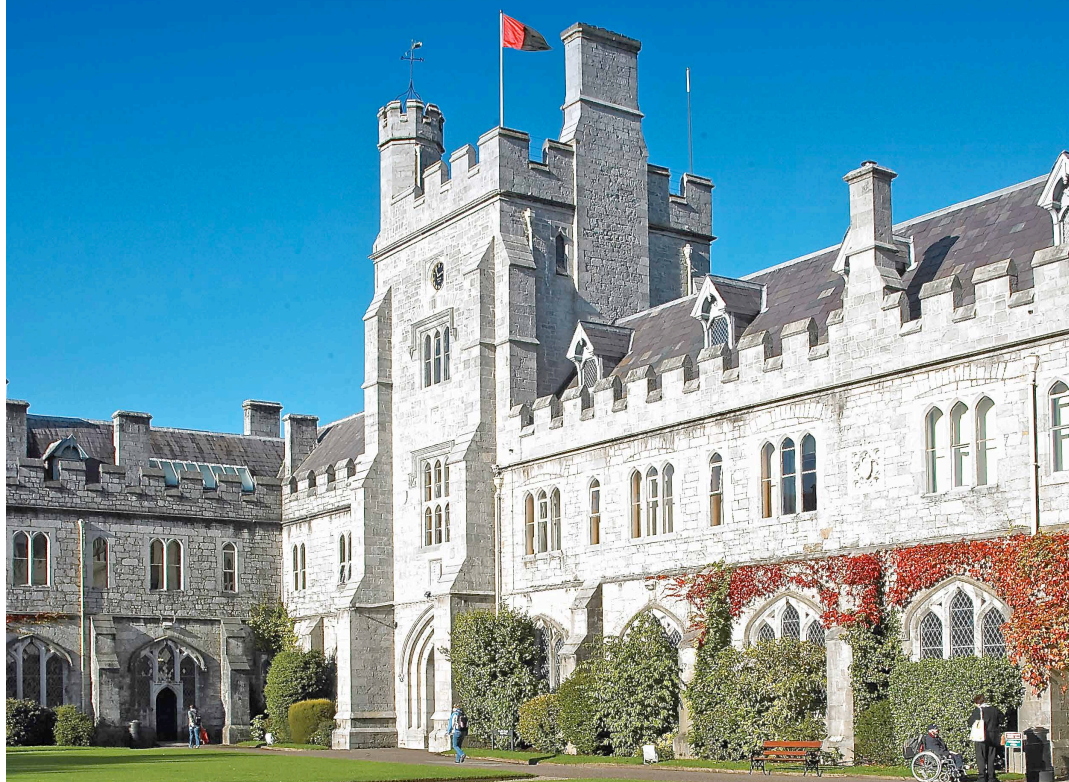

PROGRAMME FOR VISITING LECTURERS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK, IRELAND

Teaching and Learning in Higher Education
and English Language Development



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Welcome to University College Cork, Ireland



UCC, a world-class university, was founded in 1845 and combines a rich tradition of teaching, research, and scholarship. UCC is unrivalled in the quality of its academic programmes, the beauty of its campus, and its vibrant student life.

The university's location in picturesque Cork, home to the friendliest of Irish people, ensures that a warm welcome awaits every student who steps onto campus grounds. UCC's degrees, conferred by the National University of Ireland, are internationally recognised, and over 20,000 students choose the university as their home for their scholastic endeavors, both at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. UCC boasts an international reputation which attracts more than 3,000 students annually from over 110 countries. Scholars who seek to embrace everything university life has to offer, while embarking on their study abroad experiences, University College Cork (UCC) is the ideal choice.



UCC Awards

- **UCC** has been voted Sunday Times University of The Year three times in the last decade
- **UCC** was the first university in the world to be awarded the International Green Flag for Environmental Friendliness
- **UCC** is Ireland's first five star university (QS Stars)
- **UCC** was recognised as one of the leading universities worldwide for scientific research in the CWTS Leiden Ranking 2015 and topped the ranking in Ireland
- **UCC** is second in the UI World Green Metric World University Ranking
- **UCC** scored the highest number of A grades in 83 countries in the EU sponsored U-Multirank
- **UCC** has 13 subject areas featuring in the top tier globally (*QS World University Ranking by Subject 2015*)

Programme Overview



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- The programme combines aspects of teaching and learning in higher education and of English language development. It is organised by the UCC Centre for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL), the UCC Language Centre and the UCC International Office.
- Participants have the option to choose a three or six month programme during the University's semesterised year.
- A concentrated version of the programme is also available as a Summer School option.
- Shorter bespoke programmes can be designed on request.



Key Elements

- Accommodation arranged by UCC staff
- Opening Ceremony on arrival
- Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Programme
- English Language Development Programme
- Networking at UCC, classroom visits and observation
- University student card issued
- Free membership of the university's world class sports complex
- Access to the University Boole Library
- Cultural Experiences & Outings
- Closing ceremony and presentation of certificates



“UCC Tradition of Independent Thinking”

Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Programme



The objective of this part of the programme is to provide visiting lecturers/participants with an overview of the key theories of teaching, learning and assessment in higher education. Various models of curriculum design and development are explored and a range of modes and techniques of assessment are introduced. Scholars will focus on ways of facilitating student learning by researching their own teaching.

