



 RESPECT &
RESPONSIBILITY

Community Life Booklet 2021/22

FOR ALL STUDENTS & RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY



WE HAVE MOVED... HOW TO FIND US **AT THE SOUTH LODGE**



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OF THE COMMUNITY AND FOR THE COMMUNITY*



COMMUNITY MESSAGE

The Office of Accommodation and Community Life are delighted to present this Community Life Booklet which aims to support UCC students and members of the local community.

Our Office is an advice and advocacy service for students seeking accommodation, along with StudentPad, an online accommodation search engine, and Campus Watch, which deals with potential breaches of the UCC student rules. We work to create a safe, secure environment for UCC students and to ensure that a harmonious relationship is maintained between students and the wider community.

It is important to acknowledge that the local community comprises a diverse and vibrant variety of residents and students, all sharing the same neighbourhood. This creates an exciting community to both live and study. It is vital that we build on the existing, positive relationships between all members of the local community. UCC encourages all its students to be respectful and responsible throughout their academic journey.

We are always available to speak with residents and students about any matters that may arise within the community. If you would like to speak to a member of our team, you can contact us using the details below or feel free to call into our new office at South Lodge.

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For further information please see our website at **<https://www.ucc.ie/en/accommodation>**

INTRODUCING BYSTANDER INTERVENTION



Here to empower you with the skills and knowledge to look after each other and stand up to sexual harassment and sexual violence. Simply sign-up and complete this short training at your finger-tips and in your own time!

Be the Voice in your Community

Hi there, my name is Lin and I am a student at UCC who lives locally in University Hall student accommodation. I am an active bystander as I want to stop instances of sexual violence and harassment from happening on and off our campus.

What is an active bystander?

Well, I stand up and intervene in situations that I feel that are not okay when it comes to any form of sexual violence and harassment. I'll give you some tips throughout this booklet on how you too can be an active bystander.

For me, being part of the university community and the local community means doing our part to keep it safe for all of us. Being a **respectful, compassionate, and socially responsible student** benefits everyone.



Tip:

We can influence and change others' behaviour by **calling out actions or language which are inappropriate**. This provides space for new behaviours which reject all unwanted and unacceptable abuse to be established.

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION



"The thing is sexual violence and harassment can be prevented by all of us by intervening at some point! But when we don't, this is called the **'bystander effect'**: this occurs where a person in need of help is not assisted by an onlooker because the onlooker assumes that someone else will step in.

Want to know where I picked up some of this stuff? Well, last year I benefited from training provided by UCC's Bystander Intervention Programme which was developed to **respond to the issues of sexual harassment and violence** in student populations.

The aim of the programme is to **challenge abusive behaviour and empower participants with intervening skills** to recognise and speak out against sexual harassment and violence.

In a nutshell, I upskilled by completing **four self-directed online workshops and one interactive workshop**. All of these include definitions, scenarios, role-plays, questions, action steps and resources to equip you with the skills to **safely** intervene in instances of harmful or violent words, actions or behaviours".

The Bystander Intervention Programme is all about **enabling you to develop your skills and confidence** to intervene in any setting.

Golden Rule: only intervene when it is safe for you to do so. If it is not safe, in an emergency, call 112, or 999.

Contact Bystander Intervention at bystander@ucc.ie
To register and find out more <https://www.ucc.ie/en/bystander/>

Spread the word, keep up-to-date and follow us
on <https://twitter.com/BystanderUcc> Twitter and
<https://www.instagram.com/bystanderucc/> Instagram

List of supports & services: <https://bystanderintervention.ucc.ie/supports>



In 2020 just over half of first year students reported experiencing sexual harassment in the form of some form of sexual hostility since beginning college. This rose to 62% for second year students, and 66% for undergraduate students in third year or higher.*

*USI Sexual Experience Survey 2020 completed by 6,026 undergraduate and postgraduate students at Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENTS' UNION

UCC Students' Union

UCC Students' Union, located at 54 College Road is the chief representative body for students in UCC. The SU's main functions are to provide academic assistance to students, to provide financial and wellbeing support to students, to lobby the University and the government on issues affecting the student body, and to provide entertainment on campus for the 22,000 students in this University. Officers of the Union represent students on a number of committees including UCC's Governing Authority, Academic Board and Academic Council, where many of the key decisions are made. Additionally, we represent students externally at national bodies such as the Union of Students' in Ireland (USI) among others.

We are always available for a chat and happy to help out in any way possible. So if you have an issue or you want to run an idea of how to improve an aspect of life here in UCC, just contact any of our officers, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We wish you all the best in these challenging times, we wish you continued good health and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

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SUPPORTING UCC STUDENTS IN 2021/22

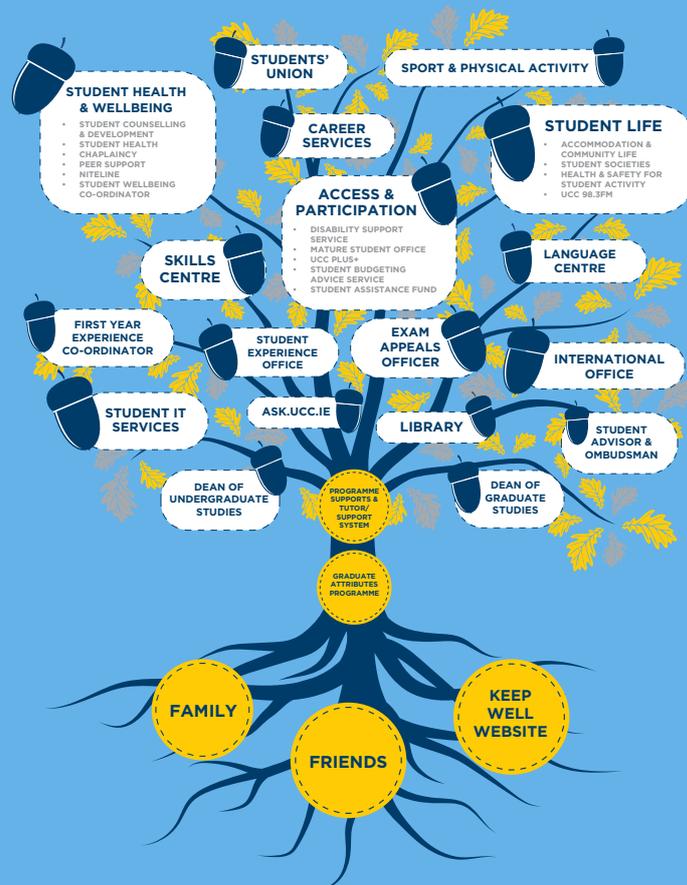
Support tree showing student services

The “Acorn to Mighty Oak” has come to symbolise students’ academic, personal and professional development journey throughout their time at UCC.

