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Bachelor of Science (Sri Lanka)

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Introduction

This Handbook has been prepared to assist course members who are pursuing a Degree

program, offered by University College Dublin in Hong Kong, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

While this handbook is intended to be a source of reference on how the program operates, as

well as the support available, it is also essential that you familiarise yourself with the full set of

University regulations. The onus is on you to ensure you are fully familiar with the University's

policies and regulations and to seek clarification on any regulation/policy matter where

necessary. The University's policies and regulations can be found on the University's website

as follows (See section on Academic Regulations, Student Code & Policy):

http://www.ucd.ie/students/studentsupport.html

The website will explain in much more detail some of the issues highlighted in this handbook

(e.g. progression, grading etc.). You must read this handbook before embarking on your

program of study. Please note that course regulations are subject to change and students should

regularly review the University's website.

We hope that you will find this handbook useful during the course of your study.

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UCD – A Brief Overview

University College Dublin is the largest university in Ireland with over 25,000 students. The University offers a wide choice of programs, spanning a broad range of levels and disciplines; from part-time certificate courses to doctoral studies. The mission of the University is to serve Ireland in the wider world by achieving the highest international standards in the advancement of knowledge through research and scholarly publications and by the communication of that knowledge to successive generations of students through excellence in teaching.

History of UCD

The origins of University College Dublin date back to its foundation in 1851 as the Catholic University of Ireland. In 1854, the University was established and located at 86 St. Stephen's Green with John Henry Newman as its first Rector. This Building, and no. 85, which became part of the University in 1865, are now collectively known as Newman House. The building still belongs to UCD and is used for various university functions. Some of the more celebrated literary figures associated with the early days of the University are Gerard Manley Hopkins, James Joyce and Austin Clarke. The constitution of UCD dates from 1908 when it received its charter and was incorporated as a constituent college of the National University of Ireland (NUI). This coincided with the move by UCD, to larger premises in Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin. In recent years the remaining UCD faculties that were located in Earlsfort Terrace have since relocated to the Main Campus in Belfield. This relocation planning process commenced with the purchase of Belfield House (1934) and some adjoining properties during the years 1949 to 1958. In 1960, the Government recommended that UCD should move from the city centre to Belfield. The main campus of UCD is situated on the 132 hectare site at Belfield, 5km south of the centre of Dublin city. This campus is an attractively landscaped complex of modern buildings, accommodating all UCD Schools (apart from the Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business which is located in Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock).

UCD School of Business

The UCD School of Business was established in 1908 and currently has more than 3,000 students and over 100 academic staff and comprises of two schools - the Lochlann Quinn School of Business and the Michael Smurfit School of Business. The Lochlann Quinn School delivers undergraduate business degree / diploma / certificate programs on the Belfield campus and UCD Smurfit School delivers graduate business diploma and degree programs on the Blackrock campus. The School is the largest and most renowned business school in Ireland. Over the years, graduates of the School have made a significant contribution to Ireland's economy and have secured careers in government and in every sector of the country's business, industrial and professional life. UCD School of Business is accredited by the three leading accreditation bodies i.e. - AACSB (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), EQUIS (European Foundation for Management Development) and AMBA (Association of MBAs) and is the only business school in Ireland to hold all three accreditations. It is also Ireland's only member of the Community of European Management Schools (CEMS). CEMS is an alliance of business schools which offer an international graduate program (Masters in International Management) in conjunction with corporate partners.

Centre for Distance Learning

The Centre for Distance Learning (CDL) has overall responsibility for the day-to-day management and administration of the programs listed in Table 1.

Table 1: CDL Suite of Programs

Market	Undergraduate	Graduate
	Diploma in Business Studies	Master in Management (MiM)
Irish	Bachelor in Business Studies	(p/t)
	Bachelor of Business Studies (Singapore)	Master of Science (Singapore)
	Bachelor of Business Studies (Hong Kong)	Master of Science (Hong Kong)
Overseas	Bachelor of Science (Sri Lanka)	Master of Science (Sri Lanka)

For further information on the CDL, see:

http://www.ucd.ie/distancelearning

Academic Awarding Body

The awarding body for all UCD degree programs is the National University of Ireland (NUI). The National University of Ireland is a federal University. In accordance with the Universities Act, 1997 the following are Constituent Universities of the NUI:

- University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin
- University College Cork, National University of Ireland, Cork
- National University of Ireland, Galway
- National University of Ireland, Maynooth

Further information on the NUI can be found at:

http://www.nui.ie

Recent UCD News

To keep in touch with UCD news, please read UCD To-day, visit:

http://www.ucd.ie/ucdtoday/

Glossary of Terms

The following provides an explanation of some of the terms you will encounter during the

course of your studies:

Program: A program is an approved course of study, the successful completion of which

normally leads to a University award (certificate, diploma or degree).

Stage: A student will progress through a program in stages. The completion of a stage

normally requires the successful accumulation of 60 credits in the case of undergraduate

programs.

Module: A module can be defined as a self-contained entity, i.e. a subject within a program.

Credit: The University has adopted the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Course

members are required to accumulate the following numbers of credits in order to be eligible

for the award of the Degree:

BSc/BBS:

Stage 1: 60 ECTS (exemption may be granted based on accredited prior

learning)

Stage 2: 60 ECTS

Stage 3: 60 ECTS

All modules are allocated a credit value. The credit value provides an indication of the

student time required to complete the module. BSc/BBS modules are worth 10 ECTS credits

each.

What constitutes student input hours?

The University specifies a certain number of hours which will be required to complete a module. Student input hours generally includes:

- Class Contact Time (Seminars)
- Specified Learning Activities (assignment preparation, exam preparation, reading, sitting an exam)
- Autonomous Learning (self-directed study and research)

What is the relationship between ECTS credits and the number of hours study required to complete a module?

1 ECTS = 20-25 student input hours.

Program Structure

How is the program structured?

Exemption from Stage 1 (60 ECTS) may be granted on the basis of accredited prior learning. Where an exemption from Stage 1 has been granted, students must complete Stages 2 and 3 as follows:

Stage 2 - 60 ECTS - 6 modules

Stage 3 - 60 ECTS - 6 modules

Students will be awarded the degree upon successful completion of 180 ECTS across the three stages of the program.

