irish Medtech Association, 2017

Generates €12.6 billion of exports to over 100 countries worldwide every year

- Irish Medtech Association, 2017



Finance

1st in the world for Finance Skills -

IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook, 2016

Home to **25 of the world's top 50** banks - Enterprise Ireland, 2017



Agriculture

Contributes €26 billion to the economy - Food Drink Ireland, 2017

€11.15 billion worth of exports in 2016 to over **180 countries** - Food Drink Ireland, 2017

Over 230,000 jobs linked to the agri-food sector

- Food Drink Ireland, 2017



Pharmacy

Ireland is the **largest net exporter** of medicines in the EU - Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association, 2017

9 out of the top 10 largest pharmaceutical companies in the world are based in Ireland - Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association, 2017

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Opportunities for graduates

Students can stay in Ireland after their degree and work for one year in the European headquarters capital for technology, pharmaceutical, financial and management companies.

During Studies:

Full-time student of any nationality, you are entitled to work in Ireland:

- up to 20 hours per week in term time
- up to 40 hours per week outside of term time

UCD's Career Development Centre

- A supportive centre connecting students to top employers in Ireland and abroad.
- Help preparing your CV, finding a summer internship or starting your first job after graduation.
- UCD helps to arrange placements, you will be asked to pick four companies from list of employers that you will submit their CVs to

In Dublin, you have the best of both worlds. There is such a great pool of high-calibre graduates and professionals that it's easy to find the talent the company needs."

Olesja Darnopiha
Head Coach and Team Leader
for Inside Sales at IBM

Work placements and internships also form part of the curriculum on many of UCD's degree programmes.

The University has previously arranged opportunities with companies like KPMG, L'Oréal, IBM, eBay, Skype, Deloitte, and Microsoft.

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After Studies:

After graduation students can remain in Ireland to take advantage of the fantastic work opportunities available.

Ireland is unique in being the only English speaking European country offering post study work visas to international students.

Non-EU/EEA citizens are eligible for the Third Level Graduate Scheme, which allows successful graduates the opportunity to remain in Ireland for 12 months to seek employment.

To apply, visit the GNIB with documentary evidence of exam results in addition to the usual requirements for renewal of a GNIB card.

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Student%20Pathway>

http://www.icosirl.ie/eng/about_icos/publications/2009_icos_employment_leaflet.pdf

With 14,500 new jobs being created over the next five years, Dublin is a fantastic city to kick-start your career

University College Dublin

University College Dublin

University College Dublin (UCD) is ranked among the best universities in the world. It's the most popular choice for international students studying in Ireland. Founded in 1854, UCD is one of the country's oldest universities. It's also its largest, offering a diverse range of degree programmes.

University College Dublin (UCD)

- UCD is within the top 1% of higher education institutes worldwide and is a world Top 200 University (QS World University Rankings, 2018)
- Largest and most international university in Ireland
- Located in Dublin, Ireland's capital city
- Founded in 1854 – one of Ireland's oldest universities
- Largest urban campus in Europe (350 acres)
- Safe, modern campus with 24 hour security
- Extensive accommodation options and cutting-edge sports and campus facilities



Life on campus

On campus from day one

Take advantage of all the UCD facilities including:

- An Olympic-sized swimming pool
- 3D cinema
- 600-seat auditorium
- TV studio
- The National Hockey Stadium
- 17 natural grass sports pitches
- Climbing wall
- Drama theatre

Live on campus in one of the **six** UCD residences



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UCD has clubs and societies to help students meet each other. They have lovely lakes in front of the colleges. It's a really calm place. I also like sports centre. It has great facilities, like the Olympic swimming pool, and sports and fitness classes. I'm enjoying my time on campus.

Ali, Saudi Arabia

Studied International Foundation Year in Engineering and Sciences

International Study Centre

UCD International Study Centre

The **UCD International Study Centre (ISC)** is the perfect place for overseas students to begin their studies. We are based on campus so you will be fully immersed in university life from the moment you arrive.



UCD International Study Centre

For students taking the ISC route, the benefits are far reaching:

Expert teachers who understand international students provide a university style experience (lectures, seminars, tutorials and self-study projects) in a safe learning environment (small classes, individual attention and regular assessment).....

Students gain:

- support and guidance to speak, read and write in English
- knowledge to research, write and present information in academic English
- confidence to become independent and successful
- experience of living and learning in the exciting city of Dublin
- new friends from all around the world

Our **International Foundation Year** pathway provides all the support and guidance you need to ensure you get the best from your degree – from application through to graduation.