In alignment with this rich metaphor, the support services available to students are presented in the form of a **Support Tree**.

This tree depicts the support services currently available to students and provides links to further information about each service.

W: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/studentexperience>



LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY AND MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

HOW CAN I BECOME A BETTER NEIGHBOUR?

- Do not engage in anti-social behaviour of any kind.
- Ensure that members of your household or visitors do not engage in anti-social behaviour of any kind.
- Always respect your neighbours' property and their right to peacefully enjoy their home.
- Watch out for local residents in your estate and help them in any way you can.

College is one of the best times of your life but things can easily go from great to awful if you don't abide by the law. A house party that gets out of hand in the early hours of the morning can easily turn into a court appearance! To save you from fines and a potential criminal record, here are some simple dos and don'ts to keep you in check.

A Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) Determination Order that finds a tenant as acting in a manner that is deemed to be anti-social behaviour may have serious implications for a tenant, as this Determination Order is published on the RTB website and may affect a tenant's future prospects. Any complaints of a serious anti-social or criminal nature should be reported to the Gardaí in the first instance.

DO ✓

- Follow public health and safety guidelines on the number of guests in the house.
- Try to keep the party inside and keep windows and doors closed.
- Co-operate if the Gardaí arrive.
- Clean up the next day - the longer you leave it, the worse it gets. (Don't forget the front garden too!)
- Keep the noise down going from the party to town, especially when everyone is getting into taxis.

DON'T ✗

- Let people in that you don't know.
- Leave your windows open with music on. Noise travels and the Gardaí will be at your door before you know it!
- Be rude or hostile if people ask you to keep it down. Students are part of the community and as part of the community, you must respect your neighbours and surroundings. Maintaining good relationships with your neighbours is in the interests of everyone. It is important that we are considerate of other people's lifestyles and property.

NOISE DISTURBANCE

RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY

BE LIKE JACK

Jack hosted friends at his gaff last night

He only invited people he knew

He kept the doors and windows closed when music was playing

Everyone was out of the house and on the way home at 10pm

He had a great night and avoided any arguments with his neighbours



BE LIKE AOIFE

Aoife was on her way home from town with a friend

She didn't scream or sing while walking to her house

She passed a neighbour's wheely bin and did not knock it over or wheel her friend down the road in it

Aoife and her friend went in the house without making too much noise

She did not wake up to find a strange wheely bin in the garden and a Garda at the door



STUDENT CHARTER

UCC Standards of Conduct



The University requires its students to conduct themselves in an appropriate and reasonable manner at all times to ensure:

- ✓ **Dignity, honesty and integrity;**
- ✓ **Respect for all members of staff;**
- ✓ **Respect for fellow students;**
- ✓ **Respect for and adherence to the Rules, Regulations and Policies of the University;**
- ✓ **Compliance with the academic processes of the University;**
- ✓ **That the University is not brought into disrepute;**
- ✓ **Respect for local residents and other members of the general public;**
- ✓ **That the views, values and beliefs of others are respected;**
- ✓ **That no damage or injury is caused to any person or property;**
- ✓ **That the University community is free from intimidation and discrimination.**

Please consult the current Student Rules for UCC for more information at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/respect>

CAMPUS WATCH

University College Cork is committed to creating a safe and secure environment for UCC students and to foster a positive relationship between our students and the wider community. Campus Watch will respond to formal complaints from students, members of the community and other stakeholders, in relation alleged breaches of the UCC Standards of Conduct.

Key Action Areas

- Working with Neighbourhood Watch Groups, Gardai, students and residents associations in areas of common interest
- Promoting student safety on campus, out and about and at home
- Responding quickly to complaints and concerns in relation to student behaviour
- Developing strong links with community groups
- When necessary, initiating formal student disciplinary procedures
- Providing mediation where necessary

How can you make a complaint?

If you feel that a UCC student, or students, have breached any of the UCC standards of conduct, you can fill out the Campus Watch Complaint Form. This can be accessed at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/respect> and returned to the Campus Watch Office: UCC Campus Watch, South Lodge, College Road, UCC, Cork, Ireland.

Email: campuswatch@ucc.ie

Tel: **021 490 3849/2103**



Other Contacts:

Campus Watch – Gary Mulcahy **021 490 2103**
087 192 8619

Campus Security **021 490 3111**
021 490 2266

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

UCC's unique Graduate Attributes Programme will help you to successfully navigate your transition in to, through and out of university. It will enable you to **begin, belong** and **become** the person you want to be.

The overarching objective of our programme is to optimise the student journey and to prepare to **live, lead** and **learn** in a shared, co-created future.

