



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

Be smart and **invest in your future**

University College Dublin International Study Centre





Welcome to Dublin, Ireland

Ireland is famed for its friendly people and fabulous landscapes. It is also one of the most dynamic and inspiring countries in the world for ambitious young people wanting to work in exciting industries.

Top tech companies like Facebook, Google and Apple have chosen the city as their business hub, and start-ups are encouraged and supported. This is why career-minded students choose Dublin.

University College Dublin (UCD) is Ireland's largest and most international university. Ranked among the top 200 universities in the world by QS World University Rankings, UCD is a leading research university offering a range of world-class degrees.

To help ensure overseas students achieve success, the International Study Centre is here to guide you through your Foundation Year, from application to progression to UCD. As well as providing academic support, we offer a community of like-minded international students, where we are sure you will find lifelong friends.

Located on the University campus, the International Study Centre will help make Dublin your home.

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Why Ireland?



Ireland is the perfect place for international students. Exciting employment opportunities, a rich cultural heritage, stunning scenery and famously friendly locals make it a magical place to live and study. It also has one of the world's most vibrant capitals, which is where you'll find the International Study Centre.

What Dublin lacks in size it makes up for in personality, combining the feel of a friendly village with the buzz of a big city. The capital is ranked among the top 40 cities in the world for students,* and is a top tourist destination. Around 200 different nationalities have made their home here. And you could, too.

Studying in Ireland

The Irish education system is respected throughout the world, and will help prepare you to become a highly employable graduate. Undergraduate degrees in Ireland typically take four years to complete, and include a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials to ensure you fully immerse yourself in your chosen subject.

Home to global brands

Some of the biggest businesses in the world are based in Dublin, including Facebook, Amazon, Google, Apple, Twitter and LinkedIn. It's not just technology that thrives here – Ireland offers a range of industry opportunities from finance to pharmaceuticals.

Whether you want to work for a multinational or have big ideas of your own, Ireland is the place to be.

The best start to your career

Ireland is the only native English-speaking country in Europe to offer international graduates the opportunity to stay and work in Ireland after graduation. Those with an undergraduate degree can stay in Ireland for one year after graduation, whereas postgraduate students can work for up to two years. You will also be able to work whilst studying for your degree, giving you valuable practical experience before starting your career.

An inspiring place to live and learn

Dublin is one of the oldest cities in Europe, dating back more than 1,000 years. Take a walk around its ancient streets and you'll find a fascinating mix of medieval castles and cathedrals alongside 18th century houses and modern architecture.

It also has an impressive collection of museums and galleries and, as a UNESCO City of Literature, Dublin is an inspiring place to live and learn.

The city is home to live music venues, theatres, cinemas, shopping centres and many cafés and restaurants offering international food and traditional Irish dishes. Thanks to its compact size and safe reputation, you can easily explore the city by foot.

Be inspired by your surroundings

You are never far from natural beauty in Ireland, which is known as the Emerald Isle due to its green countryside. Its breathtaking lakes, spectacular mountains and wild Atlantic coastline with picturesque beaches make it one of the most beautiful places on earth.



DUBLIN SPIRE IN THE CITY CENTRE

International graduates can **stay and work in Ireland** for up to two years

50% of population is under **34 years old**

Dublin **ranked in the top 40** best student cities in the world

- QS Best Student Cities 2019



SEE LIVE MUSIC AT THE POPULAR TEMPLE BAR



Dublin Tourism

WICKLOW NATIONAL PARK



GOOGLE OFFICES IN DUBLIN



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Welcome to Ireland's Global University



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UCD is among the best universities in the world and the most popular choice for international students studying in Ireland. Founded in 1854, UCD is one of the country's oldest universities and also one of the largest, offering a diverse range of degree programmes.

Forming global minds

UCD is Ireland's most globally engaged university with over 8,400 international students from more than 136 countries. It offers international students a home away from home, where you can study, socialise and develop new skills to prepare you for a successful career. UCD is among the top universities in the world, ranked 185th in the QS World University Rankings 2020.

World recognised

Degrees from UCD are accredited by the world's leading professional organisations in medicine, architecture, engineering and more. The UCD College of Business is Ireland's top business school and one of only 88 schools in the world to hold triple accreditation from AACSB [US], EQUIS [Europe] and AMBA [UK].