Please note that the University reserves the right to make changes, if necessary, to the program structure, modules, number of modules and/or module sequence.

Table 2: BBS Hong Kong & BBS Singapore

BHBU	S008 BBS (Hong Ko	ong) & BHBUS015 BBS (Singapore)
Stage 1 (60 ECTS) 1 Year	 Exemption from State (APL); where exercompleted BMGT1001H Properties of the SBUS1002H Research (ACC1001H Accompleted) ACC1001H Accompleted (ACC1001H Properties of MKT1001H Properties of MKT1004H Brown (ACC) BMGT1004H Brown (ACC) BMGT1004H Brown (ACC) BMGT1004H Brown (ACC) BMGT1001H Properties of MKT1001H Properties of MKT1001	tage 1 may be granted due to Accredited Prior Learning inption is not granted the following modules should be rinciples of Management reganisational Behaviour turn to Learning and Academic Competencies ounting for Non-Accounting Students uple Management inciples of Marketing usiness Environment inciples of Economics veloping Academic Competencies in Business iness Law
Stage 2 (1 Year) (all core modules - 10 ECTS each)	 FIN2001H/S Economic Policy and the Global Environment MKT2002H Marketing Management BMGT2002H/S Management of Organisations MIS2001H/S Data Analysis for Decision Makers BMGT2004H/S Cross Cultural Management HRM2001H/S Human Resource Management 	
Stage 3 (1 Year) (2 program core - 10 ECTS each) Program	 BMGT3001H/S Business Strategy BMGT3002H/S Project Management Finance FIN3001H/S Investment and Portfolio Management 	
Pathways* (10 ECTS each)		FIN3002H/S Treasury and Risk Management ACC3001H/S Accounting Information for Managers FIN3003H/S Financial Management
	Banking & Wealth	ACC3001H/S Accounting Information for Managers FIN3004H/S Banking and Finance

Management	FIN3001H/S Investment and Portfolio Management FIN3005H/S Wealth Planning and Management
Management	BMGT3009H/S Operations Management
	BMGT3004H/S Global Business
	BMGT3010H/S Organisational Knowledge, Creativity & Innovation
	BMGT3005H/S Entrepreneurship and Innovation
Marketing	MKT3001H/S Consumer and Buyer Behaviour
	MKT3002H/S Global Marketing
	MKT3005H/S Strategic Marketing Management
	MKT3004H/S Marketing Communications & Digital Marketing
Human	HRM3001H/HRM3003S Human Resource Development
Resource	HRM3004H/S Management Practice
Management	HRM3002H/S Managing Diversity in Employment
	HRM3005H/S International HRM
Logistics &	BMGT3006H/S Supply Chain Management
Supply Chain	BMGT3007H/S Supply Chain Planning and Control
Management	BMGT3008H/S Global Logistics
	BMGT3009H/S Operations Management
Information	MIS3002S Enterprise Systems
Management	MIS3001S E-Business Infrastructure and Applications
	MIS3003S Business Analytics
	MIS3004S Management Information Systems
Business with	LAW3003S Law in Business
Law**	LAW3002S Contract Law
	LAW3001S Company Law LAW3004S Commercial Law
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*At Stage 2, all students must complete the two co	

^{*}At Stage 3, all students must complete the two core modules and select one Program Pathway and complete the modules associated with each one.

Table 3: BSc Sri Lanka

BHBUS009 BSc Sri Lanka (MIS)			
Stage 1 (60 ECTS)	Exempt Due to Accredited Prior Learning (APL)		
1 Year			
Stage 2 (1 Year)	ACC2002L Financial & Management Accounting		
All core modules	MIS2001L Database & Information Resource Management		
are 10 ECTS	BMGT2003L Project Management		
	MIS2005L Management Support Systems		
	MIS2006L Management of Information Systems		
	MIS2007L E Commerce Infrastructure		
Stage 3 (1 Year)	BMGT3001L Business Policy		
All core modules	BMGT3002L Management of Organisations		

^{**} This pathway is available in Singapore only

are 10 ECTS	MIS3003L Information Systems Applications
	MIS3005L Information Systems Development
	MIS3007L Management of E Comm: Strategy & Operations
	MKT3001L International Marketing Management
BHBU	S009 BSc Sri Lanka (Management)
Stage 1 (60 ECTS)	Exempt Due to Accredited Prior Learning (APL)
1 Year	
Stage 2 (1 Year)	ACC2002L Financial & Management Accounting
All core modules	BMGT2003L Project Management
are 10 ECTS	MIS2006L Management of Information Systems
	BMGT2001L Managing Change
	BMGT2002L International Business
	HRM2001L HRM: Strategy & Policy
Stage 3 (1 Year)	BMGT3001L Business Policy
All core modules	BMGT3002L Management of Organisations
are 10 ECTS	MKT3001L International Marketing Management
	MIS3008L Electronic Commerce
	BMGT3004L Management Research Project
	BMGT3003L Operations Management
ВН	(BUS009 BSc Sri Lanka (HRM)
Stage 1 (60 ECTS)	Exempt Due to Accredited Prior Learning (APL)
1 Year	
Stage 2 (1 Year)	ACC2002L Financial & Management Accounting
All core modules	BMGT2003L Project Management
are 10 ECTS	MIS2006L Management of Information Systems
	BMGT2001L Managing Change
	BMGT2002L International Business
	HRM2001L HRM: Strategy & Policy
Stage 3 (1 Year)	BMGT3001L Business Policy
All core modules	BMGT3002L Management of Organisations
are 10 ECTS	MIS3008L Electronic Commerce
	HRM3002L Workplace Practice
	HRM3003L Critical Issues in IR & HRM
	HRM3001L Human Resource Development

Program Goals and Outcomes

The below tables provide an overview of the program goals and outcomes for each degree.

