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UCC: A FIRST CLASS FOOD EDUCATION

UCC's School of Food and Nutritional Sciences and Associate School of Food Business and Development have a range of courses tailored for the agri-food industry.

CC has a history of nearly a century of teaching and research in food sciences and now is amongst Europe's largest multidisciplinary education and research institutions with world-class academics working in all aspects of the food area. Their first-rate facilities include extensive and well equipped laboratories and a large pilot plant with excellent dairy, meat and bakery facilities, in addition to a unique pilot-scale brewery.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Undergraduate courses available include: BSc Food Science (CK505), BSc Nutritional Sciences (CK504), BSc Food Marketing and Entrepreneurship (CK502) and BSc International Development and Food Policy (CK506). An integral part of each BSc programme is a six-month paid Industrial Placement during year three. This provides a practical insight into business and the development of business contacts.

Food Science graduates are equipped with the knowledge and technical know-how to work in a diverse range of food related careers. The course covers a wide range of study, from fundamental chemistry and microbiology of food to modern processes for commercialisation in state of the art research facilities.

Human Nutrition focuses on food as it affects our health and is concerned with the provision of food and nutrients to the body to facilitate optimum physical and mental development and maintenance of health throughout our lives.

A degree in Food Marketing and Entrepreneurship prepares students for innovation and the creation of products and services that satisfy the ever-changing needs of customers and consumers at home and abroad. Graduates who intend to work in such challenging and fast-moving markets



need an education that promotes strategic decision-making, innovation, enterprise and knowledge management.

A degree in International Development and Food

Policy provides students with an understanding of global development, global economies and social inequalities.

POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Students wishing to pursue postgraduate studies can avail either taught or research programmes, including, HDip Food Science and Technology (CKO06), PGDip Cooperative Organisation, Food Marketing and Rural Development (CKP01), MSc in Food Science (CKR22) or Nutritional Sciences (CKR21), Food Business (CKR23), MSc Cooperative Organisation, Food Marketing and Rural Development (CKS33), and PhD in Food Science and Technology or Nutritional Sciences (CKT21).

FOOD INDUSTRY TRAINING UNIT (FITU) AT UCC

In recognition of the growing importance of continuing professional education and training in the food and related industries, UCC established FITU in the Faculty of Food Science and Technology in 1993. The objective of FITU is to coordinate policy and activities associated with the research, training, continuing education and professional development needs of those at work in the food industry.

FITU works in close association with FÁS, Enterprise Ireland,

the Food Safety Authority of Ireland, the Food Safety Promotion Board, CÁIS, the Local Authority Veterinary Service, the Irish Co-operative Organisation Society, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Teagasc.

A new two-year programme, Diploma in Seafood Innovation, is being introduced by the School of Food and Nutritional Sciences, FITU and Adult Education at UCC in September 2013 to develop skills in sustainable seafood innovation and new product development for Irish seafood companies.

MOLECULAR GASTRONOMY WORKSHOP

In recent years, the emergence of the discipline of molecular gastronomy has brought new focus on the interface between food science and culinary practice. Thus, the food scientist of the future must increasingly recognise how their skills in areas like food chemistry, sensory science and food science apply in a culinary sense as much as in the processing plant. To foster discussions in this regard, UCC hosted a one-day workshop with national and international experts in the field of Molecular Gastronomy. The day included a mix of presentations and panel discussions and facilitated the exploration of the implications of these developments both for the food sector in general and for the specific training of a new generation of graduates with the requisite skills.

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