Leader in research

UCD is one of Europe's top research-intensive universities and a member of Universitas 21, the leading global network of research-intensive universities. UCD's research programmes partner with over 350 companies worldwide and UCD has a number of leading research institutes and centres, which provide world-class facilities across a broad range of subjects.

Ranked no.1 in Ireland for Graduate Employability

- QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2018, 2019, 2020

14 subjects are ranked in the top 100 in the world

- QS World University Ranking by Subject 2019

Ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide

- QS World University Rankings 2020

University of the Year

- The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020



Overseas exchange programmes

UCD runs exchange programmes with over 400 leading universities around the world, offering you further opportunities for international study. You can spend a semester or a full year studying abroad at some of the most exciting cities in the world. Partners include Boston University, University of California, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kings College London, National University of Singapore and University of Edinburgh.

World-class campus

Just four kilometres from the centre of Dublin, UCD has one of the largest urban campuses in Europe, with 133 hectares of stunning parkland for you to enjoy. It is also one of the safest, with 24-hour security and a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Nestled among the trees are modern university buildings, fantastic sports facilities and a range of accommodation options.

Supporting your career

As the number one university in Ireland for employability, UCD is the ideal place for ambitious students to launch their career. The UCD Careers Network is a dedicated support to UCD students and has links with leading industries around the world, including more than 1200 multinationals based in Dublin. Whatever stage you're at in your career planning, our experienced team of Career & Skills Consultants in the UCD Careers Network are here to help UCD students make the most of their talents and to get ahead in life.



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You can communicate with teachers during your lectures and they're open-minded. I'm not afraid to ask for help so it's really different from Ukraine.

Daria, Ukraine

Studied International Foundation Year in Business, Economics and Social Sciences

Notable alumni

James Joyce, one of Ireland's most celebrated writers

Three former **Irish presidents**

Five **Irish Prime Ministers**

Former president of India,
V V Giri

Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam,
Mr Hoang Trung Hai

Nobel Peace Prize Winner,
Séan MacBride

Why UCD International Study Centre?

The UCD International Study Centre is the perfect place for overseas students to begin their studies. We are based on campus so you will be fully immersed in university life from the moment you arrive. Our International Foundation Year pathway provides all the support and guidance you need to ensure you get the best from your degree – from application through to graduation.

We want you to realise your full potential. This is why we provide the best preparation to ensure you reach the required level of English and academic skills for your undergraduate course. We also help you adapt to living and studying in Ireland.

Classes are in small groups, with the same teaching style as UCD, to prepare you for degree study.

Enjoy life on campus

The International Study Centre has a great location on UCD's campus, close to the Sports Centre and Student Centre. There is also accommodation available on the safe and leafy campus.

International Foundation Year

Our International Foundation Year offers a choice of two academic routes – Business, Economics and Social Sciences or Engineering and Sciences. Once you have completed the programme and achieved the required grades, you will join your chosen undergraduate degree at UCD.

Business, Economics and Social Sciences

This subject route gives you the opportunity to progress to an undergraduate degree taught at a range of colleges including the world renowned UCD Quinn School of Business.

Core modules:

- Academic English Skills
- Project Study
- Core Maths I
- Principles of Economics
- Computer Skills

Route-specific modules

Choose four modules:

- Core Maths II
- Principles of Economics II
- Accounting and Finance
- Introduction to Business Information Systems
- Computing
- History and Urban Landscape of Dublin
- Business Statistics
- Introduction to Business Studies [Principles of Management]

Engineering and Sciences

This option gives you the opportunity to progress to an undergraduate degree in engineering, computer science, general science, or biomedical and health sciences.

Core modules:

- Academic English Skills
- Project Study
- Pure Maths I
- Chemistry I
- Computer Skills

Route-specific modules

Choose four modules:

- Introduction to Business Information Systems
- Pure Maths II
- Physics I and II
- Biology I and II
- Chemistry II
- Mechanics



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It was only this year that I realised how much the International Study Centre actually helped me. When it comes to writing essays or just the little things that you didn't really think held much significance while you were doing them, you realise they were so important.

Fatoumata, Gambia

Studied International Foundation Year in Engineering and Sciences
Progressed to BSc (Hons) Pharmacology

English language preparation

If you haven't achieved an IELTS score of 5.0, you can take our English Language Preparation course at the International Study Centre. Students with an IELTS score of 4.5 will need to study at least one term of English language preparation to meet entry requirements. Courses start in June or September. If you achieve the required module grades in the programme, you will be able to start your chosen subject route.