BBS Hong Kong

Programme Goal	Learning Outcome	
Management specific knowledge	Explain current theory or business organization management	
	Apply business models / resolve business problems	
	Demonstrate knowledge & usefulness of quantitative techniques	
Business Communication	Prepare short business presentations – written & oral	
	Research & analyze business cases	
	Locate information sources to facilitate research & analysis	
Personal development &	Engage in module related team activities in and outside the class	
reflective learning	Explain essence of organizational behaviour to business managers	
Global, multicultural &	Identify the main factors which influence MNE and firm business operations, planning	
diversity perspectives	Recognise ethical & social responsibility issues for businesses	
	Examine ethical & legal implication of management decision-making	
	Identify business opportunities /develop alternative solutions	
Strategic thinking	Evaluate qualitative and quantitative data from multiple perspectives	
	Analyze business developments in key sectors	

BBS Singapore

Programme Goal	Learning Outcome
Management specific knowledge	Explain current theory/practice
	Apply business models
	Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative techniques
Business Communication	Short business presentation (written / oral)
	Research / analyze business case/problems & report
	Locate Information sources to facilitate research
Personal development / reflective learning	Module related team activities
	Explain Essence of OB to business managers
Global / multi cultural / diversity perspectives	Identify factors & variables which impact on MNEs & firms operations
	Recognize ethical and social responsibility issues
	Examine ethical implications on stakeholders
Strategic thinking	Identify Business opportunities & complete analysis & resolution
	Evaluate quantitative & qualitative data from differing perspectives
	Analyze Developments in key business sectors

BSc Sri Lanka

Programme Goal	Learning Outcome
Core Business knowledge	Explain theory, practice and operations
	Apply business models in given situations
Critical skills	Discuss Intl Business developments, issues and drivers
	Identify & resolve business problems
	Critically evaluate arguments/evidence
Communication skills	Prepare & present short presentation – oral / written
	Summarize succinctly
Information Technology	Examine recent developments in IT and impact on business operations
Global & ethical perspective	Explain management of social & ethical issues and behaviour
	Define business development issues and challenges

Expectations

The following provides a brief outline of what the University expects from you during your time on the program and equally what you might expect of the University:

• Our Expectations of You:

- Attendance at seminars
- Time management
- Follow programme schedule as timetabled
- Follow University's rules and codes of conduct
- Abide by examination regulations and procedures
- Read around your subject areas and source readings additional to those recommended by your lecturers
- Engage in class activities and discussions
- Arrive to class on time

• Your Expectations of the University:

- First class support and service
- Quality lecturers and course materials
- Provision of study materials for each module

Module Materials

Am I provided with my textbooks?

Course members are generally provided with one textbook per module; the price of this textbook is included in the course fees for Hong Kong and Singapore programmes only. These textbooks are nominated by the University and are prescribed according to the requirements of the program. Course members are also encouraged to read widely for each module and to go beyond the core textbook where possible.

What other materials am I provided with?

Comprehensive study guides are provided for all modules. These study guides are prepared by the University and are continually updated to meet the requirements of the program. They are "road maps" for the modules and cover the specific requirements of the pre-course assessment; topic outlines; assignment questions; recommended reference books and recommended articles. Course members should remember to source and research for relevant materials from other sources, including the UCD Online Library Resources (through UCD Connect). Additional material may be made available on Blackboard by your lecturers.

Attendance at Class and Preparation for Class

Am I expected to attend all my seminars?

Yes. Students are required to register and pursue a program of study in order to qualify for admission to any examination for a degree, diploma or other award of the University. It is compulsory for students to attend all seminars. Where grades have been allocated for in-class work, these grades will be lost if a course member does not attend.

If I am unable to attend a seminar, who should I notify?

Seminar sessions are provided and conducted by the University in accordance with the program timetable. Students must plan ahead and work towards achieving the program requirements. Students who miss any of these sessions, for whatever reason(s), will not be entitled to a replacement set of seminars or fee refund. If you are unable to attend a seminar, for exceptional reasons, you should notify your Program Manager in advance.

Will I be required to prepare any reading in advance of the seminars?

From time to time, a lecturer may assign pre-seminar reading. Where this arises, it is essential that these readings are reviewed in-depth by course members in advance of the seminars. A lecturer may also set a pre-course assignment. Full details of this will be provided in your study guide or will be communicated to you, via email, in advance.

Am I permitted to audio or video record my classes?

Video recording of classes is not permitted. However, if you wish to audio record your classes, you must seek the permission of the module co-ordinator in advance. Audio recording of classes without advance permission is not allowed.

Important University Policies

You must become familiar with the following University policies prior to the commencement of your studies.

University General Regulations

The University General Regulations contain the complete set of rules and regulations that apply to your program. You must familiarise yourself with these regulations upon commencement of the program and the onus is on you to do so. A copy of the University General Regulations can be downloaded from the following:

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/regs_home.htm

<u>In addition, a number of other policies are in place which you MUST also familiarise</u> yourself with upon commencement of the program, as follows:

Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/plagiarism_po.pdf

Late Submission of Coursework

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/latesub_po.pdf

Examination Regulations

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/assessment/student_info/examregulations.pdf

Policy on Repeats and Re-sits*

*this policy is currently under review by the University and may be temporarily unavailable

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/resits_po.pdf

Extenuating Circumstances

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/extc_po.pdf

UCD Student Code

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/student_code.pdf

The University has a Student Code, the essence of which is that all members of the University community are expected to behave responsibly at all times, to observe and abide by the Regulations of the University, and not to engage in any activity which might bring the good name of the University into disrepute.

UCD Student Charter

The University has launched a new Student Charter which students are encouraged to read. A copy of the charter can be found on the below webpage:

http://www.ucd.ie/studentcharter

Registration & Student Cards

In order to attend a program of study, you must register at the beginning of each academic year in the manner prescribed by the University. Such registration constitutes an undertaking to comply with the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Policies of the University, or of any University authority, including these Regulations. Further details on how to register will be provided to you prior to orientation. Upon completion of the registration process a student card will be forwarded to each student. Your Student Card identifies you as a student of the University. You will be required to have your student card in your possession at all times while attending class and when sitting examinations.

