



University College Dublin  
An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath

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**Wednesday, 04 September,  
10am**

**College Principal Welcome:**  
**Professor Aoife Ahern**

**Introduction by College of Engineering &  
Architecture Programme Manager:**  
**Ms Shelly Smith**

**11.00am - Close session**





# Professor Aoife Ahern

## **Background:**

BAI in Civil Engineering – from Trinity College Dublin 1998

PhD in Civil Engineering from University College London in 2001

## **Academia:**

TCD Civil Engineering (2000 – 2003)

UCD Civil Engineering (2003 – 2019)

Head of School of Civil Engineering 2015 - 2019

## **Currently:**

College Principal, College of Engineering and Architecture  
and Dean of Engineering (appointed 2019)



# WELCOME ALL!

\*Based on Country of Citizenship

**29% Female Engineering students**

## Non-EU Countries

China  
Egypt  
India  
Jamaica  
Kuwait  
Malaysia  
Nigeria  
Panama  
Philippines  
Qatar  
Russia  
Saudi Arabia  
South Africa  
Taiwan  
Thailand  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Turkey  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom  
United States

## EU Countries

Austria  
Czech Republic  
France  
Ireland  
Italy  
Lithuania  
Poland  
Romania  
Spain  
Ukraine



# Dean / Associate Dean



**Dean of Engineering**  
Professor Aoife Ahern



**Associate Dean of Engineering**  
Dr. James O' Donnell



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**Science**

**Agriculture and Food Science Centre**

**Engineering and Materials Science Centre**

**Newstead**

**Richview**

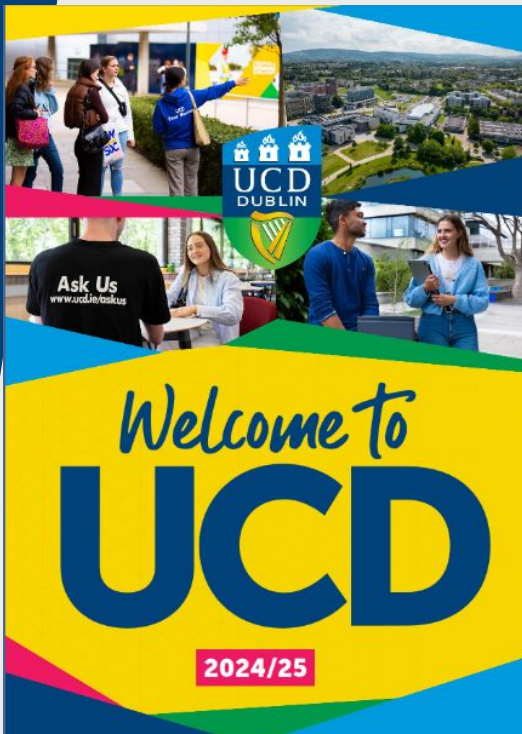




# UCD New Students Website

Use this website to find really useful information such as:

- Brightspace Module: Introduction to UCD
- Welcome to UCD Guide
- How-to Guide Videos
- Orientation Timetables



UCD New Students  
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Accommodation

Getting to UCD

Getting Around UCD

Orientation ▾

Social, Sport & W

## UCD NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to University College Dublin! We are delighted to have you join our vibrant community. As you embark on this exciting journey with us, know that we're here to guide you every step of the way.

<https://www.ucd.ie/newstudents/>



# Introduction to UCD Library

<https://libguides.ucd.ie/newstudents>



Welcome to UCD Library! With your Student UCARD you automatically have free access to all five of our libraries.

Library staff are here to assist you at every stage of your journey here at UCD. So if you need help, **just ask**.

More information is available on the Library Website. [www.ucd.ie/library](http://www.ucd.ie/library)



(A longer, more in-depth video is available on our [Tutorials & Guides](#) page).



# UCD Student Charter

- The Student Charter summarises the aspirations and expectations for all members of our University community.
- The Charter sets out the roles and responsibilities of the various groups within our University and outlines what students can expect from their University and what the University can expect from its student members.

