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ERASMUS MUNDUS ACTION 2 PARTNERSHIPS
AESOP/AESOP+ – FACT SHEET

NAME OF UNIVERSITY

Websites

Homepage of the university	www.ucd.ie
Homepage for EMA2 students	http://www.ucd.ie/international/ucd-global/international-networks-and-partnerships/erasmus-mundus/

Academic calendar

Start and end dates of the first semester	Monday 12 September – Friday 2 December
Start and end dates of the second semester	Monday 23 January – Friday 28 April
Academic calendar	http://www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm
Examination periods	Semester 1 Exams: Saturday 10 December – Thursday 22 December. Semester 2 Exams: Monday 8 May – Friday 19 May

Study programmes / course information

Information on master studies	http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/
Information on PhD studies	http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies/coursefinder/researchprogrammes/
Programmes taught in English	All courses taught through the medium of English

Admission criteria

For master studies	Normally a good 2.1 degree from a recognised third-level institution
For PhD studies	
For Postdoc studies	

Language of instruction / language proficiency

Language of instruction	English
Language requirements	Yes
Minimum scores TOEFL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum score of 600 in the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL PBT), with Test of Written English at 475 +. In the computer based TOEFL, a minimum score of 250 is required. A minimum score of 90 is required in the Internet based TOEFL (iBT).
Minimum scores IELTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An average score of 6.5 over all components and a minimum of 6.0 in each band on the Academic Version.

Visa requirements and procedures

Requirements	https://www.dfa.ie/travel/visas/visas-for-ireland/
Application procedure	

Practical information for incoming students and researchers

Welcome guide	
Course catalogue	http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm
Student facilities	https://www.ucdsu.ie/
Housing service	https://www.ucd.ie/residences/
Language courses	http://www.ucd.ie/alc/

General information about the
host university / country

Ireland's Global University

Over 160 years of education and contribution

University College Dublin has its origins in the mid-nineteenth century under the leadership of the renowned educationalist John Henry Cardinal Newman. Since its foundation in 1854, the University has flourished and made a unique and substantial contribution to the creation of modern Ireland, based on successful engagement with Irish society on every level and across every sphere of activity.

UCD is one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities; an environment where [undergraduate education](#), [masters and PhD training](#), [research](#), [innovation](#) and community engagement form a dynamic spectrum of activity.

The international standing of UCD has grown in recent years; it is currently ranked within the top 1% of institutions world-wide. UCD is also Ireland's most globally engaged university with over 30,000 students drawn from over 120 countries, and includes 5,500 students based at locations outside of Ireland. The University's main Dublin campus occupies an extensive parkland estate of more than 130 hectares and offers world-leading facilities including the [UCD O'Brien Centre for Science](#), [UCD Sutherland School of Law](#), [UCD Lochlan Quinn School of Business](#) and [UCD Student Centre](#).

As Ireland's largest university, with its great strength and diversity of disciplines, UCD embraces its role to contribute to the flourishing of Ireland; through the study and discussion of people, society, business, economy, culture, languages and the creative arts, as well as through research and innovation. The University's Strategy 2015-2020 outlines the objectives and major strategic initiatives set in place in order to accomplish UCD's mission and vision for this era.

Engaging Globally

UCD's world extends beyond its campus, city and borders. UCD students and worldwide network of 224,000 graduates benefit from a UCD education that enables them to thrive and contribute in an increasingly global community. As the number one 'university of destination' for international students coming to Ireland, UCD's [6,500 international students](#), make up 25% of the student body and degrees are delivered to over 5,500 students on overseas campuses. International academics make up 35% of UCD's faculty, while some 50% of UCD research staff are non-Irish. Those interested in joining UCD's expert [research and teaching staff can find out more here](#)

With 400 partner universities for student exchange, UCD's extensive global study opportunities are taken up by 18% of undergraduates – the highest of any Irish university. UCD is engaged in partnerships including the networks [Universitas 21](#), [Erasmus](#), [UNICA](#) and [EUC](#).

UCD expertise is recognised worldwide, with international accreditations for UCD degrees from the world's leading professional organisations in Veterinary Medicine, Medicine, Architecture, Regional and Urban Planning, Engineering and Diagnostic Imaging. The UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business is one of less than 60 schools worldwide to hold triple accreditation from the US, Europe and the UK accrediting bodies.

UCD faculty engage in international research collaborations, sharing and contributing to a global bank of knowledge that aims to impact on society. In order to further expand this global engagement, UCD is developing [anetwork of UCD Global Centres](#), each of which provides a hub of research and education connections for students, faculty, alumni and partners.

Living expenses



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The below figures will change based on your accommodation type, but can be used as a useful guide. For example if you are living on campus in a catered residence, you'll need less money for food, while if you're renting an apartment you'll need to put money aside for bills like electricity and internet.

Expense	Approx cost per month
ELECTRICITY/GAS/BINS (Public Utilities)	€33
FOOD (including lunches)	€250
TRAVEL (Monthly Short Hop ticket)	€119
BOOKS AND MATERIALS (incl. photocopying & printing)	€71
CLOTHES/MEDICAL	€45
MOBILE PHONE	€20
SOCIAL LIFE/MISCELLANEOUS	€130

Approximate Cost of Living per month (without accommodation) - €668

It is also important to keep in mind that when you first arrive you are also likely to have some one-off costs.

The estimates above do not include the cost of flights or insurance. You should also budget for any initial costs you will likely incur (e.g. you might need to budget for short term accommodation upon arrival in Dublin or make a deposit for accommodation which might be the equivalent of 4 weeks rent). Also please note that all non-Irish nationals, who are not citizens of the EU/EEA or Switzerland, must register in person with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) after arrival and after completion of registration at UCD. The GNIB will issue you with a residence permit/GNIB card. The fee for this card as January 2015 is €300 and should be included in your budgeting calculations.

See <http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/living-costs/> for more information.

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Other useful information

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