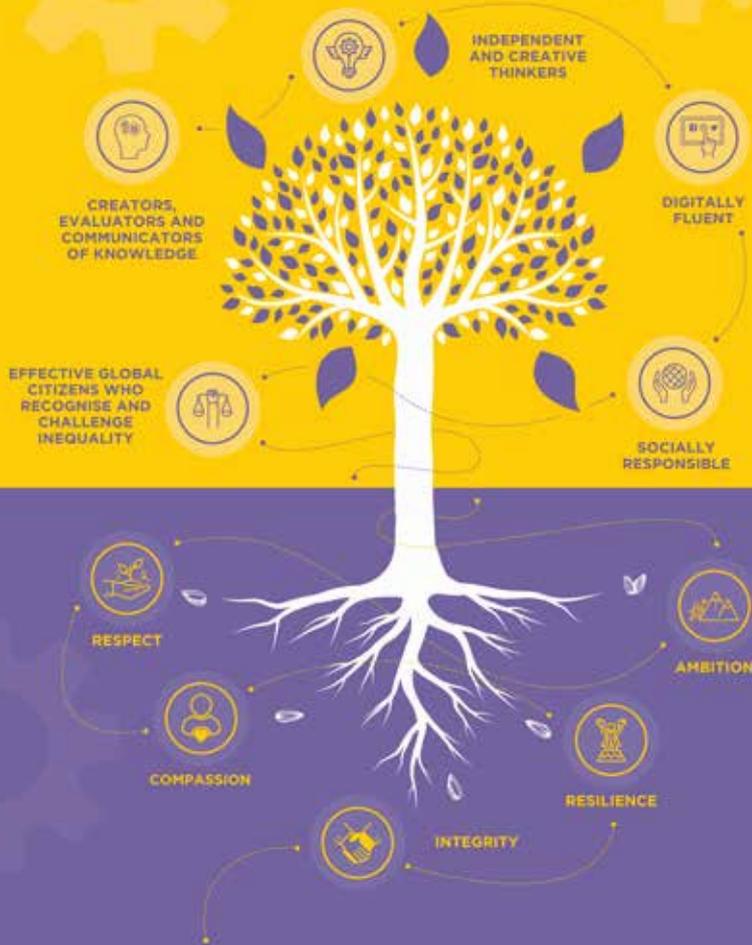
Through your academic curriculum as well as co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, you will develop lifelong transferable skills, to empower you to take an active role in sustaining and contributing to your community, our society as well as to local and global economies.

You will become:

- ***A Creator, Evaluator and Communicator of Knowledge***
- ***An Independent and Creative Thinker***
- ***Digitally Fluent***
- ***Socially Responsible***
- ***An Effective Global Citizen who recognises and challenges inequality***

You will demonstrate and act with:

- ***Respect*** – your neighbours' property and their right to downtime and restful sleep.
- ***Ambition*** – aim to make your community the absolute best it can be.
- ***Compassion*** – look out for elderly neighbours, the way you would like neighbours to keep an eye out for your grandparents.
- ***Resilience*** – engaging positively in community life, taking ownership and being accountable will build your resilience.
- ***Integrity*** – acting with integrity in your interactions with your neighbours will build solid foundations for your community life.



Now that you are here, you will become **part of a whole new community**. You may be living away from home in a new neighbourhood, made up of fellow students but also of families, professionals, elderly residents and businesses. Your neighbours may have very different lifestyles and timetables and, as part of this community, it's really important that you recognise your **social responsibility** obligations and that you **respect** everyone's right to a safe, secure and socially-minded neighbourhood.

For richer, more rewarding and reciprocal community relations:

Begin – get off on the right foot with your neighbours, it will stand you in good stead.

Belong – get involved and get to know your neighbours.

Become – the neighbour everyone wants to have.

W: www.ucc.ie/graduateattributes

E: graduateattributes@ucc.ie

T: 021 490 3127

#BeginBelongBecome

ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION

Adult Continuing Education (ACE) has been offering part-time education programmes to Cork, Munster, and beyond since 1946 and is proud to celebrate 75 years of educational services to the community this year.

ACE's purpose is to provide opportunities in lifelong learning for all adults irrespective of age and previous educational achievements.

ACE offers an extensive selection of short courses (6-10 weeks) for both the autumn and spring semesters. Our course selection is guided by the intention to appeal to a broad range of interests, concerns, and needs.

As well as ACE's short courses, we offer a broad range of part-time accredited programmes across a wide selection of disciplines that may interest you.

We hope that from the courses on offer, you will find one that serves to strengthen your knowledge in an area of existing interest, or perhaps introduces you to a new area of learning, or even facilitates your professional development.

To find out more about what's on offer at ACE, please call 021-4904700 or email ace@ucc.ie

ACE website: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/ace/>



VOLUNTEERING FAIR

Wednesday 27th October
100's of volunteering opportunities

To find out more follow
the UCC Career Services on social media

  @ucccareers

 UCC Careers



How can UCC help you with volunteering?

UCC has a Volunteering Pathway as part of the UCC EmployAgility Award. To receive an award through the Volunteering Pathway, a student must complete a period of unpaid volunteering on or off campus. The UCC EmployAgility Award is a part of a professional skills development programme. Students must demonstrate that they have engaged in, and developed professional skills through, extracurricular activities and work experience. All of which will help students to stand out from the crowd when applying for graduate roles and internships.

W: www.ucc.ie/careers/award



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR / STUDENT FINES

Antisocial behaviour can be a major issue affecting the quality of life for residents and other students. While people have a right to lead different lifestyles, it is not acceptable if their lifestyles interfere with the rights and freedoms of other people. Many families and older members of the community live in close proximity to student accommodation. Please ensure that your behaviour does not impact negatively on other students and members of the local community. Noise levels should be kept to a minimum, especially at night.



Drinking on the streets

A night out on the town can be great fun, but we urge students to understand that you must always remain respectful towards residents living in your community.

Drinking alcohol on the street can result in a fine of €75.00.

If you do not pay a fine, this could result in a court appearance.



If you are worried about your own, or someone else's drinking, please use the following resources:

ePUB: to help you understand your individual drinking pattern, your risk patterns, and your aspirations/goals
<https://www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/epub>

Alcohol and Your Health:

<http://www.askaboutalcohol.ie>

HSE Alcohol Helpline: 1800 459 459

Alcoholics Anonymous Cork City Area Phone Service:
085 847 0880

Drug Use:

A message from the Students' Union

UCCSU does not condone the use of illicit substances. However, we understand that some people will engage in drug use regardless, and as such, it is of paramount importance that drug harm reduction measures are understood by students.

NB: It is extremely important to call an ambulance if you come across someone who has had an adverse reaction to a substance. You cannot be prosecuted for having drugs in your system. It could save a life!

