

Travel and Transportation

- There are 3 different public transportation systems in Dublin; which one you use depends on how far you're travelling
- Download the Irish Bus app
- Travelling to other countries in Europe is very easy
- Ryan Air is a really cheap airline, but they don't always fly into the main city of a country, so make sure you check that before booking flights with them

Packing

- Pack warm clothes, it gets very windy there
- Your shoes will get worn out because you will be walking everywhere
- Pack some of your favourite foods from home because they might not be available in Dublin

Financial Details

- You can use your Canadian credit card almost everywhere
- Some people open a bank account through the bank at UCD because they offer additional benefits
- The cost of living in Ireland is much higher
- The only thing that's cheaper are phone plans (My3 is a good company to get your phone plan from)

Arrival and Orientation

- UCD has a lot of orientation activities the week prior to classes
- Within a month of arriving in Ireland you must register with Garda
- The wait at Garda can be very long and some people start lining up at 5am or earlier
- The first week of classes has Clubs Days where you can join different clubs
- To join a club there is usually a few of about 2 euro
- There is an International Students club who does day trips around Ireland at low costs

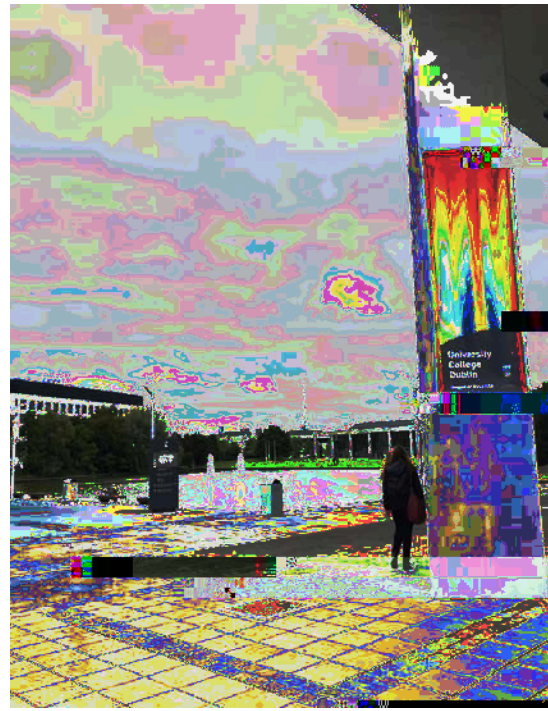
Accommodation and Living

- I lived in the Dublin 2 city center (not on campus)
- Any stores I needed were all located around my apartment
- Dunnes is a good grocery store (similar to Save on Foods or Safeway)
- Tesco is also good but more similar to Walmart

- The Irish people are extremely friendly and always willing to help if you get lost or have questions

Academic Details

- Lectures are usually shorter than at SFU (2 hours a week on average)
- The final exams are not located on campus, but about a 15 minute bus ride from UCD
- The grading is different from SFU; it is not curved and the percentage to letter grade distribution is different
- Some lectures require attendance, but most don't



Country Information/Site Seeing

- Dublin 2 has the most expensive shopping district in Ireland (Grafton Street)
- Dublin 1 has a main shopping street called Henry Street
- There is a Spire in Dublin 1 that was built at the turn of the century
- Trinity College is the oldest university in Ireland and has the Book of Kells
- Temple Bar Area has some traditional Irish pubs
- It rains a lot in Ireland and can get very windy
- Two nearby fishing towns to visit are Howth and Bray
- Giants Causeway is another place to go see
- Cliffs of Moher has breathtaking views
- Cork is city in Ireland; this where the Blarney Stone is and the last place the Titanic docked before sinking

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