University College Dublin

Housing Information

There are three housing options for students studying at University College Dublin: university housing (or alternate Arcadia accommodations), living in an Irish household, or making your own independent living arrangements.

UCD offers limited on-campus accommodations to visiting students. Students who cannot be accommodated on-campus, will be assigned to Arcadia University housing. Arcadia University works to house all UCD students on-campus.

University Housing
Arcadia University attempts to house all UCD students on-campus in university accommodations. Students reside in apartment-style flats with other American and Irish students. Each student has an individual study room.

UCD on-campus housing is self-catered; there is no meal plan available at the university. Students should anticipate preparing their own meals and shopping at markets located a short bus ride away. The University College Dublin Student Union offers small shops and eateries, which are only open during weekdays.

Each flat has a fully equipped kitchen, shared bathrooms and living area, with a television and modern amenities. Self-service laundry facilities are available within the housing complex. There are no telephones or internet access available in UCD on-campus housing.

Students' flats may be co-ed, however, any individual roommate will be of the same gender. Arcadia cannot guarantee non-smoking arrangements; students with serious health concerns should notify Arcadia University during the application process.

Arcadia University will provide each student with a duvet and pillow. Students are responsible for bed linens, duvet cover, and bath towels; because bed sizes vary in each flat and room it is recommended that students purchase their linens after they have arrived. The Arcadia Dublin staff can help students purchase linens. Students intending to bring linens should bring a single flat sheet and single duvet cover.

UCD housing is located on-campus just minutes walk to the Arts Building and Quinn School of Business, as well as UCD Student Union and athletic facilities.

Official housing allocation is handled by the University College Dublin Accommodations Office.

Arcadia University Housing
Arcadia University leases flats in residential neighborhoods in and around the Dublin city centre, concentrated in the Dublin 2, Dublin 4, and Dublin 6 areas. Students unable to be accommodated by UCD will live fellow Arcadia students and are not mixed with Irish students. Most flats accommodate three to five students, with a shared bathroom, kitchen and living area. Students should anticipate having to share a room.

Arcadia University flats are self-catered; there is no meal plan available. Students should anticipate preparing their own meals and shopping at nearby markets.

Each flat is equipped with a washer and telephone. Students are responsible for all calls made from their flat and will be billed accordingly by the Arcadia Dublin Office. All charges must be settled prior to departing Ireland.

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Arcadia University accommodations are located between a 10-20 minute commute by bus to UCD. All students will be provided with a discount student travel card during orientation in Dublin; this will ensure student fares on weekly and monthly passes.

**Living in an Irish Household**

Students may choose to live in an Irish household for the semester or academic year. Arcadia University works closely with Experiment in International Living (EIL) to place students in carefully screened homes. These families or individuals are accustom to hosting American students and will provide two meals per day (breakfast and dinner). Bed linens and towels are also supplied by the host.

Students should expect to live outside of the Dublin city centre and may be required to commute as much as one hour each way.

**Please note:** Since meals are not included in our program fee, we will bill you separately after the beginning of your program. During the 2005-06 academic year, the meal surcharge for the semester was $800. Further information about living in an Irish household can be found in the pre-departure guide section of this website.

**Independent Living Arrangements**

Students may choose to make their own housing arrangements. The housing portion of the program fee will be refunded to students who arrange to live independently. Students must notify us in writing by June 30 for the fall semester and by November 20 for the spring program. The decision to make independent housing arrangements becomes final after the aforementioned dates; late requests for program housing cannot be considered.

Housing in Dublin can be quite expensive and students are strongly urged to opt for Arcadia University housing.
University College Dublin
Housing Preference Form

Please return this form to our office:
Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad, 450 S. Easton Road, Glenside PA 19038  Fax no. (215) 572-2174

Name: ____________________________________________________________  Sex:  Male/Female

Home College: ________________________________________________

College Phone: __________________________  Email: __________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________  Term of Study: Fall  Spring  (circle one)

Please select your housing preference:

___ University Housing (or Arcadia University student housing)
   If you have a mutual agreement to share a room with another participant, list his/her name here:
   __________________________________________________________________________________

___ Living in an Irish household (Additional meal costs of $800 per semester will apply)

___ Independent living arrangements

Do you smoke?  YES/ NO
Do you object to being housed with smokers?  YES/NO

Arcadia University cannot guarantee non-smoking accommodations. If you have major health concerns, you must notify us in writing immediately.

Please circle any term that applies to you:

Extroverted  Introverted  Quiet  Noisy  Tidy  Untidy  Morning-person  Night-owl  Shy  Outgoing
Impulsive  Organized  Procrastinator  Planner  Studious  Religious  Picky-eater  Vegetarian  Athletic  Artistic
Routine-oriented  Spontaneous  Easily stressed  Easy-going

Other(s): _____________________________________________________________

What types of activities, hobbies, special interests and/or hobbies do you enjoy?

Do you have any allergies, medical or psychological conditions that may affect your housing assignment? If YES, please attach a separate letter indicating your condition(s).

I have read and do understand the housing information for the University College Dublin program and I agree to all the terms and conditions regarding my housing options. I understand and accept the Arcadia University Housing Policy.

Signature: __________________________________________  Date: ______________________

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