Skills for career success

As a student of the International Study Centre, you can take advantage of our CareerAhead service to develop the skills you need for success in your future career. Your International Foundation Year is integrated with development activities designed to prepare you for the world of work.

CareerAhead will help build your teamwork, problem solving and communication skills. Our staff will help you identify your personal strengths, so that with the support of your tutor, you can create a personal development plan and set obtainable goals for your future.

Find out more about undergraduate degree options at UCD on the next page

Key Facts and Entry Requirements

Entry dates: September or January

Course length: Three terms

Age on entry: Students must be at least 17 years old

Academic entry requirements: Good high school graduation grades or equivalent

English entry requirements: IELTS 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in writing) or have a TOEFL Score of Listening 15, Reading 13, Speaking 18, Writing 15.

English language preparation : Students who do not meet the English language requirement above can take our English language preparation course.

For the latest information, including term dates, country specific entry requirements and tuition fees, visit www.ucd.ie/isc

Progress to your degree at UCD

Once you have successfully completed your International Foundation Year and achieved the required grades, you can progress directly to your chosen undergraduate degree at UCD.



UCD consists of six different Colleges, each dedicated to the study of a specific subject. After you progress to the University, you will become a part of one of these Colleges depending on your chosen progression degree.

Business, Economics and Social Sciences

UCD College of Business

- BSc Business
- BBL Business and Law
- BComm Commerce [this includes the opportunity to specialise in one of the following]:
 - Accounting
 - Banking and Finance
 - Human Resource Management
 - Management and Innovation
 - Marketing
 - Management Information Systems
- BSc Economics and Finance

UCD College of Social Sciences and Law

- BSc Economics
- BCL Law
- BSocSc Social Policy & Sociology
- BSc Social Science [with majors available in: Computational Social Sciences, Economics, Mathematics and Statistics, Landscape and Society and Philosophy, Politics and Economics]

UCD College of Engineering and Architecture

- BSc City Planning & Environmental Policy

UCD College of Science

- BAFS Actuarial and Financial Studies
- BSc Sustainability [this includes the opportunity to specialise in one of the following]:
 - Environmental Science and Engineering
 - Social Sciences, Policy and Law

Engineering and Sciences

UCD College of Engineering and Architecture

- BSc Architecture
- BE Engineering [Biomedical]
- BE Engineering [Biosystems]
- BE Engineering [Chemical and Bioprocess]
- BE Engineering [Civil]
- BE Engineering [Electrical]
- BE Engineering [Electronic]
- BE Engineering [Mechanical]
- BSc Landscape Architecture
- BSc Structural Engineering with Architecture

UCD College of Health and Agricultural Sciences

- BAgSc Agricultural Science
- BAgSc Agricultural Systems Technology
- BAgSc Animal & Crop Production
- BAgSc Animal Science
- BAgSc Animal Science – Equine
- BSc Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences
- BAgSc Food & Agribusiness Management
- BAgSc Food Business with Chinese Studies
- BSc Food Science
- BSc Health and Performance Science
- BSc Radiography
- BSc Sports and Exercise Management

UCD College of Science

- BSc Computer Science
- BSc Environmental Biology
- BSc Mathematical Science
- BSc Sustainability [this includes the opportunity to specialise in one of the following]:
 - Environmental Science and Engineering
 - Social Sciences, Policy and Law



- BSc Science [Biochemistry and Molecular Biology]
- BSc Science [Cell and Molecular Biology]
- BSc Science [Environmental Biology]
- BSc Science [Genetics]
- BSc Science [Microbiology]
- BSc Science [Neuroscience]
- BSc Science [Pharmacology]
- BSc Science [Physiology]
- BSc Science [Plant Biology]
- BSc Science [Zoology]
- BSc Science [Biology, Mathematics and Education]
- BSc Science [Chemistry]
- BSc Science [Chemistry with Biophysical Chemistry]
- BSc Science [Chemistry with Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry]
- BSc Science [Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology]
- BSc Science [Chemistry, Mathematics and Education]
- BSc Science [Applied and Computational Mathematics]