<https://www.ucd.ie/studentcharter/>







# University Extenuating Circumstances Process

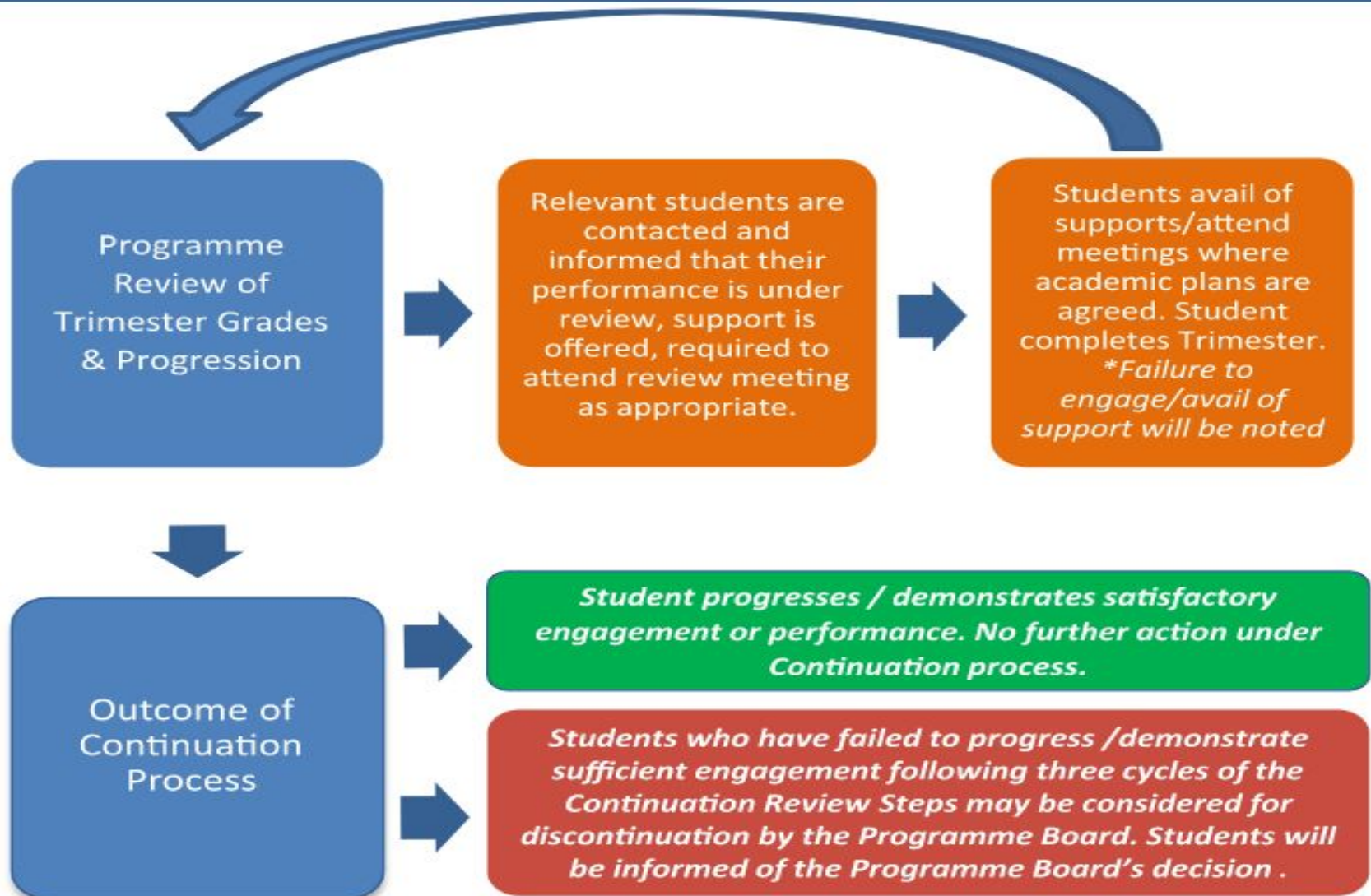
If you are unable to complete assignments or attend required classes/exams due to unforeseen circumstances, you can apply for extenuating circumstances. The link to Extenuating Circumstances can be found on our College webpage: <https://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/currentstudents/extenuatingcircumstances/>

## Extenuating Circumstances

Home / Current Students / Extenuating Circumstances

UCD has a policy for Extenuating Circumstances that allows consideration of **unforeseen circumstances** that had a serious effect on your ability to engage with your modules. Grounds for consideration must be serious, beyond your control and you must provide suitable supporting evidence. **Not every circumstance is regarded as extenuating** and you will find guidance in the [Student Guide to Extenuating Circumstances](#) on the [UCD Current Students website](#).