Drugs and Alcohol Information & Support:

<http://drugs.ie>

Cork Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force:

T : 021 493 0100

E : enquires@corkdrugandalcohol.ie

<https://www.corkdrugandalcohol.ie>



UCC Free Legal Advice Committee

If you find yourself in legal implications, you can contact UCC FLAC Society for advice, free of charge.



E : flac@uccsocieties.ie

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Equal Status Acts 2000-2015 make it unlawful to discriminate on the grounds of age, race, membership of the Traveller Community, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, family status and civil status. Providers of accommodation services must not discriminate against someone on grounds of 'housing assistance' i.e. in receipt of rent supplement, housing assistance or other social welfare payments

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Unit in UCC was established to enable students and staff to be proactive about equality issues and to fight discrimination. The EDI Unit also provides advice to staff and students on equality issues that affect them in UCC, including the protections available to them under the Equal Status grounds. <https://www.ucc.ie/en/edi> call **021 490 1825/1993** or email ediunit@ucc.ie



SAFE & HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

UCC is committed to providing a safe environment for all of its students and is keen to promote healthy relationships. The University operates a zero-tolerance policy to sexual misconduct both on and off campus.

Support Services for Sexual Violence in Cork

Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) in the South Infirmary Hospital (SIVUH)

Medical examination and forensic evaluation for victims of sexual violence.

Contact: 021 492 6297

Out of hours phone the hospital at **021 492 6100** and ask for Nurse Manager on duty for hospital.

Sexual Violence Centre Cork

Provides telephone support and one-to-one counselling for people who have experienced sexual violence and for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Contact: 1800 496 496



ACTIVE CONSENT WORKSHOPS



Active* Consent workshops provide safe spaces to explore consent and how best to negotiate and communicate active sexual consent.

The thirty-minute, online workshop aims to promote a positive and confident approach to sexual health and to equip young people with the tools to recognise sexual consent, in a way that is engaging, up-to-date and based on real-life student experiences, beliefs and attitudes.

To learn more, attend a workshop and get involved, contact feminist@uccsocieties.ie.



BRIDGE THE GAP WITH YOUR ACTIONS



You can intervene in a situation online by **reporting the perpetrator to the social media platform for harassment or abuse**, by encouraging the victim to disengage and **block the perpetrator**, supporting the victim should they decide to **report the situation to the Gardaí** should the harassment include threats of violence or image-based sexual abuse. You can also let them know that they can report the incident to UCC Campus Watch if they so wish.



Coco's Law is an online harassment and harmful communications bill which criminalises the distribution of intimate images without consent. Image based sexual abuse is now illegal in Ireland and could result in a maximum fine of €5,000 or 12-months' imprisonment. You wouldn't do it in person so why do it online?





SOCIAL MEDIA

THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE

Before posting comments, images or videos online, think carefully about whether they could have a negative impact on your reputation, now or in the future.

Remember that screenshots can be taken of private messages. They may be offensive to others and could be used in the future to reflect negatively on you.

CONNECT WITH RESPECT

Every time that you share information, photos or videos on social media sites you are contributing to the image of you that is portrayed online.

- Don't post anything online that could cause others offence or embarrassment.
- Respect the privacy of others and ask permission before sharing images of them.
- Don't show support for offensive views by liking or sharing them.

RULES ARE RULES

As a UCC student you are bound by the UCC Student Rules, Student Charter and all other UCC policies, whether it is online or in person. Complaints can be raised against students, through UCC, for online activity such as bullying another student.

If you wouldn't say it in person, don't type it online.

STUDENT LIVING GUIDE / MANAGING FINANCES



HAVING TROUBLE
MANAGING
YOUR MONEY?



PROBLEMS PAYING **YOUR RENT?**

STRUGGLING TO PAY
FOR ESSENTIALS?

IF YOU NEED FINANCIAL ADVICE
CONTACT THE UCC BUDGETARY ADVISOR
T: 021 490 4850

E: studentbudgetingadvice@ucc.ie

www.ucc.ie/en/sfsa

UCC Budgetary Advisor





TIPS & TRICKS

SAVE ENERGY, MONEY & THE ENVIRONMENT



DITCH THE DISPOSABLES

You get a discount on coffee on campus if you use a reusable coffee cup and there are free water- filling stations all around UCC!



CYCLE

Cycling to and around UCC saves you money on parking & public transport, while also avoiding harmful emissions (and its great exercise!)



COOK SMART

Try to cook together to avoid wasted energy, water and food resources.



SWITCH OFF!

Make sure you shut down, switch off and plug out anything that isn't in use including lights!



EDIT ONLINE

Try to only print the final draft of your assignments. This will save you money on printing costs and avoid wasting paper!



BUY SENSIBLE

Make shopping lists to ensure you only buy the products you know you are going to use - this saves you money and avoids waste!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE BINS BACK IN

WHAT GOES IN MY RECYCLING BIN?



- Clean Mixed Paper, newspaper, magazines and brochures
- Clean cardboard
- Washed drink cans (Aluminium)
- Washed food cans (steel)
- Washed Tetrapaks (Milk & juice cartons)
- Washed plastic bottles/containers



WHAT ABOUT MY OTHER BINS?



- Coffee grounds
- Tea leaves
- Fruit and vegetable waste (cooked or uncooked) - roots, cores, etc..
- Bread, pasta & rice,
- Cut & dead flowers
- Manure from any vegetarian pets
- Grass cuttings and green leaves
- Weeds (avoid weed seeds)
- Old plants (not diseased)
- Seaweed or garden-pond cleanings



- Green Glass
- Blue Glass
- Brown Glass
- Clear Glass



- All other waste

Cork City Council introduced new regulations that waste **shall not be put out for collection before 6.00pm** the evening before collection day and **shall be removed no later than 7.00pm** on collection day



PARKING

- If you do need to park your car in the local area, be respectful to all residents and stick within the law
- Avoid blocking pavements as it may force people with pushchairs and prams, or wheelchair users onto the road, putting them at risk from oncoming traffic
- Display parking permit, or discs, where required, and be mindful of the times that you are parking in the area
- Make sure you leave enough space on the road for other vehicles to get through.
- Make sure you don't block driveways.
- Parking on yellow lines can lead to a parking ticket and fine.
- Only use a disabled parking space if you have if you have an appropriate disability parking permit.



