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International Pre-Master's Pathway Programme

The International Pre-Master's Pathway Programmes offer students the best way to prepare for their world class UCD Master's degree through a combination of academic, language, cultural and study skills modules.

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

International Pre-Master's Pathway Programmes offer a one-trimester (Certificate) option starting in January or a two-trimester (Diploma) option beginning in September. Students take English for Academic Purposes and subject-specific modules, plus options in thesis preparation, cultural studies, and creative thinking, preparing them for UCD master's programmes.

International Pre-Master's students at UCD enjoy full access to a comprehensive suite of student support services and amenities, designed to enrich their university experience. These resources include the Career Network, which provides guidance on career planning and opportunities, the extensive University Library, and the vibrant Student Centre, home to a swimming pool, cinema, sports halls, and a variety of other amenities.

International Pre-Master's students must meet the academic entry requirements of their chosen master's programme. Students meeting the programme's progression requirements are guaranteed admission to that master's. Progression requirements may vary by programme.

For further information on progression requirements and for a list of master's available through our International Pre-Master's Programme, please visit www.ucd.ie/cegl/programmes/pathways/int%20pmp/

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Programme	Length	English language requirements*	Date
Diploma	2 trimesters	IELTS 5.5 (with no band less than 5.0)	September - May
Certificate	1 trimester	IELTS 6.0 (with no band less than 5.5)	January - May

WHY STUDY AT UCD?



Tradition

Established 1854, with over 170 years of teaching & research excellence



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Global community

Over 11,100 international students from over 150 countries study at UCD



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; two-year stay-back visa



Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24-hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre





COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules	Credits	Option Modules	Credits
Trimester 1		Trimester 1 - choose 1	
Academic Listening & Speaking I	10	Modern Ireland: Culture and Society	5
Academic Reading & Writing I	10	Creative Thinking & Innovation	5
1 academic module (related to chosen master's)	5	Preparing for Your Future Career	5
Trimester 2*		Trimester 2* - choose 1	
Academic Listening & Speaking II	7.5	Modern Ireland: Culture and Society	5
Academic Reading & Writing II	7.5	Creative Thinking & Innovation	5
1 or 2 academic modules (related to chosen master's)	5/10	Thesis Planning, Writing & Presentation	5
		Preparing for Your Future Career	5

***Please note:** Students on the International Pre-Master's Certificate start in trimester 2 and take trimester 2 modules only.

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OPPORTUNITIES:

In addition to their classes, International Pre-Master's students have unique opportunities to connect with the UCD community and explore Ireland, including:

- Meeting with academics or representatives from their master's
- Scholarship awarded towards master's tuition upon successful completion
- Career and guidance talks
- Day trips exploring Ireland's breathtaking scenery
- Option to change your master's during the International Pre-Master's Programme



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Graduate Profile

Ming Tu, Pre-Master's Certificate Progressed to MSc Business Analytics

As a graduate of the Pre-Master's Programme in 2024, I am deeply grateful for the transformative learning journey that has shaped my academic and personal growth. The programme provided me with far more than regular English learning.

The Academic English modules enabled me to systematically improve my English proficiency at an academic level. I developed critical skills such as academic writing, professional communication, and effective presentation, all of which are needed in my current postgraduate study. Furthermore, the master's related modules allowed me to be familiar with the way of how the class goes, which makes me feel more confident and proactive right now to engage in class and group discussion.

Currently, I am studying MSc Business Analytics, which requires both academic and technical skills. Fortunately, the Pre-Master's Programme provided me with a solid foundation in academic learning and a proactive mindset, enabling me to effectively manage technical challenges and excel in my studies.

100% of International Pre-Master's students met the progression requirements for their master's in 2023/24.

CONTACT US

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