



UCC

University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

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A TRADITION OF INDEPENDENT THINKING



Erasmus Student Information Guide 2020-2021

1. Booking Your Accommodation

Your UCC Accommodation Options

We advise immediate booking to avoid disappointment. Accommodation in Cork is extremely difficult to find at this time.

Please note that it is currently extremely difficult to find accommodation in Cork at this time. We would urge all students to remain proactive in sourcing their own accommodation for the relevant study period. We will be in contact with all students in the coming months regarding accommodation, but there is no guarantee that we will be able to place you in suitable accommodation. Further information is available at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/accommodation/>

In the meantime, you are also welcome to check our UCC Student Pad website for availability: <https://studentpad.ucc.ie>

2. Orientation

All students are required to attend Orientation at UCC.

You are advised to book your flights so you arrive at least one day prior to Orientation to check into your accommodation.

Orientation Dates are as follows:

Autumn Semester & Full Academic Year 2020-2021 Student Orientation

Date: Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2020

Venue: To be confirmed – please see our website for updates

Spring Semester 2021 Orientation

Date: Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January 2021

Venue: To be confirmed – please see our website for updates

Please check our website for the orientation programme nearer to the above dates
<http://www.ucc.ie/en/international/studyatucc/incomingerasmusstudents/>

3. Semester Dates

Autumn Semester 2020 (Semester 1)

Autumn Semester Dates	Monday 7 th September – Friday 27 th November 2020
Study Review Week	Monday 30 th November – Friday 4 th December 2020
Autumn Examinations	Monday 7 th December – Friday 18 th December 2020
Christmas Recess	Saturday 20 th December 2020 – Sunday 10 th January 2021

Spring Semester 2021 (Semester 2)

Spring Semester Dates	Monday 11 th January – Thursday 1 st April 2021
Easter Recess	Friday 2 nd April – Sunday 18 th April 2021
Study Review Week	Monday 19 th April – Thursday 22 nd April 2021
Spring Examinations	Friday 23 rd April – Friday 7 th May 2021

All students are required to sit autumn and summer examinations during the dates above. No alternative arrangements will be made for students who return home prior to end of the exam period.



4. Course/Module Information

Erasmus students can only choose modules from the Book of Modules for visiting students which 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 60 UCC credits for the academic year and modules valued at 30 UCC credits for the semester. Students would not generally be allowed to choose more than this. You should consult your home university in regards to how many credits you should take.

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

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.

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 2020:

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 August 2020. You will receive instructions by email.

Spring Semester 2021:

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 November 2020.

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

6. Language Courses

UCC offers two academic English language courses free of charge:

- LC1002 English for Academic Study
- LC1003 Advanced English for Academic Study

Information is available online at <http://www.ucc.ie/admin/registrar/visiting/> (under Language Centre LC)

You will be required to email Mr Brendan McEnery regarding a place in an LC before your arrival. Brendan's email address is b.mcenery@ucc.ie.

Other language courses	English language courses are available at the Language Centre, UCC. During the first week of each semester the Language Centre arranges for informal assessment of the standard of students interested in attending English language classes. Advice is given about which course is most appropriate. Please note that students are required to pay for most English language courses.
Address	Language Centre, University College Cork, O'Rahilly Building, Western Road, Cork, Ireland.
Telephone	+ 353 21 490 3225/2043
Fax	+ 353 21 4903223
Email	info@langcent.ucc.ie
Web	www.ucc.ie/esol
Fees & Application	Details can be obtained from the Language Centre





7. 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 3,000 – 4,500 EURO 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/).

8. Other Useful Information

Health insurance	Students are advised to have the European Health Insurance Card. We would advise students to also organise their own personal insurance policies in order to cover themselves for all medical costs and repatriation during their time in Ireland.
Passport/ID	Students will need a valid passport or national identity card
Immigration Procedures	Students from EU states are <u>not</u> required to register with Immigration. If you are a student from a Non-EU country, please contact jim.mcevoy@ucc.ie directly.
Transcripts	<p>Original transcripts of records will be sent to both the students and partner institutions after the end of each academic session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Autumn Semester Students will receive the transcripts by late-February• Full Year and Spring Semester Students will receive the transcripts by mid-July. <p>UCC will not be in the position to provide transcripts or results before the above dates.</p>



9. Information Guide for Erasmus Students

The Information Guide for Erasmus Students is available on:

<http://www.ucc.ie/en/international/studyatucc/incomingerasmusstudents/>

All relevant information regarding study at UCC is provided in this information guide, however, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office directly.

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