## CONTINUATION PROCESS FOR TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

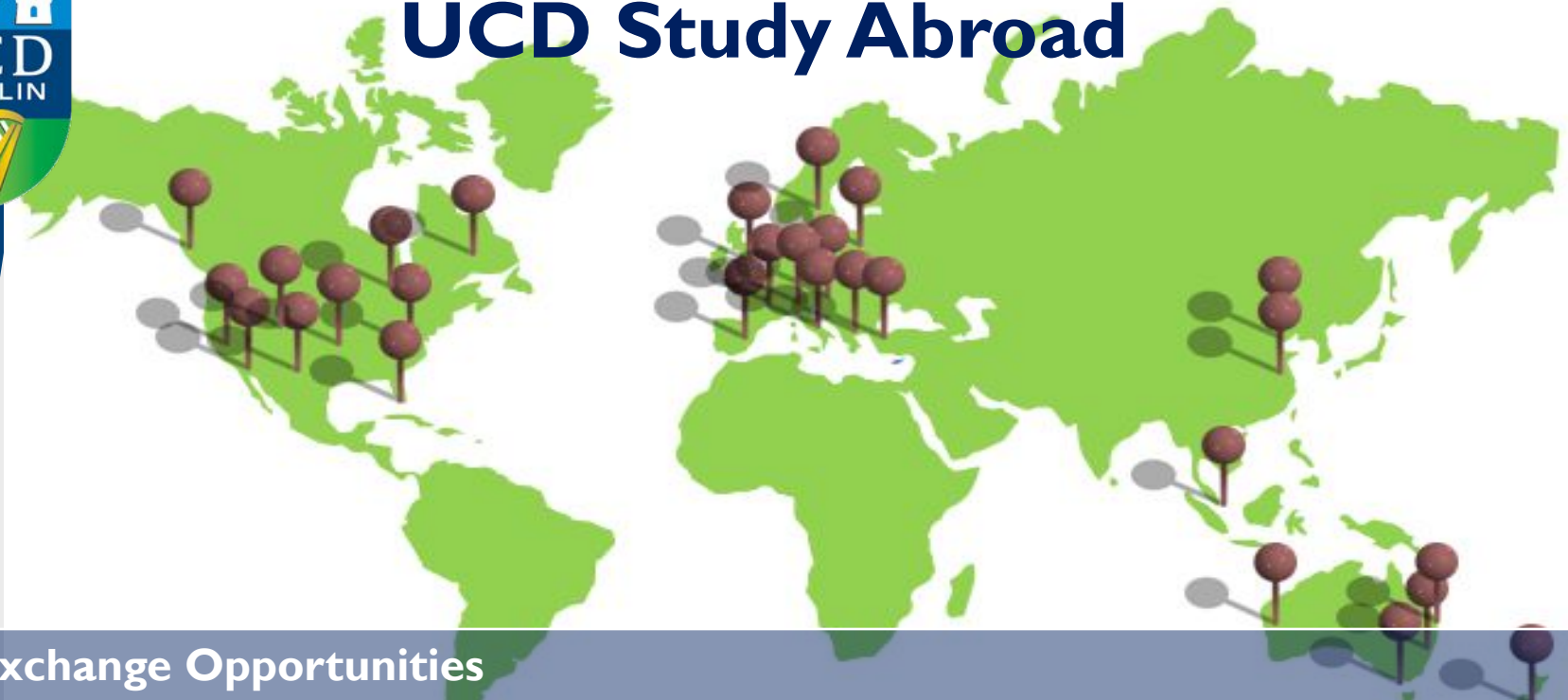


College of Engineering & Architecture Policy & Procedure available at:

<https://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/studentcontinuationprocedure/>



# UCD Study Abroad



## Exchange Opportunities

Available – Depending on Programme

Requirements for Engineering Stage I

- **Engineering – Stage 3**
- **For one trimester or full year**

- **Complete Stage I with a minimum GPA of 3.00**
- **Earn 30 credits in Autumn Trimester of Stage 2 with minimum GPA of 3.00**
- **No grade less than C- in any core module**



# UCD Engineering & Architecture College Office

<b>Ms Sue Philpott</b>	College Office Director
<b>Ms Debra Heeney</b>	Senior Programme & Operations Manager
<b>Ms Shelly Smith</b>	Programme Manager
<b>Mr Daniel Earls</b>	Programme Manager
<b>Ms Carolyne Dillon</b>	Senior Programme Administrator
<b>Ms Janine Smart</b>	Senior Programme Administrator
<b>Ms Catherine Bodey</b>	Senior Programme Administrator

