



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

UCD GLOBAL ORIENTATION EVENTS

JANUARY 2026

All events open
to all students
unless specified
otherwise

UCD 2026 ORIENTATION

For events which require
pre-booking, please click here to
go to the UCD Global Orientation
webpage to submit a booking form



Monday, January 12th

10:00 - 11:00		Campus Tour	Booking required. 	UCD Global Lounge
11:00 - 12:00		Sustainability and Climate Action at UCD Hear about unique projects and initiatives ongoing at UCD related to sustainability and climate action.		UCD Global Lounge
14:00 - 15:30		Student mixer with UCD Student Societies Come along to make new friends in a relaxed, informal setting.		UCD Global Lounge
16:00 - 17:00		Quiet Zone (Sensorial downtime) Step into a calm, low-stimulation space designed to help you reset, unwind, and recharge your senses.		UCD Global Lounge
17:30 onwards		Curious Conversations - Speed Friending with UCD Global Guides Get to know new friends in a fun, fast-paced environment with the help of the Global Guides.		UCD Global Lounge

Tuesday, January 13th

10:00 - 11:00		Campus Tour	Booking required. 	UCD Global Lounge
11:00 - 12:00		Centre for English & Global Languages Meet & Greet We offer elective modules in 14 languages, including English at various levels, for Erasmus and Exchange students with 5 credits. All language modules must be taken for credit — come and learn how to register!		UCD Global Lounge
12:00 - 13:00		Gaeltacht UCD: Introduction to Gaelic/Irish Learn the basics of the Irish language and culture in this engaging presentation.		UCD Global Lounge
14:00 - 15:00		New Beginnings: Story Circles & Letters Ahead Join us in a calm, quiet space to explore experiences of belonging through a UNESCO Story Circle. You'll also write a letter to your future self, which you will receive back in a second session in April!	Booking required. 	UCD Global Lounge
15:30 - 17:00		Curious Conversations - Speed Friending with UCD Global Guides Get to know new friends in a fun, fast-paced environment with the help of the Global Guides.		UCD Global Lounge
18:00 - 20:30		Games Night with UCD Global Guides Play board and card games from the UCD Global Lounge collection and meet other new students!		UCD Global Lounge

Wednesday, January 14th

9:15 - 10:15		Quiet Zone (Sensorial downtime) Step into a calm, low-stimulation space designed to help you reset, unwind, and recharge your senses.		UCD Global Lounge
11:00 - 13:00		International Student Fair Learn about the wide range of student services at UCD, with over 25 services in attendance.		UCD Global Lounge
13:00 - 14:00		Orientation Session for Erasmus & Non-EU Exchange students For Erasmus and Non-EU Exchange students		Further details issued by email

Wednesday, January 14th (cont.)

14:00 - 15:00		Immigration Orientation Talk An in-person Irish Immigration session for UCD students from outside the EU / EEA / UK with information on the immigration process.	Booking required. 	Theatre L, Newman Building
15:30 - 17:00		Erasmus Student Network Meet and Greet Come along to this meet & greet with the Erasmus Student Network for a great opportunity to meet other Erasmus students at UCD.		UCD Global Lounge
17:30 onwards		Curious Conversations - Speed Friending with UCD Global Guides Get to know new friends in a fun, fast-paced environment with the help of the Global Guides.		UCD Global Lounge

Thursday, January 15th

10:00 - 11:00		Campus Tour	Booking required. 	UCD Global Lounge
12:00 - 13:00		Study Abroad Orientation Session For Study Abroad Students. Check your email for details on times and location.		Further details issued by email
15:00 - 16:00		Coffee and Chats with UCD Global Guides		UCD Global Lounge
16:00 - 17:00		UCD Global Book Club: People & Planet Relax and mingle in the Global Lounge, as we delve into our January Book Club theme of People & Planet. No need to have read the book, this is a topic relevant to all world cultures so bring a friend!	Booking required. 	UCD Global Lounge
17:00 - 19:00		Learning Abroad Welcome Reception Join us for a lively welcome reception for all study abroad and exchange students in the UCD Village. Further details issued by email.		UCD Village Main Building
18:00 - 20:30		Games Night with UCD Global Guides Play board games and card games from the UCD Global Lounge collection - meet other new students!		UCD Global Lounge

Friday, January 16th

10:00 - 11:00		Campus Tour	Booking required. 	UCD Global Lounge
11:30 - 12:30		Unwind & Paint: A Calm Canvas Workshop Join us in a softly lit, quiet space for a relaxing mini-canvas painting session. This workshop offers a calm moment to decompress, unwind, and express yourself.	Booking required. 	UCD Global Lounge
17:30 - 20:00		Movie Night with Global Guides Movie night and chats hosted by UCD Global Guides.		UCD Global Lounge

Saturday, January 17th and Sunday, January 18th

10:00 on		Dublin City Walking Tours	Booking required. 	City Centre
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Local Shopping and Sustainable Finds

Dundrum Shopping Centre offers a wide mix of essentials, from home items at Dunnes to clothing and lifestyle stores. Nearby supermarkets like Lidl, Aldi, and Tesco make grocery shopping easy, and IKEA is accessible by Dublin Bus from UCD. Dublin is also known for its excellent thrift and second-hand stores, offering affordable, sustainable options for students.



Getting Around Dublin

International students can use either a Student Leap Card or a Young Adult Leap Card, offering up to 50% discounts on buses, trains, and trams across Ireland. Apply online, with collection at the UCD Bookshop (Student) or delivery to your address (Young Adult). Dublin Bikes provides another convenient and low-cost way to travel, with dozens of stations located across the city for quick, flexible journeys.

Get Ready for UCD! Check out the UCD Global website for helpful tips on banking, SIM cards, arrival information, and more.