The programme is grounded in the work of two major drivers of contemporary theory and practice in teaching and learning in higher education in the USA: The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and the Project Zero Classroom at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Such influences, coupled with local commitment to teaching and learning at UCC, make the programme the longest running and most successful in the country.

The themes of the programme include:

- Teaching places, Learning spaces.
- Learning how to learn: Implications for how we teach.
- Different folks, different strokes; multiple intelligences theory – what every teacher should know.
- Assessment: Assidere – sitting beside the student.
- Reflection: The case for the scholar as reflective practitioner.



English Language Development Programme



The language programme will comprise of:

- Placement test (to assess grammar, vocabulary, writing and speaking level)
- A needs analysis, to ascertain individual's specific needs/preferences in relation to language learning.
- The lecturers/participants will receive eight hours per week of English language tuition, comprising of four hours bespoke programme and four hours integrated with students of other nationalities and of their own level
- All classes place an emphasis on developing the learner's ability to communicate confidently and competently.



Achievements

On completion of this language course scholars will receive:

- A certificate acknowledging professional development in English language proficiency.
- A report on their progress in relation to language skills and systems.

On completion of the Teaching and Learning course, scholars will receive:

- A certificate acknowledging professional development in integrating research, teaching and learning.
- Access to links and archives that will sustain their research work in this field.
- The course also provides a pathway to the online ECTS certified programme in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education



Cultural Experiences and Outings

A social and cultural programme accompanies these courses. Participants can avail of excursions to include local and national settings, such as, local historical sites, museums, castles, and harbour towns, including lectures on an introduction to Irish Language and Irish Traditional Music.

UCC offers on campus events through the student clubs and societies annually.

www.ucc.ie/en/campuslife/clubs/





Student life in Cork

Our vibrant modern campus with a second-to-none student experience, makes UCC a very special place to be. There are over 20,600 students, pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate studies. 13% are international students, with over 110 countries across the world represented.

UCC is located in Cork City, Ireland. Cork is Ireland's second largest city and is located on the south coast of Ireland. It offers students all the advantages of a bustling, vibrant and cosmopolitan city.

Radiating a cultural and arty vibe, Cork is dotted with parks, galleries, shops, restaurants, theatres and historical buildings. Simultaneously it possesses a small-town familiarity and students can navigate the city on foot with ease. Cork is widely known as The Food Capital of Ireland.

Accommodation

Self-catering accommodation is arranged by UCC as well as airport pick-up.

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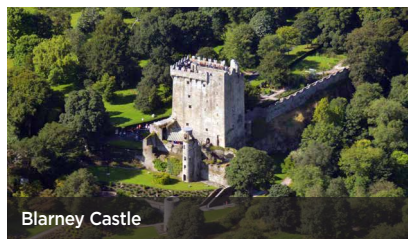
Fitzgerald's Park, Cork City



Typical on-campus student accommodation



The English Market, Cork City



Blarney Castle



Kinsale Harbour

Statistics at a glance

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- Over **120** degree and professional programmes on offer
- UCC scored the highest number of **A grades** in 83 countries in the EU sponsored U-Multirank
- **20,600** full-time students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate studies
- **13%** are international students with over **110** countries across the world represented
- **15,000 +** undergraduate students
- **5,000 +** masters and Phd students

About Cork . . .

- Cork is Ireland's second city, with a population of **123,000** people
- Cork is one of the **top ten** cities to visit in the world (*Lonely Planet*)
- Cork International Airport is **ten minutes'** drive from the University
- Cork has many **restaurants, art galleries** and **shopping centres**
- There is a great **sporting tradition** of hurling and gaelic football - our national sports, as well as rugby
- Cork is only **three hours** from the capital city of Dublin and has an excellent road and rail network
- Cork is close to some of the most **spectacular scenery** in Ireland; you can visit **beautiful beaches, amazing landscapes** and small **picturesque villages**.



Eligibility

- A role in an academic Institution relating to Teaching and Learning/Student engagement.
- References from your home institution.
- Biography of academic achievement and professional experience to date.
- Working knowledge of English.

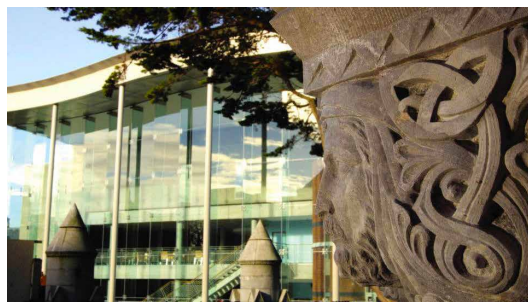
Feedback from Chinese Academics

“I got a lot of examples of problems I can use in my classroom... especially how to use student engagement.”

“The people left a deep impression-they are so friendly... they give a lot of smiles and help for us.”

“I have learned that teaching and learning is a combined process. It was a really wonderful experience for us and our English has been enhanced.”





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