- BSc Science [Financial Mathematics]
- BSc Science [Mathematics]
- BSc Science [Statistics]
- BSc Science [Applied Mathematics, Mathematics and Education]
- BSc Science [Physics]
- BSc Science [Physics with Astronomy and Space Science]
- BSc Science [Theoretical Physics]
- BSc Science [Physics, Mathematics and Education]
- BSc Science [Computer Science, Mathematics and Education]
- BSc Science [Geology]

Find out more about our progression degrees at www.ucd.ie/isc

15+ different nationalities represented by students in 2019



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My favourite thing is that I didn't have to pick anything right at the beginning, I could change my mind and see what sort of subject I was more interested in, so I could decide what actual career I want to do.”

Graciela, Brazil

Studied International Foundation Year in Engineering & Sciences

Progressed to BSc (Hons) Environmental Biology

Your career in Dublin

GOOGLE OFFICES, ONE OF THE MANY GLOBAL BRANDS OPERATING FROM DUBLIN



Ireland is the land of opportunity. It is the only native English-speaking country in Europe to offer post-study work visas to international graduates. With top multinational companies based here and strong university links with employers, Dublin is a fantastic city to kick-start your career.

Work visa options

As a full-time student of any nationality, you are entitled to work in Ireland for up to 20 hours per week during term time and up to 40 hours per week during the holidays. In addition, after graduation you'll have the chance to remain in Ireland to take advantage of the fantastic work opportunities here. Non-EU/EEA citizens are eligible for the Third Level Graduate Scheme, which allows successful graduates to work in Ireland for up to two years, depending on your degree.

Supporting your career

The International Study Centre and University College Dublin are committed to supporting your success, both academically and professionally. UCD's Career's Network is well connected with top employers in Ireland and abroad, and can help you with everything from preparing a CV to starting your first job. Work placements and internships also form part of the curriculum on many of UCD's degree programmes, with companies including KPMG, L'Oréal, IBM, eBay, Facebook, Deloitte and Microsoft.

An entrepreneurial environment

UCD offers the biggest start-up incubator for aspiring businesses in Ireland. In 2014 UCD was ranked fifth among European universities for its track record in educating successful entrepreneurs.

Further education

UCD is Ireland's leader in postgraduate education and research funding. The University's excellent reputation and global connections with other highly ranked institutions offer fantastic opportunities.

UCD is ranked 78th in the world and number one in Ireland

- 2020 QS Graduate Employability Rankings

Ireland also ranked 11th in the Best Countries for Business 2019 list

- Forbes.



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Before I came to Ireland I was not this confident. I was pretty uncertain about my future and I didn't know where I was going. Now I've found a job in Ireland, I know what I'm going to do in the future. Dublin and especially UCD and the International Study Centre definitely changed my life. It made me a better person.

Emma, China

Studied International Foundation Year in Business, Economics and Social Sciences

Graduated with BComm

Now working at Smith Education in Dublin

Ireland's top industries



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Ireland is home to **eight of the top 10** biggest software companies, including Facebook, Amazon, Google, Apple and Twitter

Top 5 Worldwide Security Software companies are located in Ireland



Medical technology

18 of the world's **top 25** medical technology companies have operations in Ireland

- Enterprise Ireland 2018

Generates €12.6 billion of exports to over 100 countries worldwide every year

- Enterprise Ireland 2018



Finance

250+ Global financial institutions are operating in Ireland

- Enterprise Ireland 2018

Home to **25 of the world's top 50** banks

- Enterprise Ireland, 2018



Pharmacy

Ireland is the **largest net exporter** of medicines in the EU

- Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association, 2018

All 10 of the **top 10 global pharmaceutical companies** are based in Dublin



Agriculture

Contributes €27.5 billion to the economy

- Food Drink Ireland, 2019

€12.6 billion worth of exports in 2017 to over **180 countries**

- Food Drink Ireland, 2019

Over 250,000 jobs linked to the agri-food sector

- Food Drink Ireland, 2019

Life on campus



Studying abroad is an exciting experience, but we understand it is a big step. UCD provides a safe, comfortable campus that has all you need to help you settle into your home in Dublin. From the day you arrive, you will feel part of a vibrant and friendly international community.

UCD CAMPUS

Great location

Just four kilometres south of Dublin's vibrant city centre, UCD has one of the largest urban campuses in Europe, with 133 hectares of leafy parkland to explore.

