University College Dublin
Dublin, Republic of Ireland

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Facts
- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 33,460
- Number of campuses: 3
- Academic year: September - June
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January - May

Location
The main UCD campus is situated at on a spacious and leafy site at Belfield, 4 km south of the centre of Dublin city centre. UCD offers a lively campus community in which to live and study, with excellent public transport links to the centre of Dublin.

Things to do
Dublin is the thriving capital of an independent Ireland and is the centre of the political, diplomatic, administrative and commercial life of the country. The city offers a fantastic social life including pubs and bars, nightclubs, cinemas, theatres, museums & art galleries, restaurants and live sport.

Top attractions: Guinness Storehouse museum, St Stephen’s Green and Temple Bar (Bohemian quarter)

Travel opportunities
Dublin is an excellent base for exploring Ireland either by car or public transport. Popular places to visit include Belfast, Cork, Galway and Connemara. Dublin Port is Ireland’s busiest passenger Ferryport with up to 18 sailings daily to the UK and the continent.

Climate
Dublin has a maritime temperate climate. The average temperature is lowest in January–February at about 6°C, and highest in July–August, peaking at about 20°C.

Finance 2017/18
Students accepted to study abroad at UCD are eligible to receive the Erasmus grant. This grant is in addition to your usual student finance maintenance loan. The amount you receive depends on the length of your study period. In 2016/17, students studying at UCD for one semester received approx £1180. Erasmus grant amounts have not yet been confirmed for 2017/18.

International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).

Approximate living costs per semester:

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<th>Service</th>
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<td>Return flight from UK (av. 1.25 hours)</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

The cost of living in Dublin is higher than in Nottingham though it very much depends on each student’s individual needs.

Further information is available from:
http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/living-costs/

Accommodation
- Private accommodation: Most students will look for accommodation in the private sector. Private rented accommodation is plentiful but students are advised to allow at least 3 weeks to find suitable accommodation, or travel to Dublin prior to the start of semester.
- University accommodation: UCD has on-campus accommodation for over 2500 students in 3, 4, 5 and 6 bedroom self-catering apartments in four locations. UCD has set aside a proportion of on-campus rooms for international students, although places are limited and on-campus accommodation is not guaranteed for Erasmus students.

http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/accommodation/

Further information
http://www.ucd.ie/international/exchange-programmes/

Application success rate
2015/16 = 85%
2016/17 = 38%
(Percentage of students placed at this partner out of total applications received)