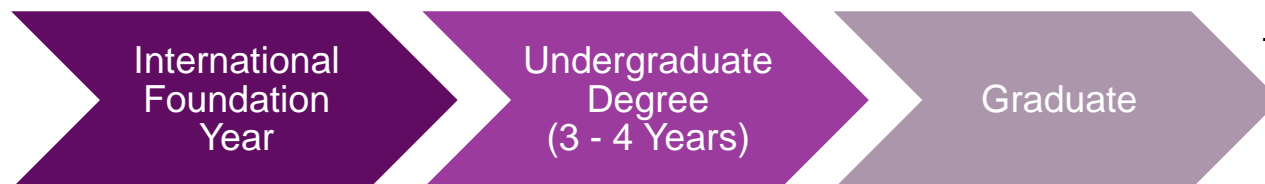


International Foundation Year

Providing preparation for entry to the first year of undergraduate study at University College Dublin

International Foundation Year options:

- Business, Economics and Social Sciences **€16,970**
- Engineering and Sciences **€18,520**
- English Language Preparation **€3,600 per term**



Key facts

- 3 terms
- September or January entry
- Entry from IELTS 5.0 or equivalent
- Or have a TOEFL Score of Listening 15, Reading 13, Speaking 18, Writing 15
- English Language Preparation (ELP) available from IELTS 4.0 or equivalent

2018/19 tuition fees are valid from 5 January 2018 for students who apply after this date, and are in €.

Progression degrees

Business, Economics and Social Sciences

3 years

Bachelor of Commerce*
 City Planning and Environmental Policy
 Economics
 Economics and Finance
 Social Policy & Sociology

* Students can specialise in one of the following:
 Accounting, Human Resources Management,
 Management and Innovation, Marketing,
 Management Information Systems, Banking and
 Finance.- final year

4 years

Actuarial and Financial Studies
 Law
 Business and Law
 Social Science^

^ Students can specialise in one of the following:
 Computational Social Science, Economics,
 Mathematics & Statistics, Landscapes & Society,
 Philosophy, Politics & Economics

Up to €5,000 scholarships available (TBC for 2019 intake)

Bcom: 1 year internship (22-24000 euro per year) – with internship it will be 4 years
 Economics and Finance: Most of students get a job as highly competitive programme (New York and London etc)

Progression degrees

Engineering and Sciences

Health sciences-related degrees (4 years)

Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences

Food Science

Human Nutrition

Radiography

Health and Performance Science

Sports and Exercise Management

Agriculture and Food Science Related Degrees (4 Years)

Agricultural Science

Food Science

^: 95% of Mechanical Eng students get a job before graduation

- Many of them offer 6 month internship/paid

Architecture and engineering-related degrees (4-year BEng, or 3-year BSc + 2-year MEng*)

Architectural Science

Biomedical Engineering

Biosystems Engineering

Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering

Civil Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Electronic Engineering

Energy Systems Engineering

Mechanical Engineering^

Landscape Architecture

BSc Structural Engineering with Architecture

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Progression degrees

Engineering and Sciences

Science-related degrees (4 Years)

Science (common entry) with the following specialisations:

Applied and Computational Mathematics
 Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
 Plant Biology
 Cell & Molecular Biology
 Chemistry
 Chemistry with Biophysical Chemistry
 Chemistry with Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry
 Computer Science^^
 Environmental Biology
 Genetics
 Geology
 Mathematical Science
 Mathematics
 Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology

Microbiology
 Neuroscience
 Pharmacology
 Physics
 Physics with Astronomy & Space Science
 Physiology
 Statistics
 Theoretical Physics
 Zoology

Up to €5,000 scholarships available (TBC – 2019 intake)

Early Oct: job fair for Science and Eng students only

^^ Computer science: 90% get a job with 35000 euro per year

Biggest Science building in Ireland

NO UKVI!

The visa process

UKVI rules don't affect students wanting to study in Ireland

No progression rule issues

Students do not need an IELTS for UKVI

Useful links:

Apply online

<https://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/VisaTypeDetails.aspx>

INIS website

<http://inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Following%20your%20Application>

Locate your nearest Embassy

<https://www.dfa.ie/embassies/irish-embassies-abroad/>

Who needs a visa?