Your Student Card is non-transferable. The card remains at all times the property of the University. You must return your card to the Student Desk if you decide to withdraw from your program during the course of any academic year. The Student Card must be produced on demand to any member` of staff where such member requires proof of identity. The card must be surrendered on demand to a member of staff, who must give a receipt if the card is kept.

Change of Pathway

Please note that once you have registered online with the University, no change of pathway is permitted.

Student Support

Orientation

On being admitted to one of UCD's programs, you will complete an orientation program.

The orientation programme will include sessions on the following topics:

- University Introduction
- Programme Introduction
- Univerity Regulations and Policies
- Code of Conduct
- Online Resources SIS, Library, Blackboard
- Academic Writing & Critcial Analysis
- Sourcing, Evaluation and Referencing Literature
- Presentation Skills
- Case Study Analysis
- Teamwork

During orientation many of the academic stipulations will be reviewed and you will receive the following documents in hard copy at this time (if you have not received these, please contact your Program Manager):

- Student Handbook
- Harvard Referencing Guidelines
- Guide to Accessing Online Resources
- Code of Conduct for Students
- Code of Conduct on Teamwork and Team Assignments
- UCD Policies:
 - Late Submission of Assignments
 - Plagiarism and Academic Integrity
 - Examination Regulations
 - Extenuating Circumstances
 - University Academic General Regulations
 - Grading Criteria

Academic Support

Academic support is provided to students via email. Academic queries in relation to a module should be emailed to the lecturer concerned.

Office Hours

You are encouraged to meet with your lecturers on an individual basis during any office hours your lecturer makes him/herself available for. These office hours are an opportunity for you to discuss some aspect of the module with your lecturer.

UCD Student Email Accounts

Once a student has fully registered with the University, a UCD email address will be created automatically. The format of the email address is:

firstname.lastname@ucdconnect.ie

Remember to check your UCD email on a regular basis!





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Accessing Online Resources (electronic journals and databases)

Once you have registered with the University, you will have access to UCD's electronic

resources through UCD Connect (www.ucd.ie). Your UCD Connect username and password

will allow you to:

- Send and receive emails using your UCD email address

- Access electronic journals and databases

Access Blackboard

The format of your login is generally as follows:

Username = student number

password = date of birth

A step-by-step guide to accessing UCD's electronic journals and databases can be found in

the appendix of this handbook.

Blackboard

Upon registration, you will be provided with access to UCD's program delivery platform

Blackboard, which is used to upload class slides, class announcements, past examination

papers, reading lists, study guides etc. If you have not been provided with access to the

above folder on Blackboard, please contact your Program Manager. Should you not be

familiar with Blackboard, please contact your Program Manager who will provide you with a

demonstration of its more common features and advise on how to use it efficiently.

Additional Academic Resources

You are encouraged to review the academic skills materials and podcasts available in the

programme area on Blackboard.

Student Forums

Student feedback is central to the University's program offerings both on campus and on its

international programs. This feedback is of assistance in ensuring that the University

continually develops and improves upon its program offerings. Student feedback is currently

obtained from a number of channels, including module evaluation questionnaires. The

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purpose of these forums is to provide students with an opportunity to provide feedback on

various aspects of course delivery, design and assessment with a view to assisting the

university in improving the quality and standard of the program for future cohorts of students.

The forum is also a two-way channel of communication that allows both staff and students to

provide regular feedback to each other. The Student Consultative fora are established to

provide a constructive environment where academic staff, program support staff and students

can meet to discuss issues that impact on the quality of the learning environment. It is

expected that the fora will focus on both the positive issues and the negative issues as they

impact on the learning environment.

SIS Student Web

SIS Student Web provides students with secure internet access to their own personal

information in a familiar, easy-to-use format. The deployment of this product is in line with

the University's commitment to improving the service to students by making it easier for

them to confirm enrolment, enrol to courses, verify and view their information on-line. To

access the log-in page go to:

https://sisweb.ucd.ie/usis/W_WEB_WELCOME_PAGE

SIS Student Web will allow you view some of your personal, registration, fee and student

record information that is held within the Student Information System. Students are able to

confirm enrolment and enrol to courses; View/Update personal details; Check registration

status; Verify course enrolment; View examination results after the Program Examination

Board meeting.

Having Difficulty Accessing Electronic Resources?

If you encounter any difficulty in accessing the University's electronic resources, please

see the email addresses below to which you should send your query (please ensure that

you quote your UCD student number in all correspondence).

ithelpdesk@ucd.ie

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SIS Student Web Disabled

If you insert your SIS PIN number incorrectly three times your account will automatically

be disabled.

Contact the Student Desk Connector http://www.ucd.ie/studentdesk/contact

Users are asked to submit a short online form indicating the type of user they are, i.e. student,

prospective student, parent, etc. and details of their query. They are then either redirected to a

web page where they can find the information they require or, if their query is more complex,

they will be asked to submit their query. They will then receive a response on screen

indicating that the Student Desk will contact them within three working days.

UCD Connect

If you have difficulty logging in to UCD Connect following registration, you must email

(quoting student number, name and query): ithelpdesk@ucd.ie

Blackboard

Should you have difficulty in logging in to Blackboard after you have officially registered

with the University, you must email the following, quoting your UCD student number, name

and query: ithelpdesk@ucd.ie

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Code of Practice for Participants

The programs offered assume high standards of personal commitment and professionalism on the part of participants. While the primary objective of the programme is to foster generalist knowledge and expertise in management and business functions, an important secondary objective is to set high standards in respect of class participation, the preparation and presentation of assignments and overall involvement in the learning process. Below are listed, in the form of a code of conduct, the main standards that will be expected of participants on these programmes.

Seminars

Attendance at seminars is compulsory. If you are unable to attend a seminar, please notify your Program Manager in advance. The use of mobile phones during class is strictly prohibited. Students are requested to ensure that their mobile phone is turned off during class times.

Punctuality

Lectures or seminars begin at the times listed on timetables or communicated to classes by your Program Manager. Students are asked to abide by the schedule set out in the timetable or by the lecturer and to return promptly to class following all breaks.

Preparation for Class

Where readings, articles or cases have been prescribed in advance of seminars, it is expected that these will have been read carefully and that members of class will be sufficiently familiar with the material to follow the class and participate in discussion.

