Overview

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

Through an agreement between the 1) College of Agriculture, Food Science & Veterinary Medicine and 2) the College of Science 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 the two colleges with which we exchange 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 program is a “direct enrollment” experience, meaning you’ll be taking courses taught by UCD faculty—side by side with local students—and there won’t be a Cornell faculty member accompanying you to Ireland. While some may be intimidated by this prospect, they’re also excited by the fact that they will get to go to class with Irish students, live with them in the dorms, and have a chance to find out what is like to be an international student in another university. You won’t be completely “on your own,” however. There is an International Student Office at UCD that will coordinate an airport pickup, host an orientation program, help you get settled and support you throughout the semester.

- 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 (5,000 of which are international!)
- Only 5km to Dublin’s city center
- Vibrant social and academic life
Areas of Study
Key areas of study relevant to CALS majors:

Agriculture, Food Science & Veterinary Medicine:
Agricultural Science; Nutrition; Animal Science; Equine; Horticulture; Landscape and Sportsturf Management; Animal and Crop Production; Agri-Environmental Sciences; Dairy Business; Food Science; Agribusiness

Science: Biochemistry; Plant Biology; Cell Biology; Environmental Biology; Zoology; Microbiology; Neuroscience; Biometry & Statistics; Computer Science; Physiology

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
The cost of housing is not included in the tuition rate; you must make payments directly to the UCD Accommodation Office. After students have been accepted to UCD, the International Office e-mails them accommodation application forms and instructions on how to apply.

Arriving in Dublin
Students should fly into Dublin airport. While UCD does offer an airport pick-up service at pre-designated times during orientation, Aircoach, a private bus service, operates a regular service from Dublin Airport.

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.

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.