See: <https://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/contact/collegeadministration/>



# We live here!

## Room 122, First Floor, Engineering and Materials Science Centre



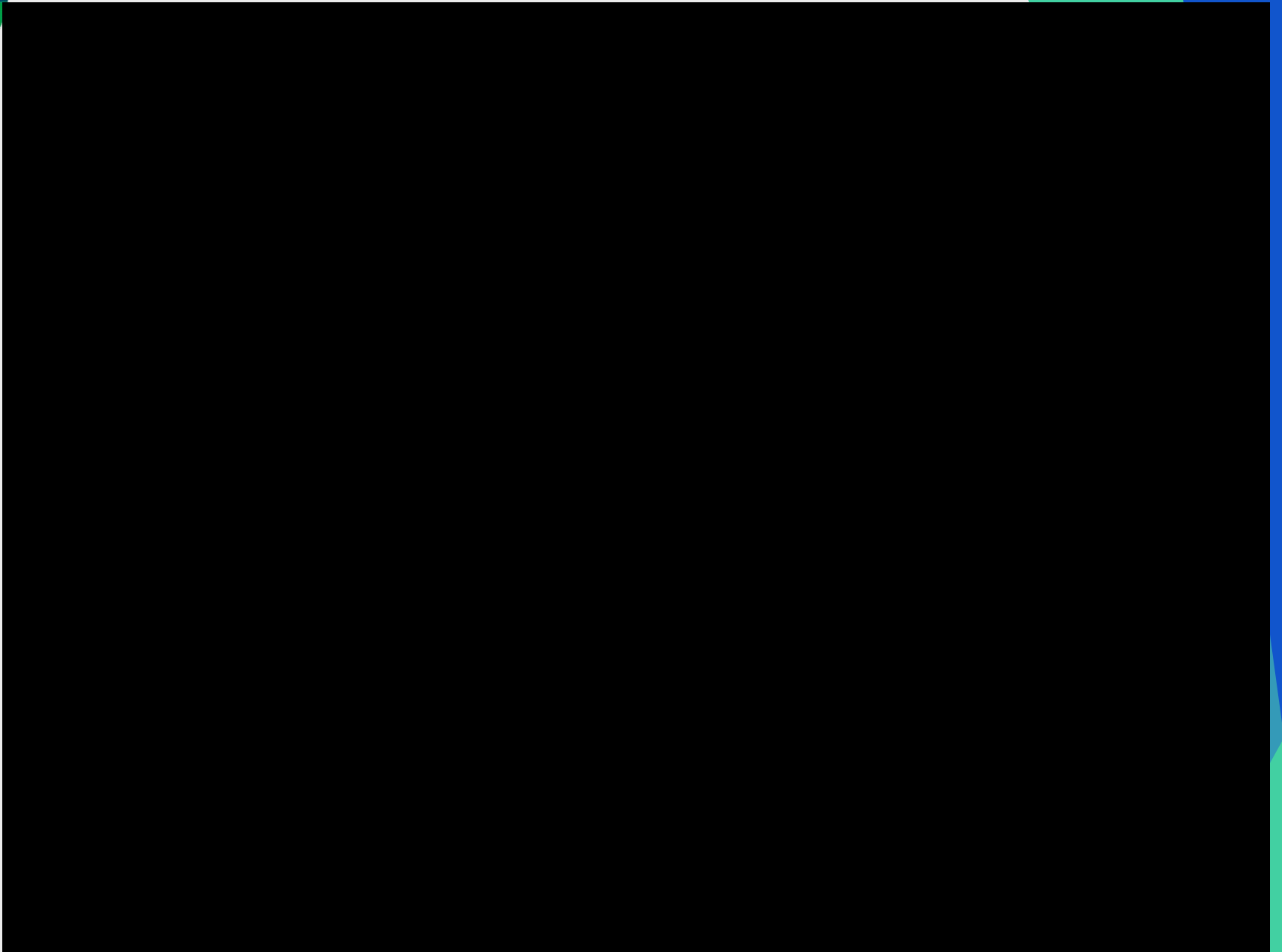


Known for our crazy big swingy door!





And our lovely Director Sue ! 

