UCD Sutherland School of Law
Exchange Student Information 2015-16

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UCD International Office  www.ucd.ie/international
Online course catalogue  www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm
Term dates  www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm
Residences  www.ucd.ie/residences

TERM DATES 2015/16

SEMESTER ONE
Orientation:  1 September to 4 September 2015 (optional)
Teaching term:  7 September to 27 November 2015
Revision week
Exams:  7 December to 18 December 2015

SEMESTER TWO
Orientation:  18 January to 22 January 2016 (optional)
Teaching term:  25 January to 29 April 2016 (two week break March 9th to 22nd)
Revision week
Exams:  9 May to 21 May 2016

*The examination timetable is published by the UCD exams office in October (for December exams) and March (for May exams) STUDENTS MUST NOT BOOK RETURN FLIGHTS TO DEPART BEFORE OR DURING THE EXAMINATION PERIODS

ORIENTATION

Orientation takes place each semester the week before classes start (1st September 2015 and 18th January 2016), it usually starts on a Tuesday. Attendance is not mandatory but we strongly recommend you attend so you can settle in and get information that you will need for classes and extra-curricular interests.

There will be a variety of different academic, social and cultural events. The exact schedule will be sent to you nearer the time. The School of Law will give you an information session paying particular attention to your Law classes.

The UCD International Office will organise a buddy for you so you will have a current UCD student dedicated to helping you settle in. We offer support throughout the semesters so you do not need to worry about being lost in a new university system.
APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application Deadlines

- **Semester One/Full Year**
  - September 2015 start, student to apply online by **15 May 2015**
  - *Partner universities to nominate students by the 1st May 2015*

- **Semester Two**
  - January 2016 start, student to apply online by **15 October 2015**
  - *Partner universities to nominate students by the 1st October 2015*

Students are invited to apply online as soon as they are nominated by their home university.

Supporting documents

Students will be asked to upload the following supporting document to the online application:

- Official transcript of results in legal studies

*Please ignore any messages you get for further documentation, the system is designed for many different programmes but this is all UCD Sutherland School of Law require from exchange students.*

ACCOMMODATION

Campus housing for incoming exchange students is managed by the **UCD Residences Office** and supported by the UCD International Office.

For Semester One/Full Year students the application will open before term begins, date TBC. For Semester Two students it will open in either November or December 2015.

You will be sent information on the application process and exact date it will open (they never publish a time but it is usually between 7-10am IST). Please note Schools do not have access to the residences systems so all queries should be directed to them.

Further information on on-campus accommodation in UCD is available at: [www.ucd.ie/residences](http://www.ucd.ie/residences)

Please note that on-campus accommodation is not guaranteed. The International Office and Accommodation office provides advice on finding off-campus accommodation too and I am happy to give you advice if you have questions. There is information for students at [http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/accommodation/](http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/accommodation/)

We **strongly** recommend that students opting for off-campus housing arrive at least two weeks before term to look at properties. UCD welcomes thousands of new students each year therefore the housing around the campus fills up quickly.
**MODULE (COURSE) INFORMATION**

**Language of instruction** English

**What type of modules (classes) are there?**
In UCD School of Law there are Lectures, Seminars and Tutorials.

- A **lecture** is where the Professor delivers 110 minutes of the subject. They may invite questions at the end. Class size can be anything from 10-300 students.
- A **seminar** is where the Professor will deliver a lecture and ask for class participation; this could be asking students questions or asking them to make presentations. Class size can be anything from 10-50.
- A **tutorial** is where a tutor invites class participation to discuss and further delve into what has been taught at lectures. These are only for some Level 1 and 2 courses. Class size can be anything from 5-20.

**How many credits/ECTs can I take?**
UCD uses the ECTS - European Credit Transfer System - and each of our classes is called a module. A full course load is 30 ECTs/credits per semester. At undergraduate level each module is worth 5 ECTs/credits and students take six modules per semester. At graduate level most modules are worth 10 ECTs and students take three modules per semester.

Your home university will advise you on the amount of modules/ECTs you are required to take whilst you study with us. They will also advise you which courses you can get accreditation for. Exchange students in UCD can take less than six modules per semester if they have the permission of their home university however students coming to Ireland on a VISA must take a minimum of four modules per semester in order to be considered full-time by the GNIB (Garda National Immigration Bureau)

**What is a level?**
Students can enrol in modules from Levels 1, 2, 3 if they have completed two years of legal studies prior to coming to UCD. Students can enrol in Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 if they have completed three years of legal studies prior to coming to UCD.

The level of a module is an indication of the level of difficulty of the learning outcomes and the material that will be encountered, and broadly indicates the stage in your academic career when you are likely to attempt the module.

- Level 1 modules are usually taken by first year undergraduate students
- Level 2 modules are usually taken by second year undergraduate students
- Level 3 modules are usually taken by second and third year undergraduate students
- Level 4 modules are usually taken by LLM/JD Masters students
Continuing to complete and LLM at UCD

Students that enrol in Level 4 Graduate modules may return to UCD to complete an LLM and use the credits achieved on the exchange towards programme credits. For example a student that completes 30 ECTs from Level 4 Law modules on exchange can return to complete one more Semester of 30 ECTs and a *dissertation worth 30 ECTs to be awarded an LLM award. Both academic credits and discounts are applied for these students.

*The dissertation classes take place during Semester One of each academic year with materials available online and students can submit their topics from abroad but it is recommended you complete it in Dublin with access to resources and your supervisor. Thesis submissions are made in August.

REGISTRATION

Where can I see the list of Law modules?