Easy access

Despite its large size, everything you need for student life is within easy access at UCD. Alongside world-class academic facilities, like the James Joyce Library, the main Belfield campus offers a wide range of services, including restaurants, cafés, well-stocked shops and a campus bookshop.

Fabulous facilities

The Student Centre and the UCD Sport & Fitness complex are at the heart of student life on campus. Facilities include:

- Olympic-sized swimming pool
- 3D cinema
- 600-seat auditorium
- TV studio
- National hockey stadium
- 17 natural grass sports pitches
- Climbing wall
- Drama theatre

UCD Global Lounge

The UCD Global Lounge is a dedicated space for seminars, talks, film evenings, exhibitions and other events organised by student groups and organisations. You'll also find plasma screens broadcasting 350 TV stations, from all around the world, including Sky Sports and ESPN.

Get involved

With over 90 student societies and 55 sports clubs on campus, there is something to suit every interest – from canoeing to comedy and musicals to maths. The International Student Society also arranges activities and excursions all over Ireland, offering a great opportunity to get to know your new country and meet other students studying abroad.

90+
active student societies

55+
official sports clubs

25
minutes to Dublin's
city centre

133
hectares of
landscaped parkland

17
natural grass
sports pitches

24/7
support



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“Moving here wasn’t the hard bit. It was coming to UCD on my own. Walking in, I had no one. But it’s such a friendly university. When I walked in, I wasn’t the only person experiencing this. Everyone was scared but we all clicked and made friends easily

Sarah, Kuwait

Studied International Foundation Year in Engineering and Sciences

Progressed to BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition

24/7 support

As well as excellent academic support, UCD students also have access to:

- Dedicated Student Advisers
- The Students’ Union, which provides a range of welfare services
- Niteline, a listening and information service run by students for students
- UCD Counselling Service, for confidential support
- The Chaplaincy Centre

Dublin on your doorstep

UCD Belfield campus is just four kilometres and a short bus ride away from Dublin’s city centre, which has great nightlife, shopping, restaurants and cultural activities.

The city’s coastal location on Dublin Bay also gives you easy access to the sea, while the nearby Wicklow Mountains are ideal for hiking. If you want to venture further afield, Dublin’s bus and rail links make it easy to explore the Emerald Isle’s beautiful countryside.



SHOPPING ON GRAFTON STREET



Your home away from home



Living alongside other students will be a memorable part of your undergraduate experience and an opportunity to make lifelong friends, whilst being a perfect base to start your academic adventure at UCD.

On campus accommodation

International Study Centre students have the opportunity to join the student community at Belgrove Residence Hall. Located on UCD's main Belfield campus, you will be in easy reach of University facilities and the International Study Centre.

On-site services

As a resident in UCD accommodation, you will have access to:

- Wireless internet
- On-site maintenance team
- Launderettes
- A gym and social spaces
- On-site Residence Assistants and security
- 24/7 resident support

Creating a community

The ResLife programme aims to build a friendly and sociable community within your hall of residence. Special events are organised throughout the year, such as sports activities, fitness classes, cooking classes, social events and day trips. Make the most of your time here and get involved.

Off campus accommodation

Self-catered accommodation is available two miles from UCD's main campus. Located near the thriving seaside town of Blackrock and with regular buses into Dublin, you can enjoy an independent lifestyle whilst remaining well connected to campus.

Under 18s accommodation

If your programme starts before you turn 18, it is mandatory for you to stay in a homestay. Homestays are a great way for you to experience Irish culture whilst living with someone local to the area. Your homestay will be arranged through our approved third-party provider, ensuring you have somewhere safe to stay during your time at the International Study Centre.



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I live on campus. It's the most peaceful and quiet area of the whole campus and my flatmates are really cooperative.

Maryam, Saudi Arabia

Studied International Foundation Year in Engineering and Sciences



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I live in the residences on campus. I think it's very convenient since I don't have to travel around.

Shaikah, Saudi Arabia
Studied International Foundation
Year in Engineering and Sciences

How to apply

If you would like to apply to study at University College Dublin International Study Centre, you will need to complete an application form and submit the relevant documentation.

You can either apply through your local education agent or directly via our website www.ucd.ie/isc.

