

# Ireland Summer UCEAP Advising Notes

## Objective of the Advising Notes Document

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for an EAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

## Advisor Contact Information

For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit <http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising>

## Prerequisites

Physics applicants are required to have taken two sequential courses of Single-Variable Calculus with a minimum grade of C and no repeats. This equates to the following at UC Berkeley: Math 1AB, Math 10AB, or Math 16AB.

GPA Requirement: 2.50 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through the end of the last term prior to departure.

## Application Deadline and Selection

The 2018 Science & Engineering Summer School at University College Dublin (UCD) program has a *rolling application deadline* beginning November 1, 2017 and ending December 4, 2017. Qualified and complete applications will be selected on a *first-come, first-served* basis. Selected students will then be asked to submit a host university application to UCD. If you fail to submit your host university application to UCD by the deadlines provided to you, you will forfeit your spot on the program. UCD will make the final admission decision.

## Impacted Program

This program has a very limited number of spaces. In late February, you will be notified if you need to complete UCD's own online application. If you are not selected at that time you will be asked if you would like to submit documents to apply to another university in the UK. If you are interested in submitting an application for a 'back-up' option, please contact Ireland Adviser Katie Weibel ([weibel@berkeley.edu](mailto:weibel@berkeley.edu)) before the application deadline.

### **Fees**

Later, you will need to take action to accept your offer of admission by **paying a non-refundable application fee of 150 Euros** by UCD's deadline to secure your spot. If you fail to pay the deposit by UCD's deadline, you will forfeit your spot in the program.

### **Writing Ability**

There is more emphasis on writing in Ireland than at UC. You may need to submit two or three essays per term, even in the sciences or mathematics. Excellent writing ability is the norm, and marking down for poor writing, spelling, and grammar is common. Seminars and tutorial sessions often require papers and oral reports.

### **Grades**

There are several steps involved before the grades you receive at University College Dublin will be posted on your UC transcript. This process can take around 90 days.

If, however, you complete the program with outstanding debts of any kind, either to University College Dublin or to UCEAP, your grades will not be sent to the UC Berkeley Office of the Registrar until you have paid all debts.

**Seniors** should especially consider these issues to make sure they do not require grades sooner than what may be possible. No individual expediting is possible until the end of the 90-day window, regardless of graduation or graduate school deadlines. Students spending their last term on EAP are responsible for checking with their UC Berkeley College to discuss the potential implications of summer study abroad on degree list standing. .

### **Housing**

You will stay in on-campus housing. You must apply online for this housing and pay UCD directly. UCD has created a Summer housing application solely for UCEAP students and you will be emailed a link to that application later.

You must take the initiative to obtain, complete, and return all housing forms and deposits required by the university in order to ensure that you have housing. All participants, including those on full financial aid, must make their own reservations and pay the required deposits (in euros) prior to departure. The forms and deposits must be received by the host university by their established deadlines.

Carefully read all housing contracts prior to signing. These contracts are legally binding and commit you to the full cost of the housing for the period of time specified, regardless of the length of time you actually use the housing.

The housing reservation begins on the date specified in the contract. The initial move-in date may or may not be negotiable after the reservation is made, and you will need to make your own arrangements if you arrive earlier than the specified move-in date. Carefully choose your initial move-in date.

### **How to decide if a particular program is a good match for you**

If you are deciding between the three summer programs that offer physics, there is a document that reviews the differences and similarities between the programs. You can find it here:

<http://eap.ucop.edu/Documents/OurPrograms/Ireland/UniversityCollegeDublin/Physics%20Summer%20programs%20comparison%20-%20master.pdf>