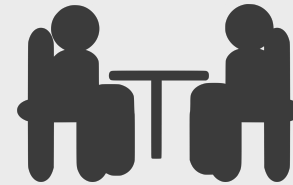




# How to contact the College Office Team

## 2024/2025 Opening Hours:

- **Office Hours** are 10am to 1pm and from 1.30pm until 4pm, Monday to Thursday for:
  - **drop in** quick queries
  - pre booked **face-to-face meetings**
  - We can also have meetings online via Zoom.
- **Email contact office hours** are:
  - 8.30am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.







# Contacting the College Office Team continued..

Contact us via the Connector:

<https://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/connector/>

## UCD Eng Arch Office Student Connector

Please provide the information as requested below and your query will be submitted directly to the UCD Engineering & Architecture Office.

You'll receive an email confirmation including details of when you can expect a reply.

Which of the following are you? \*

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# What can we help with?

## Registration Queries

- Programme and module registration queries
- Time conflicts/capacity issues

## Examination Process

- General enquiries about exams
- What happens if I fail?
- Extenuating Circumstances & Medical Certificates

## Student Support

- Academic Advice, e.g. Leave of Absence, reduced workload
- Pastoral support and advice in relation to all aspects of University life
- Signposting to other University services



# UCD Online Registration Guides:

See Registration How-to PDFs & Video Guides at:

<https://www.ucd.ie/students/registration/registrationguides/>

## Registration Guides

Home / Registration / Registration Guides

Go to

Video Guides

How-To Guides (PDF)

Subject Guides



# Choosing Electives

Stage I students can choose their elective in January 2025.  
They are **not available now!**

Electives can be chosen from across the full range of undergraduate degree programmes **(as long as they fit into your timetable and there are places available)**

For more info, please see:

<https://www.ucd.ie/students/registration/electives/>



# LANGUAGES FOR LIFE



Choosing an  
elective?

Think languages!



To find out more, go to: <https://www.ucd.ie/languagesforlife/electivespotlight/>

# Recommended Specifications for Engineering Student Laptops

See:

<https://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/currentstudents/informationforincomingfirstyears/dn150stage1engineeringprogrammeinformation/recommendedspecificationsforengineeringstudentlaptops/>

## Should I buy a new laptop? Not yet!!

If you have an existing laptop or can use an existing laptop for a minimum of 30 hours per week it will probably be fine for the modules in Stage 1. Start using what you have and upgrade later if necessary, that way you have a better laptop later in the programme, when you need it most.

For stage 1 students some modules may have components which are online. Some of these will be pre-recorded and can be watched in your own time. For others you will be expected to join a class, tutorial or practical online at a specific time therefore having a working laptop will make this easier for you. Most laptops will suffice for your first year. In stage 1 the software you will use is available free online or through UCD and consists of:

- Excel/Word MS Office (Available through UCD Connect)
- Antivirus (Available through UCD Connect)
- Python/Matlab (Available through UCD Connect)
- Video Conferencing software e.g. zoom(Available online)
- Web Browser (Chrome/edge) (Available online)

It is recommended that your laptop has:

- Camera
- Microphone
- WiFi
- Speakers/headphone connectivity

## Can I use a tablet?

No, not as your primary IT device. It will take longer to carry out assignments using a tablet.



