

UCC International Office

The UCC International Office conducted a cost of studying abroad survey by reaching out to our students that studied in the US and Canada during academic year 2021/2022.

The survey was conducted to assist future UCC study abroad students.



Please read below the results of the survey.

78% of students reviewed our 'Cost of studying abroad' section on our website. For 44% of students that read our information, this is how they decided where they wanted to study. The remaining students also conducted their own research online.

92% of students spent more than they had expected.

Working:

18% of students worked while studying. For the US and Canada, students can only work on campus (Immigration policy)

Housing:

The average cost of housing per month was 1,000dollars. The cost per month ranged from 630dollars to 2,000dollars. The cost of your housing also depends on where you are studying. A breakdown of estimated costs by university can be found on our website under 'The cost of studying abroad' <https://www.ucc.ie/en/international/goabroadwithucc/>

This is very important to consider when choosing which unversity you would like to study at.

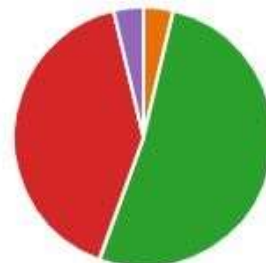
Spending per month (excluding accommodation)

The majority of students spent between 400 to 1,000 dollars per month

3. What did you spend per month? (excluding accommodation). (0 point)
If different currency, please convert to euro or dollar

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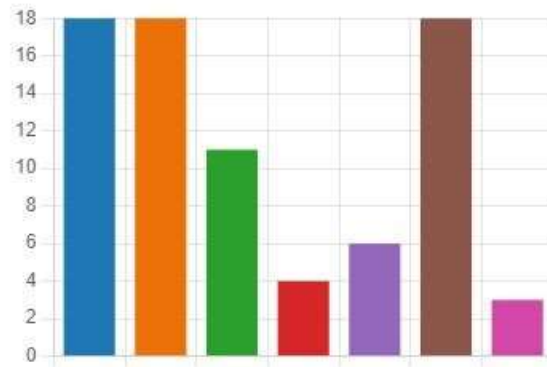
- 100 to 200 euro/dollar
- 200 to 400 euro/dollar
- 400 to 800 euro/dollar
- 800 to 1,000 euro/dollar
- Other



5. What did you spend most of your money on per month? *You can select multiples* (0 point)

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- Food
- Social Life
- Transport
- Books and materials for class
- Flights and Visa
- Housing
- Other



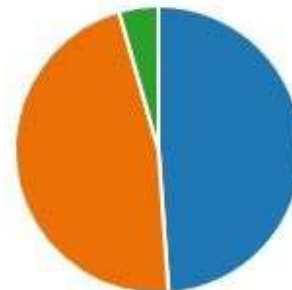
It is very important to plan a budget before committing to study abroad.

See below how previous UCC students funded their time abroad.

7. Who funded your studies? *(You can select multiple)* (0 point)

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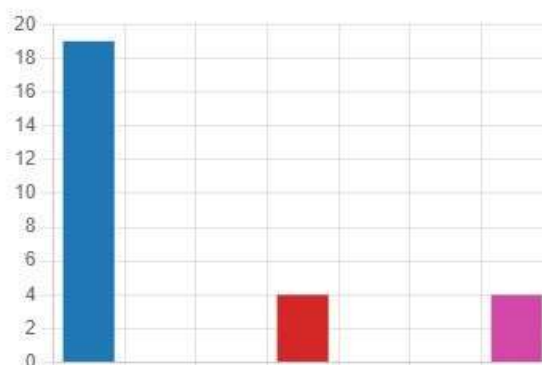
- Myself
- My parent/parents
- Family (Siblings, Grandparents, ...)
- A Bank/Post Office/Credit Union...
- Other



9. What did your host university charge you for? (0 point)

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- Health Insurance
- Student ID Card
- Orientation
- International Student Fee
- Other
- Covid-19 Vaccine
- They did not charge me for any ...



Hear what the students had to say!

What surprised you about the cost of living in a new city?

Groceries were the most mentioned items.

The cost of food, trying to get good quality fruit, veg and meat was difficult in grocery stores. Street markets are the best way to go!

I found it quite similar to the cost of living in Ireland. However, living away from my parents made me appreciate how much small bills like transport, clothes, pharmaceuticals add up overtime.

Food in the US tends to be a bit pricier and not as good quality. Busses in Raleigh are free but not always dependable, so you spend a bit on Ubers if going anywhere. Also flight travel within the US is much more expensive than Europe

Weekly food shops were costing over 2x what I was paying in cork for groceries

How high it was

Was much more expensive than anywhere in Ireland

The cost of food surprised me hugely. Having been used to spend a very small amount of my budget on groceries it was a lot more while away.

Everything was expensive

Transport in America is extremely costly if you do not drive, flights between states/Cities begin at about \$80 and rise, much more expensive than your average European flights, similarly buses are costly

Groceries were super expensive

The rental price per month

Just that everything is so much more expensive food toiletries etc

Cost of eating out very high: taxes applied at bill, tipping + high cost of living in general

The cost of a food shop

Transport was extremely expensive and cost much more than I had budgeted for

The food was extremely expensive, I found myself struggling to pay for other expenses after the food shop

Taxes on everything in New York

Groceries are very expensive so is accommodation as you have to sign 12 month leases. health insurance is outrageous.

A lot of hidden costs that are impossible to factor into a budget




Phone bill was outrageous

A lot of costs you wouldn't think about. Had to buy sheets/pots, pans/cutlery when arriving.

Cost of small every day necessities like toothpaste, deodorant, dry shampoo, shampoo ect. Really expensive, worth buying at home first or order on amazon. And things like coffee and eating out.

Not surprised but eating out required tips which was 18-20%

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