Participation in Class Discussion

Depending on the course, the size of the class and the teaching method in use, greater or lesser emphasis will be placed on class participation. In general, however, class participation will be strongly encouraged and will form an important part of the learning experience on your program. You will be expected to engage fully in all class discussions as the discussion of readings, case studies and the sharing of experiences related to the course content will lead to a more enjoyable and rewarding learning experience for all participants.

Original Work

When a course requires the preparation of an assignment, it is expected that the work be prepared and written independently. Collaborative or group work on assignments may be the designated method of completing assignments in some courses. In that event co-operation and the sharing of ideas is encouraged. No person or group should be tempted, however, to "recycle" the work of others, whether done in previous years or in other degree programs. Any contravention of examination regulations is extremely serious and renders the person or persons concerned liable to disqualification from continuing on the program or taking their degree. The same principle holds for individual assignments. They should be the person's own work, and should not have been submitted as continuous assessment or research assignments on any other program. It is, of course, permissible to draw on the work of other researchers or authors when preparing an assignment. This is part of the procedure for conducting research. Even here, however, the work of the person preparing an essay is distinguished from that of others in the field through referencing conventions. Please refer to the Guidelines on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism provided at the start of your program.

It is expected that you draw upon academic reading material when undertaking a module on your program of study (i.e. textbooks, journal articles etc.). While the internet is a useful tool for sourcing additional reading material, it is a tool which should be used with caution. This caution is warranted, particularly since much of the information on the internet can be highly biased and the source/author of the material is often difficult to identify.

Relations with Staff of the School & Fellow Students

You are expected to treat all staff of the School and fellow students with courtesy. All lecturers on your program have teaching commitments on other programs, in addition to research and other professional commitments. Therefore, you should not take people's time for granted, make casual calls, or make unreasonable requests. If you do need to see a member of staff urgently for whatever reason you will not be turned away. Kaplan Higher Education and University and NSBM staffs are accessible to you; and the program is marked by an open and egalitarian spirit in relations between staff and students. The preservation of this spirit imposes obligations on students as well as staff.

Submission of Continuous Assessment

All material presented as part of continuous assessment on courses must be properly typed and proof read. Hand-written notes and material cannot be accepted. It is expected that you will follow closely the referencing provided at the start of your program. Attention must be paid to grammar, spelling and punctuation; these aspects of written communication are important management skills. You should ensure that all project work and continuous assessment work is submitted on time and in a form which complies with guidelines laid down by your course lecturers. Please note that all assignments must be accompanied by cover page that both outline your UCD student number, name in full (as registered with the University), module title, assignment and submission date.

Student Code of Practice – Team Work

There are many reasons for using group work in higher education such as enhancing student learning, promoting social interaction among students, developing generic skills (including negotiation, delegation and leadership) and the individual students' strengths and expertise. There is an onus on the group to ensure that individual members provide maximum effort in completing the assigned task/project. There is evidence to suggest that individuals frequently exert less effort on collective tasks than on individual tasks (Williams and Karau, 1991). As the group size increases the Ringlemann Effect emerges: there can be an inverse relationship between the size of the group and effort expended. It is fair to assume that group effectiveness will increase when members work on tasks that are mutually important and when each member believes they are contributing to an end goal.

UCD School of Business personnel are obliged to ensure that the operation and management of assigned group-work are consistent with the integrity of the university assessment process. It is also expected that, where the group-work contributes to a module grade, members are awarded grades that accurately reflect their contribution to the completion of the task.

This Code of Practice is developed to guide the work of student groups within an academic setting and safeguard the integrity of group-based projects as part of our assessment of student learning outcomes.

- 1. All Group members (whether assigned or self selected) are expected to contribute actively and equitably to the completion of the exercise/project
- 2. All groups will set out and agree basic ground rules for their group in terms of group communication procedures, performance targets, arranging and organizing meetings, records, progress reports, solving problems, finalizing the project and signing off.

3. Roles (such as leader, convener or facilitator) might be assigned to particular group

members to facilitate the working of the group and specific milestones (weekly) agreed.

4. Group membership diversity (cultural, professional etc.) needs to be acknowledged, valued

and utilized as appropriate.

5. Group work undertaken by UCD School of Business students is subject to UCD policy on

academic programmes. For further details on this policy go to

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/student_code.pdf

6. UCD promotes an environment upholding the dignity and respect of all students as set out

in its policy on Dignity and Respect –

University College Dublin is committed to the promotion of an environment for work and

study which upholds the dignity and respect of the individual and which supports every

individual's right to study and/or work in an environment which is free of any form of

harassment, intimidation or bullying.

The university recognizes the right of every individual to such an environment and requires

all members of the University community to recognize their responsibilities in this regard.

Students are advised to read this policy document – click on:

http://www.ucd.ie/t4cms/UCD%20Dignity%20&%20Respect%20Policy.pdf

7. Any group member who is concerned about a member's contribution to the group work

(and associated activities) must firstly communicate this (at the earliest time possible) to the

group members, and they must strive to resolve the problem.

8. If a group member believes that his/her concerns have not been addressed satisfactorily

within the group, the matter should be brought to the attention of the module coordinator. The

module coordinator/learning support officer (LSO) should strive to resolve the issue at group

level. Where this has not been achieved, the Academic Coordinator and/or the School Head

of Teaching and Learning will be informed.

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9. Should the issues not be resolved, the parties above, taking into consideration the stipulations of this code and the University policy documents to which it refers, will to seek to mediate to find a solution, which is acceptable to group members and which retains the integrity of the group work assessment process.

Team Agreement Form

It is recommended that students complete a Team Agreement Form for all assignments that are to be completed on a team basis. The Team Agreement Form (shown below) is available on Blackboard, where it is located in the Assessment section of the Programme Area.

