

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

A TRADITION OF INDEPENDENT THINKING

Visiting Student Information Guide 2022-2023



1. COVID-19

At UCC we are committed to prioritizing the health and safety of our staff and students while also ensuring our high academic standards are maintained during the period of the pandemic. All decisions around on-campus activity are informed by the decisions of the National Covid-19 Emergency Management Team and are aligned with the Government Road map for reopening society and business. As the public health situation evolves, UCC will continue to respond in an agile manner to maximize the student experience.

As we have done in the current academic year, UCC will enable safe access for students and staff to as many of our facilities as possible.

This pandemic has underscored the importance of universities as institutions of knowledge and research. We remain committed to our duty to provide the highest quality learning and teaching experience for all our students and staff and we will continue our extraordinary efforts in this regard. We will continue to keep our arrangements updated in line with evolving Government Guidelines.

2. Booking Your Accommodation

If you are responsible for booking your accommodation in Cork please note the following instructions:

1. You will receive a Google Form link by email with your acceptance letter (***Spring semester students will receive this form in October***).
2. It is important to complete the form immediately so that you are added to the housing list.
3. Please ensure you check your emails on a regular basis. As soon as you are offered a place you will be required to accept within 48 hours of offer.
4. You will only receive one offer for accommodation. If you choose not to accept it or do not respond within the required timeframe, you will lose your place and it will be offered to another student.
5. Accommodation can cost up to **5,000EURO** per semester.

If your study abroad provider or home university have pre-booked your accommodation:

If you are applying through a study abroad provider (Arcadia, USAC, IFSA, API etc), it is likely they have already secured accommodation for you.

In some cases, your home university will have **pre- booked accommodation** for you. If so, we will **not** send you the Google Form Link. If you receive the form from us then you are responsible for securing your own accommodation.

3. Semester Dates

Orientation (Information session)

- All students are **required** to participate in orientation at UCC. Orientation takes place in-person the week before classes start. You will also receive your student ID card.

Early Start Programme

(Pre-Semester 1- Only if you are registered for the Early Start Programme)

Early Start Dates:	Early Start Orientation: Friday 19 th August 2022 Class dates: Monday 22 nd August – Friday 9 th September 2022
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Autumn Semester (Semester 1)

Autumn Orientation	Wednesday 7 th , Thursday 8 th and Friday 9 th September 2022
Autumn Semester Dates:	Monday 12 th September – Friday 2 nd December 2022
Study Review Week:	Monday 5 th – Wednesday 7 th December 2022
Autumn Examinations:	Thursday 8 th – Wednesday 21 st December 2022
Christmas Recess	Thursday 22 nd December 2022 – Sunday 15 th January 2023

Spring Semester (Semester 2)

Spring Orientation:	Thursday 12 th and Friday 13 th January 2023
Spring Semester Dates:	Monday 16 th January – Thursday 6 th April 2023
Easter Recess:	Friday 7 th – Sunday 23 rd April 2023
Study Review Week:	Monday 24 th April – Thursday 27 th April 2023
Summer Examinations:	Friday 28 th April – Friday 12 th May 2023



4. Course/Module Information

Note: Visiting Students may only choose modules from The Book of Modules for Visiting Students.

This is available online at: <http://www.ucc.ie/admin/registrar/visiting/>

The above site also includes the list of modules exclusively available to visiting students.

It is recommended that students take modules to the value of 30 UCC credits per semester. Students would not generally be allowed to choose more than this but can take less with permission from your provider or home university. You should consult your home university in regards to how many credits you should take.

Even though every effort will be made to ensure that students will be admitted to their preferred module choices, the International Office **CANNOT GUARANTEE** admission to any particular module. All modules are subject to change/timetable conflict/cancellation at any time.

Please see an example of module levels below:

EN1*** = 1 st year module	EN2*** = 2 nd year module	EN3*** = 3 rd year module	EN4*** = 4 th year module
EN5*** & EN6*** = postgraduate modules			

- **Semester 1-** Autumn Semester- September to December
- **Semester 2-** Spring Semester- January to May
- **Year Long-** Full Academic Year- September- May (Semester only students cannot apply for Year Long modules)

5. Module / Class Registration

Students will complete Online Module Selection PRIOR to arrival at UCC.

Autumn Semester:

You will be asked to select your modules on our online module selection system. You will have a **limited time** to select your modules in mid-late August. You will receive instructions by email.

Spring Semester:

You will be asked to select your modules on our online module selection system. You will have a **limited time** to select your modules in late November.

You will receive instructions via email on the above. Please check your email inbox regularly at the above times.

6. Cost of Living in Ireland

Students should make themselves aware of the high cost of living in Ireland. We would ask that students research the costs of living before arriving to commence their studies.

