



UCD Michael Smurfit  
Graduate Business School

# INFORMATION SHEET 2017/18

Today UCD is a vibrant, modern university of over 35,000 students with the Belfield main campus, some 4km south of Dublin city centre, and the Blackrock campus where the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School is located – 3km away from Belfield. Further information is available [here](#)

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## ACCREDITATIONS

The UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School is the only business school in Ireland and one of a small group of schools worldwide to hold the 'triple crown' of accreditation from the three centres of business and academic excellence. Our courses are consistently globally ranked by the prestigious Financial Times and Economist Rankings. Apart from being a member of the CEMS alliance we are also part of the Global Network for Advanced Management alliance and are signatories of the UN-backed Principles for Responsible Management Education.



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# ACADEMIC INFORMATION

## RELEVANT DATES

### Term Dates:

The semester dates can be found on the [UCD Registry webpage](#).

### Nomination deadlines:

1st May for semester 1 students and  
1st October for semester 2 students.

**Application and registration:** Online application instructions are forwarded via e-mail to students upon receipt of the official nominations. Deadline to complete the process will be approximately two weeks after the nomination deadline. Semester 1 module registration takes place online in August. Semester 2 module registration takes place in December.

### Orientation sessions:

An orientation session as well as many other activities and social events will take place at the start of each semester.



## CREDITS AND GRADING

UCD uses the **European Credit Transfer System**. Graduate modules are typically worth 10 ECTS credits each. A full semester workload is equivalent to 30 ECTS credits.

Further academic information can be found on UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School [webpage](#).

**Examinations and UCD grading system:** Exams take place at the end of each semester. Repeat examinations are usually available at the end of the following semester.

Information about UCD grading system and UCD examinations can be found on the [UCD Assessment webpage](#).

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

**Language of instruction:** English. Students are expected to have adequate English language skills to follow lectures and take examinations through English while in UCD. English language guidelines can be found on the [UCD Admissions webpage](#).



# LIVING IN IRELAND

## VISA AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Students should check the [Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service webpage](#) for full details on application procedures and to see whether you require a visa to study in Ireland. You should also check out the website of the [Irish Department of Foreign Affairs](#) for details of the Irish Embassy attached to your country. Further immigration information is available on the [UCD Central International Office webpage](#).

## LIVING EXPENSES

Please check [UCD International Office webpage](#) for an estimate of living expenses.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

EU Nationals in possession of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to public health services in Ireland. Non-EU students must obtain private health insurance before registration with the Irish Immigration Authorities (GNIB). Please note - UCD doesn't arrange health insurance for students. Further information can be found on the [Health Insurance section](#) on the UCD International Office webpage.

## HOUSING

On campus accommodation is available at both the Belfield and Blackrock campus. UCD has set aside a large proportion of on campus rooms for international students. However, places are limited and fill up very quickly. Please visit [UCD Residences webpage](#) for further information. For information about off campus accommodation please visit [UCD Accommodation pad](#).

## DUBLIN

Dublin is a vibrant European city, with plenty to see and do. There is a wide range of activities to suit all mind sets, from active walks up to Bray Head or Howth Head, through to visiting historic locations such as Dublin Castle, Kilmainham Gaol and Christchurch Cathedral. Of course there's also the ever-popular nightlife – from live music through to clubbing. In addition to the historic sites, Dublin is now home to some of the largest multinational headquarters in Europe – including Facebook, Google and Twitter.

The Smurfit campus is located a 20 minute light rail ride away in a beautiful seaside suburb called Blackrock. The campus is a 10 minute walk from the sea front, and is easily accessible to the City Centre, as well as to the beautiful neighbouring County Wicklow, the so called 'Garden of Ireland'. It's the ideal campus for taking in both the urban and suburban lifestyles in Dublin.

## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

There are over a hundred [Clubs and Societies](#) registered with the Students' Union ranging from sports to academic interests ie: Erasmus Student Network UCD, International Students' society etc.



## UCD STUDENT LIFE

### CAMPUS FACILITIES AND STUDENT SERVICES & SUPPORT

At UCD Smurfit School, students have access to superb facilities, including technology enhanced classrooms, a common room, a study room, [Blackrock library](#), a data room and syndicate rooms for group project work. We provide AV and video conferencing facilities. In addition students have access to all the amenities on the main Belfield campus including:

- [UCD Global Lounge](#)
- Post Office
- [Restaurants and Cafes](#)
- Bank Services
- [UCD Students' Union](#)
- State of the art [Student Centre](#) with a cinema, theatre, debating chamber, pharmacy etc.
- Excellent [sporting facilities](#), including an Olympic size pool, gym, climbing wall, courts, halls and pitches etc.
- [Student Advisers](#)
- [Student Health Services](#)