TEAM AGREEMENT FOR TEAM X [DATE:]

TEAM AGREEMENT FOR TEAM & [DATE.]			
TEAM MEMBERS	CONTACT DETAILS		
	MOBILE	EMAIL	
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INFORMAL COMMUNICATION

We have decided

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

MEETINGS

We have decided

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

MAKING DECISIONS

We have agreed

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

SANCTIONS

We hope to work in harmony together. We have different strengths. We accept that this is a group piece of work and we are all responsible for doing our best. However we agree now that

- If individuals have difficulties in working with the team or on the task, we will try to sort them out promptly by talking with each other
- We will seek advice as soon as is possible from our tutor for those serious problems which we cannot resolve ourselves.

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Plagiarism & Disciplinary Matters

The Oxford Dictionary defines plagiarism as

"...take(ing) and use(ing) another's thoughts or writings etc. as one's own'.

In effect this means reading something in a book or an article and re-typing it verbatim into your essay without appropriately referencing it. Plagiarism and cheating are not acceptable. University College Dublin deals very severely with anyone caught plagiarising or cheating. If a student is suspected of plagiarism or cheating in an assignment or examination a written report will be submitted by the invigilator or examiner concerned to the National University of Ireland for detailed evidence. On receipt of the report the Head of Subject Area shall send a copy to the Student inviting comments within a given period, which shall not exceed seven days. The University shall consider the report and the student's reply. Should cheating and plagiarism be reasonably established, the student will be given a zero mark for the assignment or examination. A student found guilty of plagiarism may be expelled from the University. For all proven cases of plagiarism or cheating, the University and the Centre for Distance Learning reserve the right to take further action, as appropriate, against the student concerned.

Before you submit any assignment, you will be required to undergo a Plagiarism Test on Blackboard (see Plagiarism Test Button on the left-hand-side). Once you have successfully completed the test, you can print a Certificate from Blackboard. This Certificate must be attached as the last page of every assignment you submit throughout your studies at UCD). See the Appendix for further information and guidance on this test.

The following is an extract from the University's Briefing on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism and I would ask that you read this carefully.

Students at UCD are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity and

honesty. The work you submit to the University for assessment must be your own work. You

will complete a wide variety of assignments during your time in University. This short guide

has been developed to help you understand the importance of academic integrity in the

preparation of your assignments.

As part of your learning experience you will have a number of assignments to complete.

Assignments are designed to help your learning and understanding of your subject by

requiring you to demonstrate, through the completion of an assessment task, how well you

have engaged with and understood the material you have studied. Assessment tasks will vary

from subject to subject and can range from problem-solving to reporting on experimental data

to the development and presentation of coherent and cogent arguments. It is expected that in

producing an assignment, you may need to read and gather information from a range of

sources including books, journals, official reports, newspapers or material from the Internet

as well as ideas generated in discussion with colleagues and other students. When presenting

your assignment on a topic it is really important to do two things:

✓ Be explicit about any material or ideas presented by other people that you have

included in your assignment;

✓ Acknowledge the information that you have used to inform your assignment by

including a complete list of references.

These actions are the basis of good practice in the presentation of your assignment and they

show academic integrity on your part. It means that you are being honest about showing how

the work of others has helped you to form your own understanding and explanation of a

topic.

When you present any assignment, you must ensure that you acknowledge any ideas, which

are not your original thoughts, ideas or words. If you are careless about doing this, you could

be accused of plagiarism.

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reserves the right to make changes to programme regulations and policies.

Plagiarism can take many forms and the University deems it to include any of the following:

X Presenting work authored by another person: including other students, friends, family,

or work purchased through internet services;

× Presenting work copied extensively with only minor textual changes from the internet,

books, journals or any other source;

X Improper paraphrasing, where a passage or idea is summarized without due

acknowledgement of the original source;

★ Failing to include citation of all original sources;

X Representing collaborative work as one's own.

All of your lecturers will be familiar with the references in your subject area, they are quite

likely to recognise particular phrases, sentence constructions and even paragraphs as parts of

well known published works, particularly where they are not referenced properly. In addition

it is routine practice in the University to use electronic detection sources to identify instances

of plagiarism, which includes similarities between work authored by different students as

well as information derived from the Internet. You also have to remember that a lecturer or

tutor will correct a whole range of assignments and that their familiarity with the range of

work presented will allow them easily to detect similarities in students' work.

The University has formal disciplinary procedures for dealing with instances of plagiarism,

which may result in penalties being applied, as outlined in sections 7-10 of The Student

Code, available at http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/student_code.pdf

You should read the University's plagiarism statement and procedures. In addition you

should seek the advice of your lecturers.

The Plagiarism Policy can be downloaded from the following:

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/plagiarism_po.pdf

Should you have any queries at any stage in relation to referencing, please consult the

attached referencing guidelines or your Program Manager.

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Assignments

Objectives of Assignments

- To stimulate course members' interest in the subject
- To enable course members to relate theory to their own experience and to practical situations in the work place
- To test the extent to which course members know and understand the subject
- To develop course members' analytical, decision making and presentation skills
- To enable course members to monitor their own progress

Your lecturer for each module will provide you with further guidance on this matter during class.

Grading Criteria

You should refer to the Grading Criteria in your module study guide for full details of the criteria used across the University for grading module assignments and examination scripts. If you have any queries in relation to the criteria being used to access a particular module, please consult with your lecturer.

Submission of Assignments

Assignments must be hand-delivered to your Program Manager or submitted via the assignment drop-in slot (further information can be obtained from your Program Manager). Guidance on this matter will be provided during your orientation at the start of the program. You are also required to upload a soft copy of all assignments to the module area on Blackboard where they will be automatically processed through Safe Assignment (the plagiarism detection software).

Presentation of Assignments

The following assignment presentation and layout guidelines should be adopted at all times.

- Cover page name, student number, module title, submission date
- Plagiarism test.
- 1.5 line spacing
- Times New Roman
- 12 font size
- Justified Text
- Spaces between paragraphs
- Use of suitable headings
- Introduction, conclusion etc.
- Page numbers inserted
- Spell check
- Proof read
- Bibliography
- All assignments must be accompanied by a cover sheet.
- Please note that your name (AS REGISTERED WITH THE UNIVERSITY) and UCD student number must always be included on the cover page.
- All assignments must include a signed "Statement of Authorship" on the title page, as follows:
 "I declare that all materials included in this essay/report/project/dissertation is the end
 result of my own work and that due acknowledgement have been given in the
 bibliography and references to ALL sources be they printed, electronic or personal".
- You must keep a copy of their assignment in case it gets lost in transit.