A list of the School of Law modules can be found at [www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm) (select the Subject Area Law). All modules with the code that begins with ‘LAW’ are School of Law modules.

When will the list of Law modules for 2015/16 be available?

The course curriculum for 2015/16 will be published online around June/July 2015 at [www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm)

Can I take any modules from outside of the School of Law?

Students can apply to take one* module from outside of the Law school each semester. A module outside of the School of Law is anything that does not begin with the code ‘LAW’. For example LAW30180 Jurisprudence is a module from the School of Law. PHIL30260 Philosophy of Law is a School of Philosophy module.

*Students from the following universities (that accept UCD’s Law with Business students) are allowed to take a 50/50 subject split with Law and Business. The University of New South Wales; The University of Queensland; The University of Tulsa, Leopold-Franzens Universität Innsbruck; Université Catholique de Louvain; Université de Rouen; Ludwig Maximilians University Munich; Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Milan; Universidad Carlos III de Madrid; University of Navarra, Pamplona.

Students from the following universities (that accept UCD’s Law with ‘arts’ students) are allowed to take a 50/50 subject split with Law and Economics/ History/ Politics/ Philosophy/ Social Justice; The University of New South Wales; The University of Queensland; Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Université de Fribourg; University of Minnesota.
Students are manually registered to modules from outside of the School of Law when there are spaces in the classes for exchange students and if they have met prior learning requirements (see ‘Am I eligible to take this module?’ in www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm) – there is no definitive list so students make individual enquiries when registration opens.

**How do I register to modules?**
Students will register online/be registered manually their Law modules from August 2015, date TBC. Information and instructions will be sent nearer the time.

**Language courses**
The applied language centre look after all language courses for the university. They give students information and register them to classes (Schools are not allowed to register students to language classes). To be registered to a language class students are required to take a placement test so they are put in a class at the correct level. Courses are worth 5 ECTs and students cannot take them as extra credit. Contact information is available at http://www.ucd.ie/alc/contactus/

**Learning Agreements**
Students from EU countries may be required by their home university/governing authority to complete a learning agreement before the module list for 2015/16 is available. We can sign any forms to assist students but you should note that modules may change semester/be removed or added and it is subject to change.

**IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Student visas and Immigration**
All non-EU/EEA students must comply with Irish immigration requirements. Information is available at both the Before Arriving in Ireland and After Arriving in Ireland web pages, which are a summary of immigration rules and regulations.

Students can then go to the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service website for full details on application procedures.

Students should also check out the website of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs for details of the Irish Embassy attached to your country.

Information on registration with the immigration office is available in the International Student Handbook and will be further explained at orientation.
Work
Exchange students who are non-EU citizens are not permitted to work in Ireland if they study at UCD for one semester. Full-year exchange students who are non-EU citizens can work up to 20 hours per week part-time during term-time and full-time during the university holidays either on or off-campus.

Health Insurance
Non-EU students are advised to obtain private health insurance which covers them during their stay in Ireland. UCD does not arrange health insurance for students. Students can purchase insurance in their home country but will need to ensure that it is valid in Ireland and in any other countries to which they plan to travel.

Basic medical expenses insurance is available for approximately €120 from Odon Insurance Brokers. This insurance policy will satisfy the visa requirement for private health insurance and can be obtained before students arrive in Ireland. For more information on this insurance, please visit: www.odon.ie/ucd

Health insurance can also be purchased from one of Ireland’s three private health insurance providers:

- VHI: http://www.vhi.ie
- Quinn Healthcare http://www.quinn-healthcare.com/
- Aviva: http://www.aviva.ie/online/health/

Further information on health insurance is available in the International Student Handbook, http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/international-student-handbook/

**COST OF LIVING ESTIMATES**

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GETTING FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT TO UCD

Current UCD students will be at the airport during Orientation to meet and direct new students. Once the schedule is confirmed all information will be posted at http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/orientation/

Aircoach, a private bus services, operates a regular service from Dublin Airport to UCD at a cost of €10.00 single/€16.00 return. Further information is available at: www.aircoach.ie

About UCD Sutherland School of Law

UCD Sutherland School of Law is located on the Belfield Campus where students receive support from the dedicated student co-ordinator. Students enjoy lectures in large theatres, small group tutorial sessions and mock trials in the moot court.

   Further information on Dublin is available at: www.ucd.ie/law/

About UCD

University College Dublin is Ireland’s largest and most richly diversified university. It provides a broad range of courses grouped into seven Colleges: Agriculture, Food Science & Veterinary Medicine, Arts & Celtic Studies, Business & Law, Engineering & Architecture, Health Sciences, Human Sciences and Science. UCD traces its origins to the Catholic University of Ireland founded in 1854 by Cardinal John Henry Newman, author of the celebrated ‘The Idea of a University’. Today UCD is a vibrant, modern university of approximately 30,000 students situated on a spacious and leafy campus some 5km to the south of Dublin city centre.

   Further information on UCD is available at: http://www.ucd.ie/about/

About Dublin

Located on the east coast of Ireland, Dublin began as a Viking settlement founded over one thousand years ago. In the 21st century, with a population of over 1.2 million people, Dublin is the thriving capital of the Republic of Ireland and is the centre of the political, diplomatic, administrative and commercial life of the country. Famous for its literary tradition, Ireland’s capital has been home to writers from Jonathan Swift to William Butler Yeats and James Joyce. A visit to Dublin allows you to explore both the historical and the modern, from castles and churches to cafés and clubs.

   Further information on Dublin is available at: www.visitdublin.com