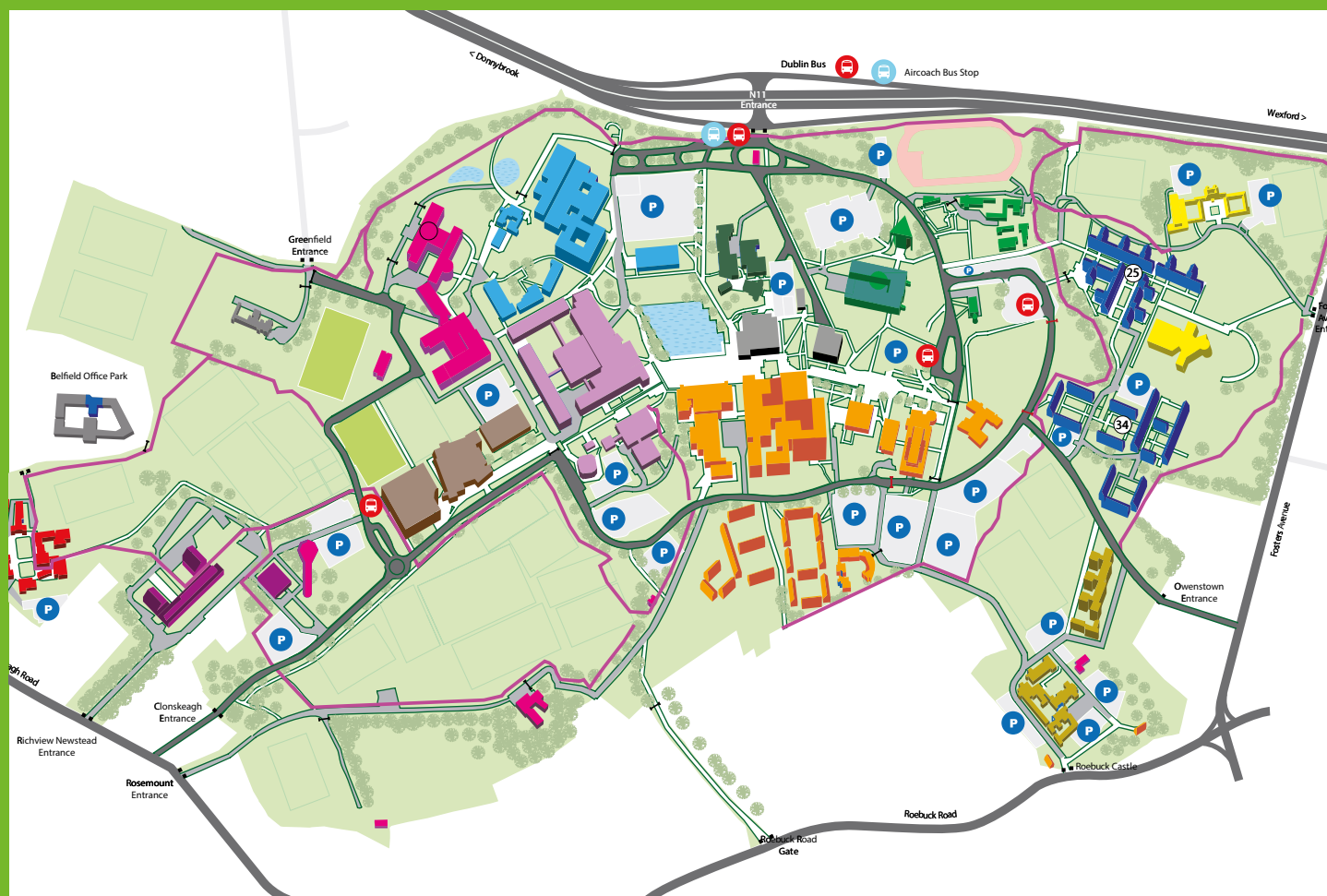
If you are applying directly and have a question, then a Student Enrolment Adviser will be happy to help. They speak a variety of languages and understand several more.

You can make an enquiry through the website or telephone: + 44 [0] 1273 339333

Student insurance

It is essential that international students have the protection of personal insurance whilst in Ireland. To cover you as a student at the International Study Centre, you can purchase our "StudyCare" insurance cover. This policy will cover you for loss of personal possessions, travel delay, as well as providing medical insurance until the end of your International Study Centre academic programme. You can purchase StudyCare insurance as part of your application process. If you prefer not to take out this insurance, you must provide proof of alternative adequate insurance cover.

