

Summer 2026 Programmes at University College Dublin



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Take a leap - Ireland is waiting!

University College Dublin offers a range of summer programmes suited to your degree and interests. Tailored to fit your time and needs, our summer programmes run from 2 – 8 weeks, and are a fantastic way to fit a study abroad experience into your summer.

Taking part in a summer programme at University College Dublin means you'll not only see a new perspective in your discipline, but you will also be immersed in academic and cultural learning by visits to heritage sites, experiencing cultural performances, interacting with experts in their field, and being surrounded by all Ireland has to offer.

On our programmes, you will be housed in on-campus accommodation, with your own ensuite bedrooms and shared kitchen and living room space.

Questions?

Contact the relevant programme manager below and learn more on the Learning Abroad website:
www.ucd.ie/global/learningabroad



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Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare



Ha'penny Bridge, Dublin



Swimming at The 40ft, Dublin



UCD Campus, Belfield, Dublin

UCD/Arcadia Summer Research Programme

In collaboration with our partners Arcadia Abroad, the College of Science at University College Dublin delivers an innovative research programme that gives students the opportunity to engage in immersive research projects at UCD over the summer. Students conduct their independent research alongside leading academics and PhD students. The projects available are from a range of scientific disciplines, such as computer science, physical sciences and biological & biomedical sciences.

Application Deadline: **1 March 2026**
For questions contact: **jamie.wells@ucd.ie**

PROGRAMME DATES

2 June - 21 July 2026

Irish Studies Summer Study Abroad Programme

This programme, which has a focus on Irish Studies, draws on the expertise of various disciplines within the College of Arts and Humanities. Students will have the opportunity to examine Irish history, culture and society in an interdisciplinary and interactive manner. Each topic is addressed in an associated lecture by a leading expert in their field accompanied by academic field trips to the rich variety of museums and cultural sites Dublin has to offer. UCD Arts and Humanities Summer Study Abroad Programme also offers a bespoke cultural and social programme of excursions and social events, enabling students to explore Dublin and Ireland outside the classroom.

Application Deadline: **31 March 2026**
For questions contact: **artsstudyabroad@ucd.ie**

PROGRAMME DATES

2 - week programme	2 June - 12 June 2026
4 - week programme	2 June - 26 June 2026

UCD Health Sciences Programme

Students will benefit greatly by developing their knowledge of comparative health systems and their skills in research. Our programme is designed to combine top-class teaching with an exciting cultural and social programme, allowing even more people to benefit from studying in UCD. The exciting cultural and social programme offers our students the opportunity to experience Ireland's vibrant culture whilst meeting people from all over the world. The rich culture of Dublin experienced through the lens of UCD's Health Sciences Summer School also offers students the opportunity to integrate into Irish life.

Application Deadline: **31 March 2026**
For questions contact: **paddy.glennon@ucd.ie**

PROGRAMME DATES

2 - week programme	2 June - 12 June 2026
4 - week programme	2 June - 26 June 2026

Big 10 Physics II and History Summer School

This is a calculus-based, 7-week programme which covers the traditional second module in physics for engineers. The topics covered include electromagnetism, optics and relativity. This course typically covers 50% of early undergraduate teaching of physics for engineers. Students also take a general education module in Modern Irish History covering topics such as Irish migration and Northern Ireland. There is a rich social and cultural programme associated with the Summer School where students partake in several field trips within Dublin and day trips around Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Application Deadline: **Early March 2026**
For questions contact: **angela.dunneotoole@ucd.ie (Physics)**
history.summerschool@ucd.ie (History)

PROGRAMME DATES

End of May - Mid July

Lab Summer School (Chemical Engineering)

The UCD School of Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering will run a 4-week Unit Operations and Bioprocess Lab Summer School in June on UCD's main Belfield campus in Dublin 4. Students will take part in group lab experiments and will visit a pharmaceutical plant to get a close-up view of bioprocessing and large molecule manufacturing.