Most international students (non-EEA) will need a visa to come to Ireland. However, there are a number of countries whose nationals do not require a visa to travel to Ireland e.g. Malaysia, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa. See page 5 for the complete list. Students can check if they need a visa on this page: inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa

The application process

To start the application, all students must complete the Online Application Form on the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) website: visas.inis.gov.ie. An application can only be processed when the online form is completed and submitted. After that, students will need to compile the following (see page 2 for further details of visa application documents required):

Further information about each requirement for students studying is available at: inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/pages/study

- Signed and dated summary of the completed online application form (with visa application fee)
- Four recent passport-sized colour photographs
- Current passport (valid for 12 months after your arrival date in Ireland), and a copy of previous passports, if applicable
- Letter of application purpose
- Letter of acceptance from the institution
- Education gap explanation
- Evidence of course fee payment
- Evidence of academic and English ability to follow the course
- Evidence of sufficient funds
- Proof of private medical insurance

All documents outlined above must be sent to the local Irish Embassy/ Consulate/ Visa Office (See back page for the nearest location of an Irish Embassy/ Consulate/ Visa Office).

If there is no Irish Embassy or Consulate in the country, visa applications should be sent to:

The Visa Office
Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service,
13-14 Burgh Quay,
Dublin 2, Ireland

Processing time

Please allow a minimum time of 8 weeks for student visas to be approved. The Visa Section will endeavour to assess the applications as soon as possible.

Applications are processed in date order. For more information, please check: inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/pages/study

You can follow your application online as it is processed if you are going through The Visa Office (13-14 Burgh Quay) by visiting the INIS website inis.gov.ie

Important websites

www.visas.inis.gov.ie

This is the visa application portal where online applications must be made.

www.inis.gov.ie

The INIS website gives detailed information on student visas, the application process and rules regarding studying in Ireland. A comprehensive guide to completing the online visa application form is also available on the website in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Turkish and Urdu.

www.dfa.ie

The website of the Department of Foreign Affairs also has visa information and contact details for all Irish Embassies and Consulates.

The required documentation details

Signed summary application form (already filled in online) providing full details of the student's previous education.

Passport Valid for at least 12 months after your proposed date of arrival in Ireland.

Photographs 4 colour passport photographs

Application fees Single - journey €60 and Multiple - journey €100. If applying for a Long Stay (D) visa to study, the student should apply for a Single Journey only.

Details of any previous visa applications for any country and visa refusal letters if applicable.

Letter of Acceptance from recognised Irish school/ college/university confirming and specifying acceptance on a course of study. The letter should confirm the amount of fees payable and fees paid for the course. Study Group's Certificate of Enrolment and Letter of Acceptance will provide proof of this.

Evidence of student's academic and English language ability Such evidence will include exam results AND qualification certificates AND English certificates. While not a mandatory requirement, it is recommended that all applicants undertake the IELTS test, and provide the original certificate with their visa application. Other acceptable certificates will be those from an internationally recognised test such as TOEFL, Cambridge, ETAPP or Pearson. Study Group Student Admission Advisers will confirm if the student's ability meets the entry requirements for the ISC programme before offering a place.

Evidence of course fees paid i) a copy of an Electronic Transfer of Funds from the applicant to the Irish Bank of the college/ valid receipt showing course fees lodged to an approved student fees payment service. ii) Letter of Acceptance confirming the paid course fees.

Course fees must be paid in full if less than €6,000 or if the course fees are in excess of €6,000, at least this amount must be paid prior to applying for the visa.

Evidence of private medical insurance Study Group advises students to take StudyCare Plus Insurance or provide proof of other cover.

Evidence of finances Students studying in Ireland for at least 6 months must provide bank statements covering a 6 - month period immediately prior to their visa application showing immediate access to at least €7,000 and ready access to an amount of at least €7,000 for each subsequent year of studies in addition to the course fees of each of those years. €7,000 is the estimated cost of living in Ireland for a student for one academic year.

The bank statements must show full contact details of the bank – name, full address, telephone number and include the name and address of the account holder and the account number.

If the student is sponsored by another person, then details of the relationship is required. Evidence of ready access may include the sponsor's employment letter with contact details of the employer – name, address and landline phone number and 4 recent payslips.

More information is available at www.citizensinformation.ie

For the latest details please visit inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Study



Download the 2018
UCD VISA Guide.
Asset library ID:
116113
or contact your
StudyGroup
representative

Accommodation

The **UCD halls of residence** offer comfortable apartments and catered accommodation across several locations on and off campus. Living alongside other students will be a memorable part of your undergraduate experience and an opportunity to make lifelong friends.



