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) 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%20master.pdf