Stay safe

Help prevent the spread of coronavirus



Wash
your hands



Cover
your mouth
if coughing
or sneezing



Avoid
touching
your face



Keep
surfaces
clean



Stop
shaking hands
and hugging



Keep
a safe
distance

We ask that all UCC students are respectful and responsible in the local community.

Students must abide by public health guidelines which can be found at

<https://www.gov.ie/en/>

Up to date information on UCC's response to COVID 19 can be found at

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/emt/covid19/>

The virus spreads in sneeze and cough droplets, so regularly taking the above measures helps reduce the chance of it spreading.

TENANCY AND RENT INFORMATION

RENT BOOK AND LEASE INFORMATION

Your landlord must provide you with a rent book or a lease. This is used to record all rent, deposit, and other payments made by you. The rent book or lease should contain other useful information on the tenancy including an inventory list of all items provided as part of the tenancy, your details and the name, address and contact details of your landlord and their agent if they have one.

All payments must be recorded either in the rent book or, if you pay through the bank, by receipt stating the amount, purpose and date of the payment and the period to which it relates.

Where payment is made by any other method, for example direct debit, your landlord must, not more than 3 months after receipt, either record it in the rent book or provide you with a written statement of the amount, purpose and date of the payment and period to which it relates.

Tenancy Agreement: Written Contract (Lease)

The terms of a lease govern the contract and the landlord and the tenant are bound by it, except when contradictory with statutory provisions. A lease agreement can be for any stated period of time. The length of the academic year should be a factor before signing a lease.

Changes are being made to the Residential Tenancies Act which will have an impact on student accommodation. For further information see:

www.rtb.ie



ACCOMMODATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE OFFICE



When you've moved in

- Use the inventory pages of this booklet to record all utensils and equipment in the accommodation. When complete make sure it is signed by both you and your landlord .
 - If you are concerned about the condition of any item or piece of equipment, you should raise this in writing to your landlord/agent at the commencement of the tenancy.
 - Check that the locks on the windows and doors are working.
 - Take photos of all the rooms and the exterior when you've moved in – you should then date the photos and e-mail them to your landlord or have them sign the photos. Keep the photos in case of disputes arising when you are claiming back your deposit.
 - Get a receipt every time you hand over money. Don't pay by cash, if possible. Use the rent log on.
- Your landlord is obliged to provide a fire alarm and fire safety devices so make sure these are at the property and in good working order.
 - If problems do arise, discuss them promptly. Keep lines of communication open, listen and be respectful to each other's requirements. Make any requests in writing and keep records.
 - If you are unable to resolve the dispute, then you can contact the Accommodation & Community Life Office to discuss your options.



CONTRACTS, TENANCIES AND DEPOSITS

Check that the contract has everything it needs

- Name and address and contact number(s) of landlord/agent and of the tenants.
- Address of the property – make sure this matches the address of the house/apartment you looked at.
- When the contract starts and when it will end (if a fixed-term contract).
- Reasons why the contract may end.
- The amount of deposit and amount of rent payable, when payable, and how it is paid.
- Tenant obligations and landlord obligations.
- Any work that will be completed prior to tenant moving in.

Fixed-Term Tenancies

A fixed term tenancy is a tenancy that lasts for a specific amount of time as set out in your tenancy agreement or lease. A ‘part 4’ tenancy runs alongside a fixed term tenancy, which means that the tenant shall, after a period of six months and as in the normal course, become entitled to the provision of a ‘Part 4’ tenancy. A Part 4 tenancy means they

can stay in the property for a further five and a half years or three and a half years if the tenancy commenced before 24 December 2016 and subject to certain exceptions for termination. This means that irrespective of the length of a fixed term lease, a tenant has an entitlement to remain in the dwelling for up to six years and the landlord can only terminate on limited grounds.

Deposits

Tenants may forfeit some or all of their deposit:

- If they do not give proper notice, or leave, before the end of the fixed-term agreement.
- For damage to the landlord’s property over and above the normal wear and tear.
- For unpaid bills or rent owed or other charges/taxes. The letting agreement should be checked for other, more specific arrangements.

Upcoming changes to the Residential Tenancies Act could mean that deposits cannot be more than one month’s rent, and one month’s rent in advance, to secure a tenancy. Check www.rtb.ie for updated information.



studentpad

StudentPad is the UCC student accommodation search engine. If you are a current or prospective UCC student, you can search UCC StudentPad for accommodation options in areas close to the University.

Once registered on StudentPad, you can view available student accommodation in Cork.

Landlords, or home owners, wishing to rent a house/room can also register with StudentPad to connect with UCC students.

*You can find us at: **<https://studentpad.ucc.ie>***

Tenant vs. Licensee

I AM A TENANT	I AM A LICENSEE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My landlord signs my rent book when I pay the rent• I am entitled to quiet and exclusive enjoyment of my home• My tenancy is registered with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB)• I have a right to a copy of the RTB registration• I am entitled to refer any dispute to the RTB• I am entitled to a certain minimum standards of accommodation• My landlord can enter my home with my permission• My home has a Building Energy Rating (BER)• I can get further information and advice from the UCC Accommodation & Community Life Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I live in an owner-occupied home or where a specific formal licence agreement is agreed to with the owner or primary tenant• I do not have the same rights as a tenant• I am not entitled to refer a dispute to the RTB• I can get advice on any dispute from Threshold, the National Housing Charity• I can get further information and advice from the UCC Accommodation & Community Life Office

Tenant and Landlord Obligations

LANDLORD OBLIGATIONS	TENANT OBLIGATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allowing you to enjoy peaceful and exclusive occupation.• Ensuring the property meets basic minimum standards and carrying out repairs for which they are responsible.• Providing you with their contact details/details of their agent.• Promptly returning your deposit at the end of your tenancy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paying the rent and other charges in full and on time.• Not causing damage to the property.• Not causing the landlord to be in breach of their statutory obligations.• Allowing access at reasonable intervals for repairs and inspections.• Not engaging in or allowing others to behave in an anti-social manner.• Not altering, improving, assigning, sub-letting, or changing the use of the property without your landlord's consent.• Notifying your landlord of the identity of all occupants.

TENANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Visitors and Overnight Guests

Tenants are entitled to invite friends to stay over subject to public health guidelines in place at the time. Consider the views of your fellow tenants all the same. Remember that you are responsible for any guests that you invite.

Rights

Your rights, as set out under the Residential Tenancies Act, cannot be 'contracted out'. This means that your lease cannot override the basic principles set out, with regard to the rights and obligations of either side. If you are in doubt about a particular clause, you can seek information from the UCC Accommodation & Community Life Office.

Privacy

All tenants have a statutory right to quiet and peaceful possession. Nobody (including the landlord) has the right to enter the accommodation without permission.

Unless it is an emergency!

Landlords are permitted to carry out routine inspections of the property but it should be at a time suitable for all parties. However, if the tenant

continually refuses the landlord access to the property, they are in breach of their obligation as a tenant.

The circumstances under which a landlord may be entitled to enter accommodation are:

- To survey it and to ensure that it is being maintained.
- To read any meter that may be installed there while the tenant is present.
- In case of an emergency.
- Invited by the tenants to inspect a problem.

Maintenance and Repairs

A tenant's responsibility is generally to maintain the interior dwelling and to comply with any other express provisions that may be laid down in a written agreement. The landlord is obliged to maintain the exterior, in particular the roof and outer walls. The glass in windows/doors is the responsibility of the tenant (unless the breakage was outside of their control), the frames are the responsibility of the landlord.



Please note residential law may be subject to change in the public interest, such as during the COVID 19 pandemic. Please see <https://www.rtb.ie> for current updates.

TENANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Electricity and Gas

Slot meters are installed in many flats for gas and electricity. The tenant should ensure that the electricity meter is fixed at the correct setting and has not been tampered with. The setting can be checked with the ESB or gas company. A landlord is not entitled to disconnect the power or water supply.

What Should a Tenant Pay For?

The tenant must pay the costs of living in the house. These payments should be logged in this rent book. Tenants should also pay for services like:

- Electricity and gas
- Telephone and internet
- Rubbish collection
- TV licence

The tenant does not have to pay for any costs that the landlord has willingly agreed in writing to pay.

For Rented Accommodation

The Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2009 apply to most types of private accommodation, including rented apartments, flats, etc.

The standards require a landlord to ensure:

- The building must be free from damp and in good structural repair.
- The roof, walls, floors, ceilings and stairs are in good repair.
- Maintain the installations for the supply of electricity and gas in good repair and safe working order.
- Provide proper ventilation and lighting to each room.
- Provide a sink with hot and cold water available to tenant.



TENANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The property must also comply with the Fire Services Act 1981 – your landlord is obliged to provide you with fire alarms and a fire blanket.

However, tenants should:

- Take a responsible approach to fire safety within their rented accommodation to avoid fire hazards.
- Ensure at least one smoke alarm is installed on each floor level.
- Plan a fire evacuation drill and practice it.



If you believe that a standard and maintenance issue exists in your property, you must first write a letter to your landlord, outlining the issues, and giving them a reasonable period in which to rectify the situation. You can request that your local authority carry out an inspection of the property to ascertain if it meets the requirements. If the problem persists after the letter has been sent, you may take a case against the landlord through the RTB.



An Garda Síochána

Crime Prevention

**IF YOU
LOVE IT,
LOCK UP
AND
LIGHT UP.**



Simple steps can help protect your home.

Whether you are at home or going out, remember to turn on some lights, use timer switches, lock all doors and windows, use an alarm, store keys away from windows and letter boxes, and don't keep large amounts of cash or jewellery in the house.

Lock Up and Light Up
as part of An Garda Síochána's Operation Thor.

www.garda.ie



Garda Emergency Contact Number:
999/112 (mobile only)

Garda Confidential Telephone Number:
1800 666 111

Local Garda Stations

Anglesea Street Garda Station

Anglesea Street, Cork City
Call: **+353 (0)21 452 2000**

Bridewell Garda Station

Kyrl's Street, Bridewell, Cork City
Call: **+353 (0)21 494 3330**

Togher Garda Station

Tramore Road, Togher, Cork City
Call: **+353 (0)21 494 7120**

Bishopstown Garda Station

Bishopstown, Co. Cork
Call: **+353 (0)21 454 1012**

ENDING YOUR TENANCY

Valid notice must be given to end a tenancy and it must:

- Be in writing (e-mail, text, or verbal notices are not valid).
- Be signed by the person issuing it.
- Specify the date of service (day, month, year).
- Where a landlord is giving notice, they must give the reason.
- State that the tenant has the full 24 hours to vacate.
- State that any dispute to the validity of the notice or right of the landlord or tenant to serve it be referred to the RTB within 28 days of receipt.

In addition, the correct period of notice (outlined in the table following) must be given, depending on the duration of the tenancy. The period of notice starts on the day after the date of service of the notice.

** Students residing in SSA's (Student Specific Accommodation) may only be required to give 28 days notice to terminate their tenancy. Further information can be found at www.rtb.ie*

Duration of Tenancy	Notice Period From LANDLORD (Days)
Less than 6 months	28 days
Not less than 6 months but less than 1 year	90 days
Not less than one year but less than three years	120 days
Not less than three years but less than seven years	180 days
Not less than seven years but less than eight years	196 days
Not less than eight years	224 days
Duration of Tenancy	Notice Period From TENANT (Days)
Less than 6 months	28 days
Not less than 6 months but less than 1 year	35 days*
More than 1 year but less than 2 years	42 days
More than 2 years but less than 4 years	56 days
More than 4 years but less than 8 years	84 days
8 years or more	112 days

VACATING

This is your vacating checklist to ensure that you get your full deposit back. No excuses will be accepted if the property is not returned in order and deductions can be made from the deposit.

Inspection:

Landlords are required to refund the deposit promptly, less any reductions in respect of outstanding rent or other charges/taxes and damage in excess of normal wear and tear. If a property is left in an unsatisfactory state, your landlord has the right to take deductions from your deposit to fix the problems.

