



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

School of Medicine and Medical Science

Erasmus 2010

Handbook

Application Process and Registration 2009/2010

To come to UCD as an Erasmus student, you must:

- Be enrolled as a student in your host university
- Be studying a discipline for which we have an agreement with your university
- Be selected for the exchange by your university

If selected by your home university, please complete the application process as outlined below. Applications should be made before 31 May (for September 2009 start) or before 1 November (for January 2010 start):

1. Make an online Erasmus application to UCD

(<https://sisweb.ucd.ie/usis/bwskalog.P disploginNon>)

- **Important!** Please choose "First Time User Account Creation" and ensure that you choose "Visiting" as your Application Type. For your Field of Study select **"Erasmus Life Sciences - CE01"**
- **Remember your login and PIN for future use**

2. When you complete your online application you will be sent an email which will direct you to our website. You should print out the Nomination Page (attached) and have it completed by your home university, then return to the International Office, UCD, by email (erasmus@ucd.ie with a copy to jonathan.mcNulty@ucd.ie), fax (+353 1 716 1165 with a copy to +353 1 716 6547) or post (UCD International Office, Tierney Building, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland, with a copy to Mr Jonathan McNulty, Diagnostic Imaging, Health Sciences Centre, UCD Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland).

3. Complete a learning agreement (attached) indicating your 1st and 2nd, and choices for the optional module as indicated below:

RDGY40870	Forensic Radiography 2nd
RDGY30380	Technology of Radiography: Advanced Computed Tomography 1st

4. All visitors must register with University College Dublin. Time has been allocated for this on the first day of the UCD Erasmus programme. The International Office will provide registration forms on arrival at UCD. **Please do not register yourself**, on the first day of the programme, aid will be given to all visiting students for enrolment, registration and computer password registration.

WRITING HOME, RECEIVING POST

Visiting students can receive post at the School address or fax number:

UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science

Diagnostic Imaging

Health Sciences Centre

Belfield

Dublin 4

Ireland

Tel: 0353-1-716 6545/6

Fax: 0353-1-716 6547

Students can access their own e-mail addresses via open access internet on all university computers.

LOCKERS / SECURITY

Lockers for personal belongs will be allocated by the Services Desk in Health Sciences for a nominal fee. Please take care of your personal belongings at all times. Health Sciences Centre opens at 7.30am and closes at 10.00pm.

TRAVEL

Erasmus visitors are entitled to a student travel pass, which offers some discounts on short and long distance travel. Time is allocated to complete the application forms in the first week and students are strongly advised to buy the pass during the first week, as it will save money on daily travel, and on social trips at weekends. Daily travel costs between accommodation and either UCD or hospital will vary according to the mode of transport chosen and the distance to be travelled. Taxis are an expensive mode of travel and should only be used in an emergency. Buses can be used with daily costs of about €4.40, student concession pre-paid multi tickets can be purchased. The longest journey to a hospital for clinical placement will be just over one hour. Cycle travel is common, but you must make your own arrangements to hire or borrow bicycles. A secure bicycle rack is provided at most locations, locking devices must be provided by the student.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

UCD International Office organises get-togethers for all visiting Erasmus students at the University and the Irish Language classes from the Bord na Gaelige organise social events for students attending the course.

Other social events will be discussed and organised as required.

ERASMUS PROGRAMME: DUBLIN 2010

**Radiography Erasmus Exchange Programme: Interventional Radiography
(5 ECTS)**

**Erasmus Clinical practice of Radiography (Incoming)
(10 ECTS)**

**One Additional Optional module (see below)
(Theory / Clinical 5 ECTS)**

**Forensic Radiography
Technology of Radiography: Advanced Computed Tomography**

AIMS

1. To provide tuition in the role of diagnostic imaging within disease intervention.
2. To foster appreciation of varying health care culture and radiographic practice within Europe.
3. To facilitate greater awareness of other European cultures.
4. To facilitate Radiography students gaining clinical experience in other health care cultures, and particularly in a variety of Irish hospitals.
5. To contribute to greater cohesion in the education of Radiographers in Europe.

ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES

The general objectives of the Socrates/Erasmus exchange are implicit. Following completion of this specific module, the participating student should be able to:

1. Describe current and future interventional techniques in specific fields of Diagnostic Imaging;
2. Discuss the role and relationship of all members of the interventional team;
3. Discuss the implications of interventional techniques on care of the patient;
4. Outline the impact of interventional techniques on economic management within health care;
5. Debate the merits of role development for the radiographer within the interventional team.

CLINICAL OBJECTIVES

Following completion of the three month programme, each student will:

1. Complete clinical placement to include:
 - general radiography;
 - interventional procedures;
 - specially requested elective placements.
2. Complete a record of clinical practice for the period.
3. Undertake and present case studies of interventional procedures.

Academic teaching

In the academic environment, lectures, discussions and tutorials and student centred learning will be supported by group and individual assignments. Success in the programme relies on full participation in the assignments. E-learning will be employed to support certain modules.

All lectures are in the Health Sciences Centre. The length of the lecture day varies. Free time is intended for course reading, case study preparation and individual study.

Clinical

Clinical placements are in a range of hospitals. There is no “free time” during clinicals.

The Clinical Practice Coordinator and Practice tutors assign all clinical placements, where students work with qualified radiographers. During clinical placements students may observe, assist and perform radiographic examinations, under the direction of qualified staff. Students may not ‘pass’ images without having these checked by a radiographer. Students are encouraged to actively participate in all examinations. Success in the programme relies on full participation in clinicals.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Students spend the 7 weekly blocks in clinical departments; the placements include a variety of general and interventional areas in a range of hospitals. Specific elective placements may be facilitated where possible.

STUDENT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Erasmus programme presents a unique opportunity within your Radiography degree. Obviously you will all have individual reasons for travelling to, or staying in, Dublin for the Erasmus exchange. Irrespective of these, you will be participating in a course which in some ways stands alone from the rest of your studies, and which will offer a special chance to learn about and compare “European Radiography”.

Considering your own interests, and also the general aims and objectives of the programme, we would like you to decide on four individual objectives to be fulfilled during the three month Socrates/Erasmus exchange.