For further information, visit www.ucd.ie/isc



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For full application information visit ucd.ie/isc

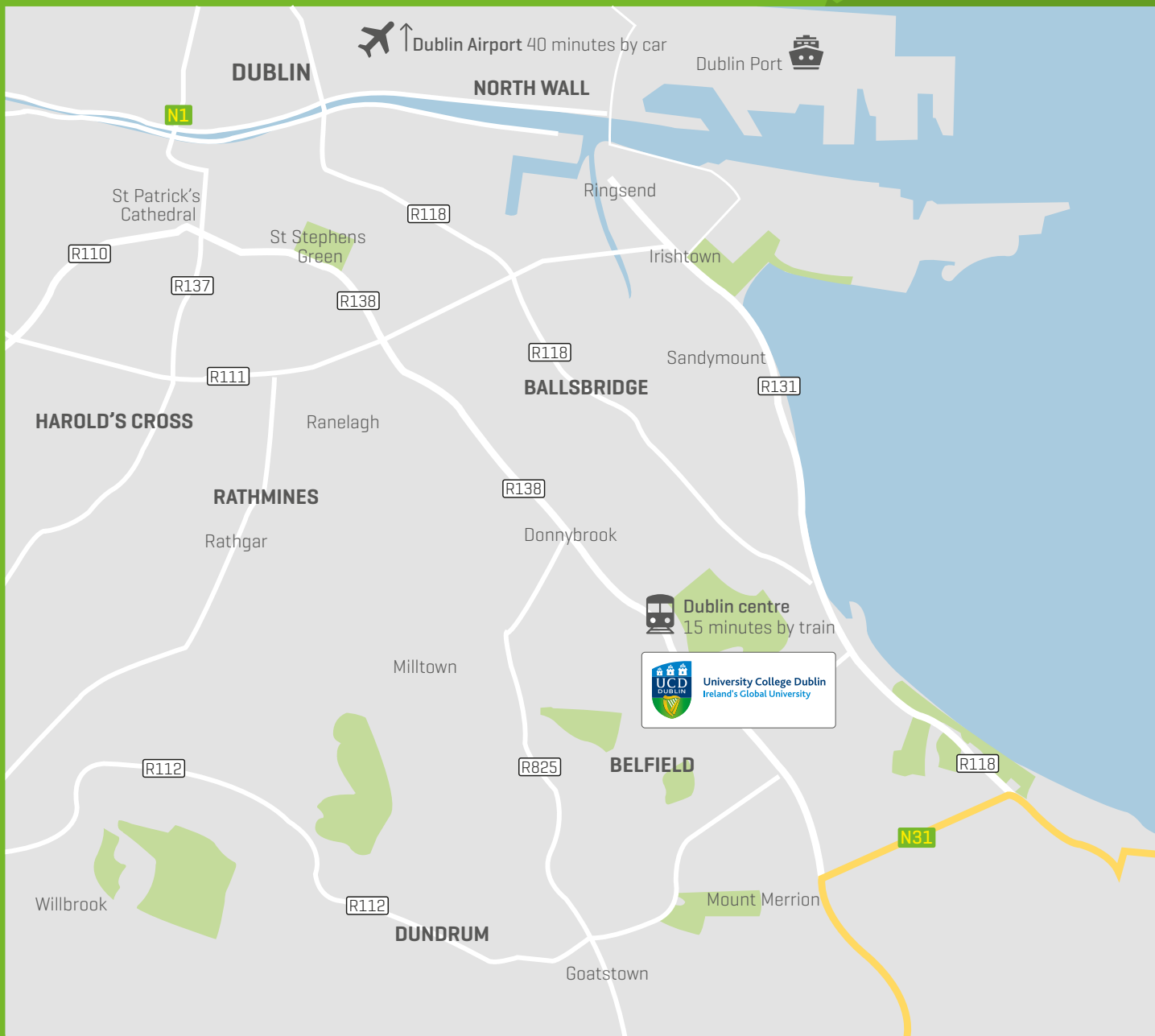
Distances from UCD

Airport 40mins by car
Town centre 15mins by train

Distances to Europe
London - 1h 15 mins
Paris - 1h 40 mins
Berlin - 2h 20 mins





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