

University College Dublin



1 full year or 3 one term positions

Location: Dublin, Ireland

About the City: Dublin is the capital and largest city in Ireland, near the midpoint of Ireland's east coast, at the mouth of the River Liffey and at the centre of the Dublin Region. Founded as a centre of Viking settlement, the city has been Ireland's capital since medieval times. Dublin is special, a place where tradition and cultural heritage have merged seamlessly over the centuries to create an atmosphere simply unique to Dublin.

About the University: UCD is a vibrant, modern university situated on a spacious and leafy campus some 3 miles to the south of Dublin city centre. For students, both Irish and international, it is a supportive and stimulating environment in which to spend a period of intellectual and personal development. UCD offers a lively campus community in which to live and study. The University has modern buildings and first class academic and sporting facilities. It has a busy extracurricular life and students are encouraged to become actively involved in the wide range of social, cultural and sporting activities available. UCD today is a research-intensive university striving to advance knowledge through cutting-edge research and to communicate knowledge through excellence in teaching within a creative and collegial environment.

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Academic Information

Language of Instruction: English

Semester Dates: Semester One
6 September – 17 December 2010

Semester Two
17 January – 14 May 2011

Notes: There is an orientation week for incoming international students the week before classes start each semester. The exam process (grading, grade entry, processing, program boards) finishes for Semester 1 on January 14th, 2010 and for Semester 2 on Friday, May 27th, 2011.

Full Course Load per year/per semester:

UCD uses a credit system. Full-time students generally take modules (courses) totaling 60 credits per year/30 per semester. Each module has a different credit value; most are 5 credits.

Grading System:

Grade (%)	Standing
70 and above	1 st class
60 – 69	2 nd class (I)
50 – 59	2 nd class (II)
45 – 49	3 rd class
40 – 44	Pass
39 and below	Fail

General Information:

General undergraduate information is available in UCD's online **prospectus**. The general 'student life' section is available online here:

http://www.ucd.ie/prospec/2008/1_UCD_Prospeducts_2008_Student_Life.pdf

Course Information:

There are individual sections in the **prospectus** for the different programs the university offers. These can be downloaded here: <https://myucd.ucd.ie/admission/prospectus.ezc>

Information on specific programs and courses can be found here:

https://myucd.ucd.ie/program/program_info.ezc

Application Submission Dates: Semester One or Full Year
May 31st

Semester Two
November 1st

Travel and Residence Information

Accommodation: UCD has set aside some 600 on-campus rooms for international students. Before trying to book accommodation online through the Accommodation Office website (<http://www.ucd.ie/residences/>), international students should check first on availability with individual co-ordinators. If you are a visiting non-EU exchange student, you must contact your exchange co-ordinator. Email **Ruth Redahan** (ruth.redahan@ucd.ie) of the International Office.

Cost: The cost of living in Dublin can be high, although it very much depends on each student's individual needs.

Below is an Estimate of a Monthly Student Budget, followed by expected costs of some personal expenses in Dublin.

Expense	Cost (€ EUR) per month	Cost (\$ CDN) per month
Accommodation (off-campus)	500	760
Food	300	460
Electricity	20	31
Heat	20	31
Academic supplies (i.e. books, stationary, etc.)	100	154
Personal expenses (i.e. clothes, entertainment, etc.)	250	384
TOTAL	1190	1832

***Please note: Current costs at the time of publication, where \$1 CDN ≈ €0.65 EUR ***

** Accommodation On-Campus must be paid in 2 instalments, in September and in February, but works out at approximately €400 per month for undergraduate students. Please note that prices are subject to change.

Suggested Food and Personal expenses in Dublin are listed below (in € EUR):

Food	Cost (€ EUR)
Milk (1 L)	1.22
Bread (loaf)	1.88
Butter (500 g)	1.80
Sugar (1 kg)	1.55
Coffee (200 g)	3.99
Tea (160 bags)	5.59
Coca Cola (2 L)	2.00
Big Mac Meal (medium)	7.00

Personal Expense	Cost (€ EUR)
Train or bus ticket (monthly)	82
Second-hand bike	60 – 100
Movie ticket	7 – 8
Sporting event ticket	6 – 25
Haircut	15 – 35

Passport: Required. For more information, see 'Canadian Passports' at www.ppt.gc.ca.

Visa: If you have a Canadian passport, a Visa is not required to enter Ireland. If you cannot acquire a Canadian passport, you can check the Department of Foreign Affairs website for info on if you need a Visa or not (www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=8777). More information on the application process can be found at the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform web site here: www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/WP07000018.

Application forms for obtaining a visa can be found at the following web address: <http://dfa.ie/uploads/documents/visa%20application%20form%20.pdf>.

Permits: Immigration Requirements: All students from OUTSIDE the European Union (EU) or the European Economic Area (EEA) must register *in person* after arrival at the Garda National Immigration Bureau. Please see the web sites of the Department of Justice, Equality, and Law Reform (www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/WP07000018) and the Garda National Immigration Bureau (<http://garda.ie/gnib.html>) for full details on application and registration procedures.

Health Insurance:

It is recommended that non-EU nationals coming to UCD should have private medical insurance. If you have obtained private medical insurance in your home country, please ensure that it is valid in Ireland. However, under Irish law, non-EU students who will be resident in Ireland for a minimum of one year are eligible for public hospital treatment under the same conditions as an Irish citizen, though non-EU students staying less than one year are not.