Feedback on Assignments

Assignments submitted in accordance with the original schedule will be marked and a grade will be returned to you. Your lecturer may also return general class feedback which will outline the main strengths and weaknesses of all assignments submitted (feedback applies to the main assignment only).

Late Assignments

Requests for the extension of an assignment submission deadline must be made <u>in writing</u> to your Program Manager at least one (1) week before the stipulated submission deadline. Documentary support for the extension <u>MUST</u> be submitted together with the extension requests. Approval of the extension is at the discretion of your lecturer. Assignments submitted late, without prior approval, will not be accepted. Penalties for the late submission of assignments will apply and these are detailed in the University's Late Submission of Coursework Policy. Under no circumstances will assignments be accepted two weeks after the prescribed deadline date. You must ensure that you are fully familiar with the University's Late Submission of Coursework Policy. To download a copy of this policy, please visit the following:

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/latesub_po.pdf

Examinations

Examination Schedule

Your timetable will outline the dates of each examination. The date, time and place of examinations must be strictly adhered to and are not open to negotiation and can be varied by the University. Students will be notified of the details well in advance via an Update.

Duration of Examinations

The duration of examinations is as follows:

Table 4: Duration of Examinations

Programme	Duration
BBS (Hong Kong)	3 hours
BBS (Singapore)	3 hours
BSc (Sri Lanka)	3 hours

Examination Regulations

The University's Examination Regulations are as follows:

These regulations (a) facilitate the proper conduct of examinations, (b) provide for a well-ordered and calm environment in which candidates can complete their examinations, and (c) ensure that no candidate can gain unfair advantage over their peers.

Candidates should be in attendance at the examination centre at least a quarter of an hour before the commencement of each examination. They should be seated and silent at least five minutes prior to the commencement of all examinations and should pay strict attention to details of emergency and safety procedures and to a résumé of examination regulations that are provided by the Invigilator-in-Charge.

Except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Invigilator-in-Charge, candidates:

- Will not normally be admitted to the Examination Centre if they are more than fifteen minutes late. Candidates who arrive late should notify the invigilation team leader of their presence and wait to be seated by an invigilator.
- Will not be permitted to leave the Hall until one hour has elapsed after the time at which the examination began (an early exit may prevent entry by any latecomers).
- Will not be allowed to return to the Examination Centre.

Candidates will not be permitted to leave the Examination Centre during the **final ten minutes** of the examination period (*this facilitates the orderly collection of examination scripts*).

Students who are required to register and have not done so may be refused permission to sit an examination. Repeating students who are required to enter for examinations and fail to do so may be refused permission to sit those examinations.

Candidates are required to be in possession of their student card, which should be displayed on their desk.

Notes or other unauthorised materials should not be taken into the Examination Centre. Notes, books, or other materials should be left outside the Examination Centre or handed to an invigilator before the commencement of the examination.

Students later found in possession of notes during an examination are liable to disciplinary procedures and serious penalties (see the UCD Student Code).

Mobile phones or other electronic communications devices should not be taken into the Examination Centre, nor should they be left powered on within the vicinity of the Hall.

Candidates must ensure that they answer the correct paper. The title of the paper should be

checked, and instructions read carefully before answering is commenced. Any query should

be immediately brought to the attention of an invigilator.

Invigilators are present in the Examination Centre to ensure the proper conduct of the

examination and to deal with problems that may arise.

Candidates are obliged to follow instructions issued by invigilators. Please listen carefully to

all announcements. If anything is required during an examination, candidates should call the

attention of the invigilator. Under no circumstances should candidates leave their places.

Silence must be maintained in the Examination Centre at all times.

No candidate shall aid, or attempt to aid, another candidate, or obtain, or attempt to obtain,

any assistance from another candidate, or communicate in any other way with another

candidate in the Examination Centre.

In cases of impersonation, the impersonator and the impersonated shall be liable to permanent

exclusion from the University.

Plagiarism in any form is forbidden in assessments, theses or other academic exercises.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that all scripts and MCQ sheets are handed up.

Where a candidate has finished before the end of the examination period, the attention of an

invigilator must be called and the answer book(s) handed to the invigilator.

At the end of the examination period, candidates must remain in their seats in complete

silence until their scripts have been collected. Scripts must be handed up immediately on

request to an invigilator.

Candidates must ensure that their student number, seat number and any other particulars

required are written on every answer book.

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reserves the right to make changes to programme regulations and policies.

Where there are several answer books, candidates should insert them in one another to form a

single package. Where treasury tags are given out, students must use these to bind their

scripts together and be responsible for handing the package to an invigilator.

UCD examination stationery must not be taken from the Examination Centre. All answer

books, used or unused, or other supplied material must be handed up. Students found to be in

possession of such materials are liable to disciplinary procedures and serious penalties may

be imposed.

Smoking is not permitted in Examination Centres. Smoking breaks are not permitted during

examinations.

The use of programmable calculators is not permitted during examinations, unless their use is

specified on the examination paper by the examiners.

Candidates who infringe any of these Regulations will be reported to the Supervisor of

Examinations, who will deal with the matter according to the disciplinary procedures outlined

in the UCD Student Code.

Please refer to the below university website before sitting any examination:

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/assessment/student info/examregulations.pdf

Please ensure that you are fully familiar with these regulations before sitting any

examination. Unauthorised materials must not be brought into any examination – serious

penalties are in place, including expulsion from the University, where students are found with

unauthorised materials.

Failure to Sit an Examination

You are not permitted to defer an examination to a later date, unless valid extenuating

circumstances exist. If the Program Examination Board accepts the extenuating

circumstances documentation received from you, you will be granted an IX grade for that

module and as a result your GPA will not be capped. The circumstances considered by the

University to be extenuating are outlined in the University's Policy on Extenuating

Circumstances. A copy of this policy can be downloaded from the following:

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reserves the right to make changes to programme regulations and policies.

