CALS International Exchange Program
University of Dublin [Ireland]

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Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: 3.0
Language of Instruction: English
Academic Calendar:
Semester 1: mid-September – late December
Semester 2: mid-January – early May

Through an agreement between the College of Agriculture, Food Science & Veterinary Medicine at University College Dublin (UCD) and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly in any field of study at UCD for a semester or a year. Students study alongside UCD and International students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by UCD and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis.

- University of Dublin is Ireland’s largest and most richly diversified university.
- UCD traces its origins to the Catholic University of Ireland, founded in 1854 by Cardinal John Henry Newman, author of the celebrated “The Idea of a University.”
- Vibrant, modern university of over 22,000 students on a spacious, leafy campus.
- Only 5km to Dublin’s city center.

Areas of Study

For a full list of majors, click here.

Key areas of study relevant to CALS majors:

- Agricultural Sciences: Agricultural Science; Animal Science; Dairy Business; Food Science; Forestry; Horticulture, Landscape and Sportsturf Management
- Business: Commerce; Economics & Finance
- Health Sciences: Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Nursing

Classes

UCD uses the European Credit Transfer System. A full course load is 30 credits per semester (equaling 15 US credits). At undergraduate level each module is worth 5 credits and students are required to take six modules per semester.

Students are e-mailed a course selection form prior to arrival. The International Office registers students for their chosen courses depending on capacity, timetabling and prerequisites. Students have a two week add/drop period from the first day of classes to make changes to their course registration.

Accommodation

After students have been accepted to UCD, the International Office e-mails them accommodation application forms and instructions on how to apply. Further information on on-campus accommodation in UCD is available at: www.ucd.ie/residences

Arriving in Dublin
Students should fly into Dublin airport. Aircoach, a private bus service, operates a regular service from Dublin Airport to UCD at a cost of €8.00 single/€14.00 return. Further information is available at: www.aircoach.ie

Visit http://www.ucd.ie/international/information_for_students/travellingtoucd/ for other travel details.

Student Life

Aside from exploring all the history and beauty Ireland has to offer, its proximity to Europe makes UCD an ideal location for a semester of a lifetime.

Curious about campus life? More information can be found here.

Student Visa

Students with citizenship of countries listed in the appendix entitled List of Countries Whose Passport Holders Do Not Require Visas to Enter Ireland in the International Student Handbook do not require a student visa to enter Ireland but must register with immigration after arrival in Dublin.

Information on registration with immigration is available in the International Student Handbook and will be further explained at orientation.

Students with citizenship of a country not listed on the appendix entitled List of Countries Whose Passport Holders Do Not Require Visas to Enter Ireland in the International Student Handbook must contact their local Irish embassy for information about visa application.

Exchange students in UCD can work up to 20 hours per week part-time during term-time and full-time during the university holidays either on or off-campus.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS—not the university directly.