Bills & Rent:

Ensure all rent is paid up to date and there are no outstanding bills as you leave the accommodation.

Check Inventory:

If there is anything missing or damaged they must be replaced, including light bulbs.

Entrance Hall:

Floor coverings cleaned/ shelving cleaned/ wall decorations cleaned/ any furniture in hallway cleaned.

Living Room:

All furniture cleaned/ floor coverings cleaned/ shelving

cleaned/ wall decorations cleaned/ skirting boards cleaned/ fireplace cleaned (if applicable).

Kitchen:

Hob/oven/grill pan/oven doors and controls cleaned/ fridge defrosted and cleaned/ remove and dispose of all food stuff/dishcloths/cleaning detergents, etc./ ensure all electrical equipment (i.e. kettle, washing machine, etc.) cleaned down/ all delph, cutlery & cooking utensils washed, dried, and put away/ floor cleaned and disinfected/ plastic bags and rubbish removed and disposed of/ strong smells (i.e. cigarette smoke, spices, etc.) must not be noticeable in the property.

Bathroom:

Shower/bath cleaned and disinfected/ shower curtain soaked and disinfected/ toilet bowl, toilet seat, and surround cleaned/ sink cleaned/ mirror cleaned/ floor cleaned/ all toiletries removed, including toilet roll/ all shelving cleaned.

Bedrooms:

Floor coverings cleaned/ all bedroom furniture cleaned/ mattress protectors (where applicable) washed/ all bed linen and personal items removed.

FINAL VACATING CHECKLIST

- DO A METER READING
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- TRANSFER UTILITY BILLS BACK INTO THE NAME OF THE LANDLORD IF RELEVANT
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- TAKE PHOTOS OR VIDEO RECORDINGS OF THE DWELLING BEFORE YOU MOVE OUT
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- COMPARE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AGAINST INVENTORY LIST
.....
- REMOVE ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS
.....
- DO A FINAL INSPECTION WITH THE LANDLORD/AGENT
.....
- ORGANISE RECEIPT OF YOUR DEPOSIT
.....
- RETURN KEYS
.....

OPENING A DISPUTE WITH THE RTB

Tenants and Landlords

If an issue arises during a tenancy between landlords and tenants, it is important to try and resolve this through open and honest communication. The RTB can facilitate mediation between the landlord and the tenant or appoint an adjudicator if they are not able to resolve this themselves.

Neighbours and Third Parties

- If you are having issues with a neighbour who is a tenant, you can apply for dispute resolution as a third party. All parties involved should initially try to resolve the matter directly themselves. In cases where a landlord fails to enforce a tenant's responsibilities, a person directly and adversely affected may take a case against the landlord through the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB).
- For further information please check out <https://onestopshop.rtb.ie/>



Contact

You can email the RTB:

Tenancy Registration: registrations@rtb.ie

Registration Enforcement: enforcement@rtb.ie

Dispute Resolution: disputes@rtb.ie

Tribunal Queries: tribunals@rtb.ie

Determination Order Enforcement: enforceorder@rtb.ie

Student Specific Accommodation queries: ssa@rtb.ie

Reach the RTB by phone or on webchat. We can be contacted anytime between 8:30am to 6.30pm.

Lo-call on 0818 30 30 37. This is a low-cost number from all landlines, however some mobile providers may charge a premium rate.



RENT BOOK

TENANT CONTACT DETAILS *Please complete all contact details below*

Name(s) of Tenants: _____

Tenancy Address: _____

RTB Tenancy Registration No.: _____

Landlord's Name: _____

Landlord's Address: _____

Landlord's Phone Number: _____ **Landlord's E-mail:** _____

Agent Name (if relevant): _____

Agent Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

RENT BOOK

TENANCY DETAILS

Date of Commencement: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Deposit Paid: € _____

PLEASE NOTE: The deposit must be promptly returned to the tenant at the end of the tenancy. Deductions may be made or the deposit retained for default in the payment of rent and damage over and above normal wear and tear.

Rent Paid In Advance: € _____

TERM OF TENANCY (tick the appropriate option):

Weekly € _____ **Monthly** € _____

Fixed Term € _____ *per week/month/year* **From:** (DD/MM/YYYY) _____ **To:** (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

RENT BOOK

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Date Due	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date of Payment	Signed	Arrears

OTHER PAYMENTS

Service	Date	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Signed	Arrears

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STUDENT SUPPORT CONTACTS

Student Health Centre

To arrange a telephone consultation / appointment with us at Student Health please call **021-4902311** from **09.15am – 16.15pm**

Visits to the Student Health Doctor and Nurse are usually **free** but there are charges for some of the services offered. Please contact us for further fee information.

- Address: **Ardpatrick, College Road (beside the South Student Car Park)**
- Tel: **021 490 2311**
- Web: <http://www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/>

Services Available from the Student Health Department include:

- Primary care of acute and chronic illnesses
- Contraception service
- Women's Health, Cervical smear screening services
- Screening and immunisation against infectious diseases
- Consultant Psychiatrist Service
- Sexual Transmitted Infection diagnosis and treatment
- Travel Advice and Vaccinations
- Health Promotion Programmes
- Hospital referral service
- Ante Natal Care
- Accident and Emergency
- Physiotherapy Service and more

Out of Hours Support

Samaritans: Emotional support: *(24 hours)* **Freephone 116 123 (www.samaritans.org)**

Pieta House: Support for people at risk of self-harm: *(24 hours)* **Freephone 1800 247 247**

UCC General Services Security: *(24 hours)* **Tel: 021 490 3111**

Anglesea Street Gardaí HQ: *(24 hours)* **Tel: 021 431 3031**

A+E Cork University Hospital: *(24 hours)* **Tel: 021 492 0230**

South Doc: *(Evenings and weekends)* **Tel: 1850 335 999**

Cork Sexual Assault Treatment Unit **Tel: 021 4926100**

Student Counselling & Development

Student Counselling & Development provides a safe place where students can talk with a counsellor, in a relaxed, confidential and private atmosphere, about personal and/or academic concerns. Throughout the year they run workshops that cover a wide variety of topics such as Managing Academic and Exam Anxiety and Bereavement Support.