# KEY DATES!

Online Registration Closes - 20 September 2024

AUT Trimester Exams - 07 December to 21 December inclusive

More key dates available at: <https://www.ucd.ie/students/keydates/>



Academic Council

Academic Year 2024/25

Term Dates

Academic Council, 27 April 2023

<b>Autumn Trimester (Monday, 2 September 2024 – Sunday, 19 January 2025 inclusive)</b>		
Student Orientation Activities	w/c Monday, 2 September	No. of days varies depending on course
Teaching term	Monday, 9 September – Friday, 29 November <sup>1</sup>	12 weeks
Revision	Saturday, 30 November – Friday, 6 December	1 week
Exams	Saturday, 7 December – Saturday, 21 December <sup>2</sup>	2 weeks
<b>Spring Trimester (Monday, 20 January 2025 – Sunday, 18 May 2025 inclusive)</b>		
Teaching term	Monday, 20 January – Friday, 7 March <sup>3</sup>	7 weeks
Fieldwork/Study period	Monday, 10 March – Sunday, 23 March <sup>4</sup>	2 weeks
Teaching term	Monday, 24 March – Friday, 25 April <sup>5</sup>	5 weeks
Revision	Saturday, 26 April – Friday, 2 May <sup>6</sup>	1 week
Exams	Saturday, 3 May – Saturday, 17 May	2 weeks
<b>Summer Trimester (Monday, 19 May 2025 – Sunday, 31 August 2025 inclusive)</b>		
Teaching term	Monday, 19 May – Friday, 8 August <sup>7</sup>	12 weeks
Revision	Saturday, 9 August – Friday, 15 August	1 week
Exams	Saturday, 16 August – Saturday, 23 August	1 week
Grade Approvals Process <sup>8</sup>	<a href="https://www.ucd.ie/registry/staff/registryservices/assessment/examsandgrading/gap/">https://www.ucd.ie/registry/staff/registryservices/assessment/examsandgrading/gap/</a>	



# Communications



- **UCD Connect email** is the primary channel for official UCD communications. You will have received information regarding your email account when offered your place in UCD.
- It is the **responsibility** of each student to regularly check their **UCD Connect email** account.
- When setting up your Mail Accounts; **CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD TO SOMETHING MORE SECURE.**
- In email exchanges, always include your student ID otherwise it can delay your query!







# IMPORTANT!

Enjoy settling into your time at UCD, make connections and have fun!

Don't forget to:

- Complete your [online registration](#)
- Keep on top of your [UCD Connect Email](#)
- Use our [Student Connector](#) to get in touch!

Get familiar with:

- ▶ [UCD Current Student Website](#)
- ▶ [College webpages for students](#)
- ▶ [Student Key Dates Calendar](#)
- ▶ [UCD Term Dates 2024/2025](#)
- ▶ [UCD Fees Website](#)
- ▶ [UCD Academic Regulations 2024/2025](#)
- ▶ [College Contact List](#)



# IF WE DON'T KNOW WE CAN'T HELP!

- Please don't be afraid contact the **Engineering & Architecture College Office** if you need any assistance whatsoever.
- We know that settling into a new programme (city or country) can be a challenging experience, and some of you may be feeling isolated and alone.
- **Please don't suffer in silence,** many students feel that same way. Please let us know and we can try to help you. Your Student Adviser is Dr Julia Maher (julia.maher@ucd.ie)
- Don't forget to use our **[Student Connector](#)** to get in touch!
- Also see the UCD Student Centre for all available **[UCD Student Supports](#)**



# Orientation Schedule

## DN150 Orientation Timetable

<https://www.ucd.ie/newstudents/orientation/orientationtimetable/>

Time	Duration (mins)	Event	Mandatory?	Where	Video Link
<b>UG DN150 BHENG001 NUS1 Engineering</b>					
<b>04 September, Wednesday</b>					
We are looking forward to welcoming you to UCD. If you need help with your orientation, contact the college office team at <a href="https://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/contact/engineeringarchitecturestudentconnector/">https://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/contact/engineeringarchitecturestudentconnector/</a> or telephone (01) 716 1868.					
08:40	60	President's Welcome	Y	O'Reilly Hall	
10:00	90	Welcome from Dean of Engineering and College Principal, Professor Aoife Ahern	Y	B004 HEA, Health Sciences Centre	
11:30	20	Matching with Peer Mentors for Campus & Library Tours	Y	B004 HEA, Health Sciences Centre	
11:50	90	Campus Tour & Library Tour	Y	B004 HEA, Health Sciences Centre	
13:30	60	Lunch - Peer Mentors & Stage 1	Y	Zones A, B, C & Atrium (Blasta Restaurant), UCD Village	
14:45	60	Student Supports, Dignity & Respect and UCDSU Orientation	Y	B004 HEA, Health Sciences Centre	

## UG DN150 BHENG001 NUS1 Engineering

**05 September, Thursday**

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09:00	90	Welcome to Engineering - Programme Information Session with Dr Neal Murphy (Stage 1 Director)	Y	A-H2.18SCH, O'Brien Centre for Science - Hub	
14:00	60	UCARD Student Card Collection	Y	1st Floor, Foyer, Engineering and Materials Science Centre	

We know you will forget  
everything we have said!



Will share with you.  
Q & A at the end.



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# What is the Engineering Society?

