



WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

A TRADITION OF INDEPENDENT THINKING

Visiting Student Information Guide 2023-2024



Before arrival:

- Read your letter of acceptance and information guide
- Book your accommodation
- Register at UCC
- Prepare for module selection

After arrival:

- Attend orientation
- Register at the Immigration office in Cork city (details below)

Booking Your Accommodation

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

1. You will receive an application form with your acceptance letter (*Spring semester students will receive this form in September*). It is important to complete the form **immediately** so that you are added to the housing list.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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. Please check with your home university before applying.*

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 18th August 2023 Class dates: Monday 21st August – Friday 8th September 2023
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Autumn Semester (Semester 1)

Autumn Orientation	Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September 2023
Autumn Semester Dates:	Monday 11th September – Friday 1st December 2023
Study Review Week:	Monday 4th – Thursday 7th December 2023
Autumn Examinations:	Friday 8th – Thursday 21st December 2023
Christmas Recess	Friday 22nd December 2023 – Sunday 14th January 2024

Spring Semester (Semester 2)

Spring Orientation:	Thursday 11th and Friday 12th January 2024
Spring Semester Dates:	Monday 15th January – Friday 19th April 2024
Easter Recess:	Saturday 23rd March – Sunday 7th April 2024
Study Review Week:	Monday 22nd April – Thursday 25th April 2024
Summer Examinations:	Friday 26th April – Friday 10th May 2024



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)

Book of Modules for Visiting Students

<http://www.ucc.ie/admin/registrar/visiting/>

MODULES FOR VISITING STUDENTS

Search Modules

Keyword

SEARCH

ADVANCED SEARCH

Any Subject Area

2022-2023

Any Semester

Book of Modules

UCC

Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh
University College Cork, Ireland

Welcome to Module Search for Visiting Students

Use the search panel on the left to find and narrow down modules of interest.

ONLINE ENROLMENT

- **Instructions for Online Enrolment: Autumn/Full Year:**

Accepted students will receive instructions for the above in mid-August.

- **Instructions for Online Enrolment: Spring Semester:**

Accepted students will receive instructions for the above in mid-November.

TIMETABLES

Instructions on completing your timetable will be issued with the above information.

MODULE SELECTION AND CONFIRMATION OF MODULES

Accepted students will receive instructions for the above in mid-August for the Autumn Semester and mid-November for Spring Semester.

Online enrolment must be **completed** in order to select your modules.

Exam	Dates
Autumn Examinations	December (Exact dates will be provided on the information guide students receive for the relevant year) <i>No alternative arrangements can be made.</i>
Spring/Summer Examinations	April/May (Exact dates will be provided on the information guide students receive for the relevant year) <i>No alternative arrangements can be made.</i>

Cost of Living in Ireland

***Visiting Students are not permitted to work while studying unless you have a passport from a European Union country.** If you have a valid European passport, you should fly into Ireland with that passport.

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/).

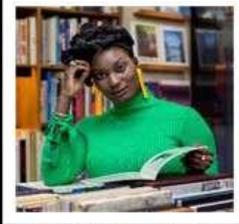
Check out our student support website on the following link: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/international/studentinfohub/>

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>



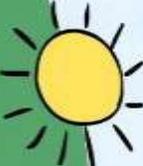
Immigration in Ireland- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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.





- 1

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.
- 2

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.
- 3

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 AFTER ARRIVAL you will require the following documentation:

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

An immigration information session will be held 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. <i>Self-service “Letter of Attendance” from UCC portal is not acceptable proof of address for immigration purposes.</i>

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

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.

Contact us

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/>

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the International Office.

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