Application Deadline: **31 March 2026**
For questions contact: scbe.enquiries@ucd.ie

PROGRAMME DATES

2 - 30 June 2026



Introductory Physics for Life Sciences

This algebra-based, 8-week Summer School for US Students is run by the UCD School of Physics. There are two versions, one which provides all of the physics required for life science majors that need to take physics as a prerequisite for their choice of graduate program, e.g. medicine, neuroscience. The second version provides about 2/3rds of this amount. The teaching is based on lectures, tutorials and laboratories, with an emphasis on collaborative study. There is a social and cultural program associated with the Summer School.

Application Deadline: **2 March 2026**
For questions contact: angela.dunneotoole@ucd.ie

PROVISIONAL DATES

22 June - 14 August 2026



Exploring Social Justice Summer School

Over two weeks, students will gain in-depth knowledge of theories and perspectives on social justice and oppression, and look at intersectional issues related to gender, class, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation in Ireland. Students will have the unique opportunity to engage with activists and civil society organisations in Dublin and will analyse their strategies of resistance and mobilization and will gain a deeper understanding of how and why inequality persists—and how it's being challenged.

Application Deadline: **31 March 2026**
For questions contact: krisna.ruette-orihuela@ucd.ie

PROVISIONAL DATES

2 - 13 June 2026



Social Justice and Irish Culture

Over four weeks, students will explore social justice and Irish culture through an interdisciplinary lens. The first half focuses on theories of oppression and intersectionality, with opportunities to engage directly with activists and civil society organisations in Dublin. In the second half, students will examine Irish cultural traditions and practices through critical analysis, workshops, and live performances—gaining both theoretical insight and hands-on experience, including a wide range of performances and representations of Irish culture.

Application Deadline: **31 March 2026**
For questions contact: socialsciencesstudyabroad@ucd.ie

PROGRAMME DATES

2 - 26 June 2026



International Sustainability Summer School

We invite individuals from around the world to join this multidisciplinary summer school. Over two weeks, you will together examine, understand and propose solutions for climate and sustainability challenges that have global relevance. Upon completion, participants will have acquired key skills in critical analysis, systems thinking, collaboration and innovation, all of which can be applied to address climate and sustainability challenges anywhere in the world. Participants will learn from academic and industry experts, with an opportunity to take part in site visits to see sustainability challenges and solutions first hand.

Note: This will be a two-week programme between 22/06 -10/07.

Application Deadline: **31 March 2026**

PROVISIONAL DATES

22 June - 3 July 2026



Business Summer Internship Programme

The UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business Summer Internship is an eight-week programme combining academic, experiential and cultural elements into a holistic curriculum designed to ensure the student has the most engaged, international experience possible. Two weeks of intensive academic courses, a six-week internship placement at a leading Irish or multinational company and a cultural programme throughout ensures a transformational learning experience. **Note:** Open to undergraduate students of business or business-related disciplines only.

Application Deadline: **10 March 2026**
For questions contact: **quinnstudyabroad@ucd.ie**

PROVISIONAL DATES

3 June - 31 July 2026



Organic Chemistry Summer School

This intensive 8 week duration Summer School for US students is organised by UCD's School of Chemistry and provides all the necessary classes and labs for students that need to take Organic Chemistry as a prerequisite in their programme. Two contiguous modules (OChem1 and OChem2, 4 weeks each) will introduce students to the properties of organic molecules, their reactivity, methods of their preparation as well as applications in medicinal and materials chemistry. The weekly schedule contains 8 lectures, 1 workshop, 1 tutorial, 3 labs, 1 homework assignment and a weekly test while providing opportunities to explore Dublin, Ireland and Europe.

Application Deadline: **Late March 2026**
For questions contact: **marcus.baumann@ucd.ie**
susan.wilson@ucd.ie

PROGRAMME DATES

15 June - 7 August 2026



CNN Journalism Summer Institute and Simulation

This two-week programme, delivered by CNN Academy in collaboration with UCD Clinton Institute, will provide skilled training in journalism and digital storytelling. It will include a week-long simulation, training participants to report on a breaking news story with global impact.

Application Deadline: **31 March 2026**
For questions contact: **catherine.carey@ucd.ie**

PROGRAMME DATES

29 June - 10 July 2026