- Ireland's largest student-lead engineering society
- Host a large number of both social and career-oriented events
- The best way for you to meet fellow engineers



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# Social Events





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# Career Events

Our Corporate Partners 24/25:



Established 1859

**Deloitte.**



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# How do I get involved in the society?

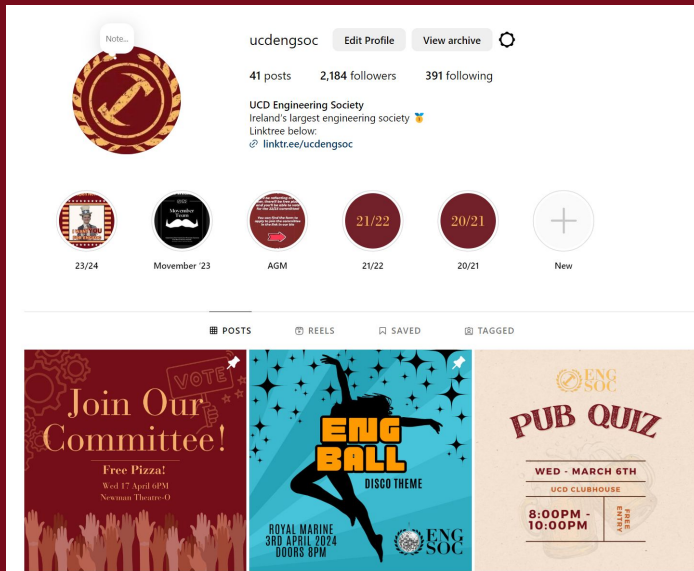
- Join from the stand in the Freshers' Tent 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>
- Membership is €2 and payable by cash/card
- Freshers' Reps applications will open later this month



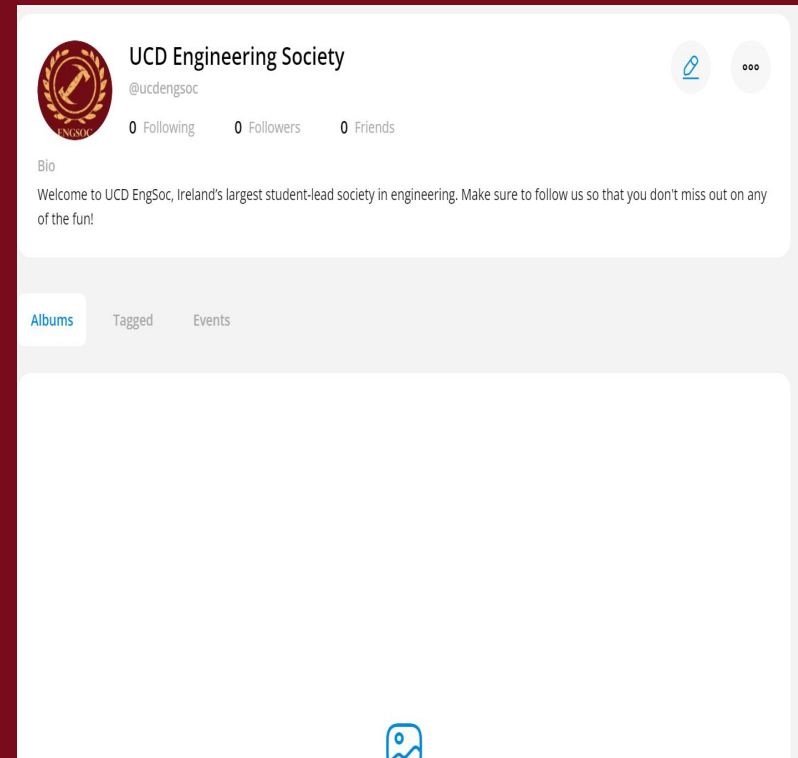


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# Freshers Week 24/25



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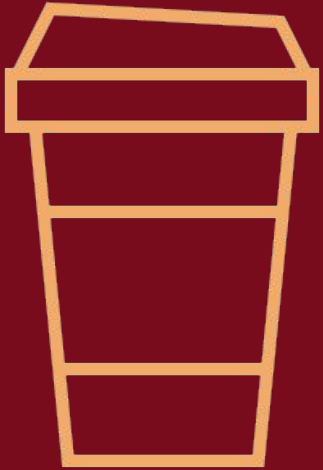


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# Coffee Morning



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
11:00-12:00

Engineering and Materials  
Science Centre

Join us for doughnuts,  
biscuits, coffee and tea!