Students can contact us at counselling@ucc.ie or visit our website for details of how to access support.

Opening Hours: **Monday-Friday | 9.30am-10.30am | 11am-1pm | 2pm-4pm**

Email: counselling@ucc.ie

Web: <http://www.ucc.ie/en/studentcounselling/>

UCC CRISIS TEXT LINE

Text "UCC" to
50808

To chat anonymously with a trained volunteer 24/7.

Any Issue. Any Time

In an emergency, you can also call 999 or 112

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

The UCC Disability Support Service is committed to empowering students with disabilities to achieve their academic and vocational goals in an inclusive learning environment. This service supports students with wide range of disabilities including physical, mental health, sensory disabilities, and specific learning difficulties.

- Address: **Room 1.43, Access and Participation, First Floor, The Hub, UCC**
- Tel: **+353 (0)21 490 4848**
- Email: **disabilitysupport@ucc.ie**
- Website: **<http://www.ucc.ie/en/dss>**



USEFUL CONTACTS

Service Name	Phone Number	Email	Website	Address
RTB (Residential Tenancies Board)	0818 30 30 37	<p>Tenancy Registration: registrations@rtb.ie</p> <p>Registration Enforcement: enforcement@rtb.ie</p> <p>Dispute Resolution: disputes@rtb.ie</p> <p>Tribunal Queries: tribunals@rtb.ie</p> <p>Determination Order Enforcement: enforceorder@rtb.ie</p> <p>Student Specific Accommodation Queries: ssa@rtb.ie</p>	www.rtb.ie	PO Box 47, Clonakilty, Cork.
Threshold Advice Centre (Housing Rights Agency)	021 427 8848	threshold@eircom.net	www.threshold.ie	22 South Mall, Cork.
Accommodation and Community Life Office	021 490 3849 / 2103 / 3091	resservices@ucc.ie	www.ucc.ie/en/accommodation/	South Lodge, College Road

USEFUL CONTACTS

Service Name	Phone Number	Email	Website	Address
UCC Budgetary Advisor	021 490 4850	studentbudgeting advice@ucc.ie	www.ucc.ie/en/sfsa	Room 1.51, First Floor, The Hub, UCC.
Student Counselling & Development	021 490 3565	counselling@ucc.ie	www.ucc.ie/en/ studentcounselling	
Student Health	021 490 2311		www.ucc.ie/en/ studenthealth	Ardpatrick, College Road.
Student IT Services	021 490 1886	sit@ucc.ie	www.ucc.ie/en/sit	Boole basement, UCC.
UCC Clubs	021 490 4752	president@uccclubs.ie	sport.ucc.ie/clubs	Department of Sport and Physical Activity, Ferry Lodge, Mardyke.
UCC Societies	021 490 2475	president@ uccsocieties.ie	societies.ucc.ie	UCC Societies Office, 1st Floor, The Hub, UCC.
UCC Student Ombudsman		studentombudsman @ucc.ie	www.ucc.ie/en/ studentombudsman	

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Service Name	Phone Number	Email	Website	Address
Disability Support Services	021 490 4843	disabilitysupport@ucc.ie	www.ucc.ie/en/dss	Room 1.43, Access & Participation, First Floor, The Hub, UCC.
Chaplaincy	021 490 2459	chaplaincy@ucc.ie	www.ucc.ie/en/chaplaincy	Chaplaincy Centre, College Road.
Niteline	1800 32 32 42	committee.uccniteline@gmail.com	www.ucc.ie/en/peersupport/niteline/	
Campus Watch	021 490 3849	campuswatch@ucc.ie	www.ucc.ie/en/respect	South Lodge, College Road.
Local Neighbourhood Groups				
South Central Safety Forum	Peace Commissioner John O'Rourke 087 933 3219			
Magazine Road Residents Association			www.magazineroadresidents.com	
Connaught Avenue Residents Association	Noirin Deady	noirin12345@gmail.com		

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Service Name	Phone Number	Email	Website	Address
UCC Campus Security	021 490 2266 Emergency: 021 490 3111		www.ucc.ie/en/build/general-services/security/	
Angelsea Street Garda Station	021 431 3031			
Bridewell Garda Station	021 454 1012			
Cork Sexual Violence Centre	021 450 5577 Text: 087 1533393 Helpline Freephone: 1800 496 496	info@sexualviolence.ie	www.sexualviolence.ie	5 Camden Palace, Cork city
Cork Sexual Assault Treatment Unit	021 492 6297 Mon-Fri 8.30 -16.30 021 492 6100 Out of Hours and Weekends		www2.hse.ie/sexual-assault-treatment-units	South Infirmary Victoria Hospital
LGBT Ireland	1890 929 539	info@lgbt.ie	https://lgbt.ie/our-services/	

STUDENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT / SCS

SCS

STUDENT COMMUNITY SUPPORT

HELPLINE 083 352 6678

We will update the community on the future dates and times that SCS will be available.

Who are the SCS?

The SCS (Student Community Support) is a dedicated team of student staff, working with the Gardai & St. John's Ambulance, who patrol residential areas around UCC during key dates of student activity. Their purpose is to minimise disruption in your area.

What do SCS do?

They are here to help you in the following ways:

- Clean up rubbish bins that may be knocked over.
- Notify the Gardai of antisocial behaviour.
- Alert the Gardai to house parties.
- Assist students in distress.
- Clean up bottles, cans, fast food wrappers, etc. from the streets.

How do you contact SCS?

We are here to help. Please phone our dedicated helpline on **083 352 6678** which is staffed by a Students Union staff member from **8pm to 4am** nightly.

OR

Contact a member of the SCS team patrolling the streets. They will be wearing clearly identifiable jackets, with Student Community Support printed on the back.



FIND US . . .

South Lodge, College Road, Cork.

T: 021 490 3849/2103/3091

E: resservices@ucc.ie / campuswatch@ucc.ie

www.ucc.ie/en/accommodation

www.facebook.com/uccres

[@uccacomm](https://www.instagram.com/uccacomm)



Students' Union
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