You should expect to pay up to **5000EURO** on student accommodation per semester. This cost may not include bills such as electricity and gas etc. Many of the student accommodation complexes will require you to pay the full semester rental costs up-front before/upon arrival.

For reference, you should refer to Numbeo, a cost of living comparison website, where you will be able to find the approximate cost of amenities in Cork in comparison with your home city (www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/).

Check out our student support website on the following link:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/international/studentinfohub/>

Did you know?

Immigration!
Students flying into Ireland with a passport from the US, Canada, Japan, Singapore and Mexico are not required to apply for a study visa but do need to register with immigration (€300) after arrival to Ireland.



The **academic structure** can be very different to your home university. For example, you could have only two assignments (Essays, group work etc) for the whole semester followed by a formal exam at the end of the semester



Disability Support Services
If you are registered for extra accommodations at your home university, please contact DSS before you begin at UCC



Bringing medication with you to Ireland
Please read here: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/international/#d>



7. Immigration in Ireland

ARRIVING TO IRELAND

ALL STUDENTS FLYING INTO IRELAND WITH A NON-EUROPEAN PASSPORT MUST REGISTER WITH IMMIGRATION

OUR SUPPORT OFFICER WILL PROVIDE IMMIGRATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO YOU AT ORIENTATION.

On arrival in Ireland/EU you are required to carry the following documents on your person when passing through Immigration at the Airport:
1. Your Passport
2. Printed UCC Letter of Acceptance.

At the airport, Immigration will stamp your passport, usually for one month – during this time you will be required to register with the Immigration Office in the Cork City Centre.

1. Book an appointment with the immigration office
2. Bring along required documents and the completed IRP form

Our support officer will provide information on IMMIGRATION REGISTRATION to you at orientation.

Full details:
<https://www.ucc.ie/en/international/studentinfohub/afteryouarrive/immigrationinformation/>

To register at Immigration in Cork City Centre you will require the following documentation:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/international/studentinfohub/afteryouarrive/immigrationinformation/>

An immigration information session will be available at Orientation.

1. Passport
2. Valid Visa (If applicable)- <i>Not all students are required to have a visa to fly into Ireland</i>
3. UCC ID Card (available at UCC Orientation)
4. IRP (Irish Residence Permit) Form- Click here Immigration Registration Form
5. Health Insurance (students are advised to bring copy of their private health insurance policy which states they are covered while in Ireland and hospital cover is also included – dates of coverage must be included on the policy). The students name must be on the policy.
6. Immigration Card Fee – 300 EURO (can be paid by debit/credit card)
7. Proof of Financial Support: (Non-Visa requiring countries can avail of the following options)
- Sponsorship letter from government or home institution* stating that ALL expenses are covered
OR
- A current foreign bank statement not less than one month old, together with a past statement, for an account in the student’s name (as in his or her passport) accompanied by a debit card in the same name and same bank account
OR
- Bank Statement from an Irish Bank Account
8. Evidence of permanent residence in Ireland Provide FULL address, including apartment no. Normally from bank statement/lease agreement/utility bill. Self-service “Letter of Attendance” from UCC portal is not acceptable proof of address for immigration purposes.

Proof of Financial Support for Immigration:

To register with Immigration students are required to have the following amount of money lodged in their account: **500 EURO per month or a minimum of 3,000 EURO per year**

- ✚ Students attending Fall Semester should have 2,000 EURO in their account when registering at Immigration
- ✚ Students attending for the Spring Semester should have 2,500 EURO in their account when registering at Immigration
- ✚ Students attending for the Full Academic Year must have at least 3,000 EURO in their account when registering at Immigration.

**Please note: in most cases the home institution will not cover personal expenses for students while in Ireland so students would be required to have a current foreign bank statement (less than one month old) or open an Irish Bank account on arrival at UCC.*

An Immigration information session will be provided at Orientation in UCC.

The International Office will inform students of any changes made to the above

9. Other Useful Information

Health insurance	Health insurance is a requirement for Immigration. Medical Insurance- Immigration Website
Passport	Students will need a valid passport. Please check the expiry date.
Visa	Click here: Do I need a visa to enter Ireland? Please note: Students with passports from the US, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, all European Union Countries do not require a visa to enter Ireland. You must still register with immigration when you arrive to Ireland.
Transcripts	Original transcripts of records will be sent directly to your home school or study abroad provider when your studies at UCC have been completed. Autumn Semester Students – official transcripts will be issued by March. Full Year and Spring Semester Students – official transcripts will be issued in mid-July. Please keep the above in mind if you are graduating after your semester at UCC. UCC will not be in the position to provide transcripts or results before the above dates which may affect your graduation.

10. Information Guide for Visiting Non-EU Students

All relevant information regarding study at UCC is provided in this information guide and on our website: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/international/studyatucc/visitingusandnoneustudents/>

However, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office directly.

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