

UCD REGISTRY

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Subject: Autumn End of Trimester Exams 2024/2024

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This email has been circulated to: All Students

CC. Student Advisers

Subject: Important Exam Information and Support for Your Upcoming Exams

Dear Student.

As exams approach, here are some important reminders to help you prepare:

General Reminders

- Check your exam timetable: Confirm where and when your exams are taking place.
- In-person venues: Exams will be held at the RDS Shelbourne Hall, the Newman Building, Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington Building and the Blackrock Exam Centre. (For Newman Building and Hannah Sheehy-Skeffington Building exams, report to room A105, Newman Building for your room allocation).
- <u>UCD Examination Regulations</u>: It is essential that you familiarise yourself with these regulations. For example; the accidental use of mobile phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices which transfer data is strictly prohibited in the exam hall. Ensure you know how to completely power off these devices ahead of the exam, as switching to aeroplane mode is not sufficient. Possession or use of these devices during an exam constitutes a serious violation and may result in disciplinary action.
- Exam Papers: This year, we are pleased to announce that the front of your exam paper will feature both Irish and English.
- Past Exam Papers: Available through <u>SISWeb</u> for your review.
- **Notification of Postponements**: In case of any postponement (e.g., due to adverse weather), you will be informed via your UCD Connect email.
- **Support Available**: If you're feeling overwhelmed or need someone to talk to, support is available, reach out to your <u>Student Advisor</u> or a <u>UCD Chaplain</u>.

For <u>In-Person Exams</u>Read the 'Student Exam Essentials: Approved Items and Preparation Tips' on the <u>Student Assessment website</u> to learn about what to expect at the exam venue, including approved items and helpful preparation tips.

- Know Your Route: Be sure to familiarise yourself with directions to your exam
 venue.
- **Exam Helpers**: Look for helpers in orange t-shirts at the venues and follow their quidance.
- **UCARD**: Don't forget your UCARD. Missing UCARDs may result in identity checks, with 372 warnings issued during the May 2024 exams.
- **Bring essentials**: Don't forget writing implements, any required medications, and any permitted exam materials.
- **Electronic devices**: The use of electronic devices (including smartwatches) is prohibited unless specifically approved through UCD Access and Lifelong Learning. Know how to turn off your electronic device such as your smartwatch and remember to place it face-up under your desk.
- **Seat number**: Check your seat number on SISWeb before the exam. If you don't have a seat number, ask an Exam Helper upon arrival.
- **Cloakroom**: Prepare any items you want to leave in the cloakroom before reaching it. There is no fee, and bags are not allowed in the exam hall.
- **Health precautions**: If you have <u>infectious illness symptoms</u>, do not attend. Consult the <u>Extenuating Circumstances process</u>.

For Online Exams

- **Contact Information**: Know in advance who to contact and how to contact them if you encounter issues during the exam.
- **Preparation**: Review the guidelines on setting up and taking your online exam. Have your device ready to go.
- Browser/device setup: Instructions are available on the UCD IT Services website.

Disability and Temporary Exam Support

- Application deadline: <u>Temporary exam support applications</u> close on Wednesday,
 04 December. After that, only injuries with medical documentation will be considered
- **New injuries**: If you acquire an injury during revision week or the exam period, consider applying for <u>Extenuating Circumstances</u>.
- **Disability support**: Information on accessing disability and temporary support is available on the <u>Access & Lifelong Learning website</u>. The deadline for final adjustments to disability support for December exams is Wednesday, **04 December**.

Final Results

Your Autumn Trimester 2024/25 results will be available on Thursday, 30 January 2025, via SISWeb. For more details, visit the <u>Student Exam Results web page</u>.

We wish you the very best in your exams!

Sincerely, Karen McHugh Director of Assessment, UCD Registry