Accommodation

Your home away from home

The six UCD residences are all located on the main Belfield campus, within easy reach of University facilities and the International Study Centre

On-site services

- Wireless Internet
- On-site maintenance team
- Launderettes
- A gym and social spaces
- On-site residence assistants and security
- 24/7 resident support

Off campus accommodation is also available. For more information visit : ucdisc.com/accommodation



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I live on campus, it's the most peaceful and quiet area of the whole campus and my flatmates are really cooperative”

Maryam, Saudi Arabia

Studied International Foundation Year in Engineering and Sciences



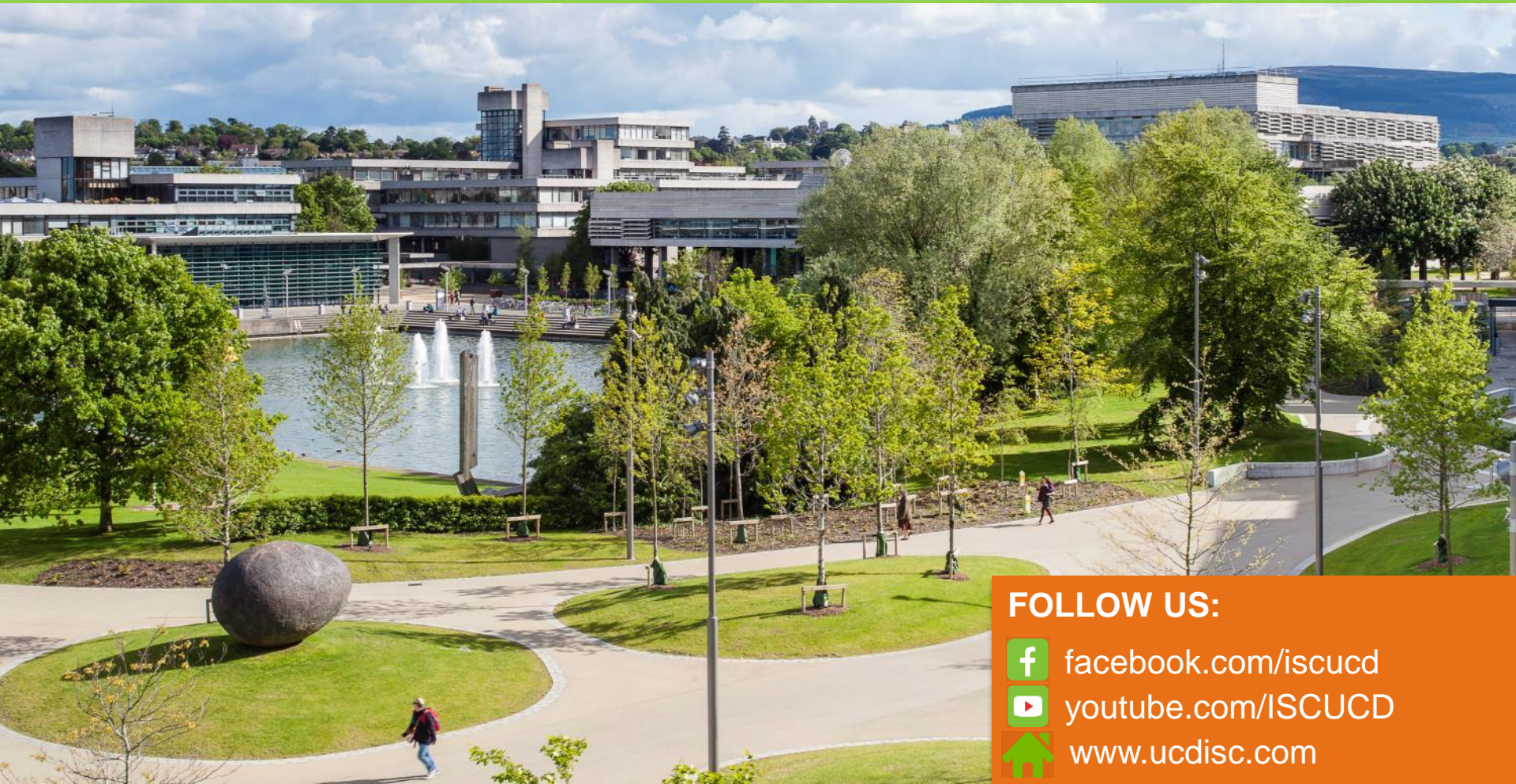
Why is Dublin the smarter choice for international students?

- It's a city of opportunity, home to top multinational companies and offers excellent career prospects
- The post-study work visa allows students to stay and work in Ireland after graduation
- Dublin is a lively, welcoming capital city with an international population that continues to grow
- Quality Education in an international environment (especially in Business, Science, Engineering & Architecture)
- UCD ISC is now on campus & continue to offer a broad range of progression options
- Scholarships are available



THANK YOU

Any Questions?



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