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/extc_po.pdf

Before submitting an extenuating circumstances form, please review the guidelines on this

policy. Please note that 'work reasons' are not considered to be extenuating by the

University.

Policy on Repeats and Re-sits*

A full copy of the University's policy on repeats and re-sits can be downloaded from the

following:

*this policy is currently under review by the University and may be temporarily

unavailable

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/resits_po.pdf

The following are the main implications of this policy for the University's programmes

in Hong Kong, Singapore and Sri Lanka. I would encourage you to carefully read the

following sections and to contact your Program Manager should you require clarification

on any matter.

All students are expected to complete all components of assessment as per the timetable with

their own intake (including all assignments and the examination), unless valid extenuating

circumstances exist and these are accepted by the Program Examination Board. Please refer

to the University's Extenuating Circumstances policy for details of the issues that are

considered to be extenuating.

The grades you achieve for each assessment component for each module as you have taken

them with your own intake are the grades that are recorded at the Program Examination

Board meeting that relates to that particular Stage of your programme and these grades are

recorded on your official University record.

The outcome of a Program Examination Board meeting will be one of the following:

you have passed a module (having been awarded grades in the A, B, C or D

categories

or

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- you have failed a module (*)

or

you did not complete some component of assessment and have submitted a
extenuating circumstances form with supporting documentation. Where the
circumstances contained within your documentation fall within the circumstances
outlined in the University's Extenuating Circumstances policy and are accepted by the

Program Examination Board, a grade of **IX** will be awarded for that module (**).

* If the Program Examination Board has determined that you have failed a module overall,

you will be required to resit the examination with the next available intake (following the

Program Examination Board meeting). Your resit will be graded based on a 100%

examination in line with the current policy within UCD School of Business. Therefore, any

grades for assessment (assignments) completed previously with your own intake will not be

counted. The decision on precisely when you can resit an examination can only be taken

after the Program Examination Board has met for the relevant Stage of your programme.

Your Program Manager must be consulted and he/she will seek a decision from the

University on this matter before making the final arrangements for you to resit. Please note

that re-sits will be graded on a **Pass/Fail basis only**.

** Where an IX grade has been awarded for a module by the Program Examination Board,

you will be required to resit the examination with the next available intake (following the

Program Examination Board meeting). In this case, any grades for assessment (assignments)

completed previously with your own intake will be counted, along with the grade obtained

for the resit examination. The decision on precisely when you can resit an examination can

only be taken after the Examination Board has met for the relevant Stage of your programme.

Your Program Manager must be consulted and he/she will seek a decision from the

University on this matter before making the final arrangements for you to resit.

Please also ensure that you are fully familiar with the University's Policy on the Late

Submission of Coursework.

The following websites may be useful should you require additional information on the

University's regulations on this matter:

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/regs_home.htm

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/extc_po.pdf

 $\frac{http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/resits_po.pdf}{currently\ under\ review\ by\ the\ University\ and\ may\ be\ temporarily\ unavailable} \quad \ \ \, ^*this \quad policy \quad is\ currently\ unavailable$

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/latesub_po.pdf

Should you require clarification on any of the above matters, please don't hesitate to consult with your Program Manager.

Grading

A document explaining the modular grading system can be downloaded from the following: http://www.ucd.ie/registry/assessment/student info/gradingguidestudents2013-2014.pdf

The following are the **percentage ranges** that correspond to UCD **component** grades where the pass mark is 40%.

Table 5: Grade Calculation

Grade	Lower (%)	Upper (%)	Calculation Point
A+	76.67	100	78.33
A	73.33	76.66	75.00
A-	70	73.32	71.67
B+	66.67	69.99	68.33
В	63.33	66.66	65.00
B-	60	63.32	61.67
C+	56.67	59.99	58.33
С	53.33	56.66	55.00
C-	50	53.32	51.67
D+	46.67	49.99	48.33
D	43.33	46.66	45.00
D-	40	43.32	41.67
E+	36.67	39.99	38.33
Е	33.33	36.66	35.00
E-	30	33.32	31.67
F+	26.67	29.99	28.33
FM	23.33	26.66	25.00
F-	20	23.32	21.67
G+	16.67	19.99	18.33
G	13.33	16.66	15.00
G-	0.02	13.32	11.67
NG	0	0.01	0.00

Module Grades and Grade Point Values

The final module grade is determined and approved by the University. Each grade has a value attached to it for the purposes of calculating a Grade Point Average (GPA).

Table 6: Grade Point Values

A+	4.2
A	4.0
A-	3.8
B+	3.6
В	3.4
В-	3.2
C+	3.0
С	2.8
C-	2.6
D+	2.4
D	2.2
D-	2.0
Е	1.6
F	1.0
G	0.4
NG	0.00

Grading Criteria

A comprehensive description of the grading criteria used when assessing assignments and examination scripts can be found in the Appendix of this handbook.

Undergraduate Degree Grading

Honours will be awarded in an Honours Bachelor Degree using the below classes of honours. The decisions of a Program Board with regard to the award of honours will be based on the relevant GPA, according to the following scheme:

GPA AWARD

Greater than or equal to 3.68 First Class Honours

From 3.08 to 3.67 inclusive Second Class Honours, Grade 1

From 2.48 to 3.07 inclusive Second Class Honours, Grade 2

From 2.00 to 2.47 inclusive Pass

In the case of the BSc and BBS programs, a weight of a half will be given to Stage 2 modules and a half to Stage 3 modules.

How do I get my results?

Notification of results will be made in writing only. Telephone enquiries will not be permitted. Please allow 60 days for the return of results. You will be provisionally notified of their assessment component grades. Once the Program Examination Board has met, official results will be issued to you via the SIS Student Web. An official transcript will be available for you to download from SIS Student Web following the release of your final results.

Passing a Module

You do not need to pass each component of assessment to pass a module overall. You are required to obtain a minimum overall grade of at least a D- to pass a module overall.

Failed Module

If you fail a module overall and no extenuating circumstances exist, your GPA will be capped at 2.0 when you re-sit the examination for that module. Re-sit examinations will be on the basis of a 100% examination.

Can I pass a module by compensation?

No. It is not possible to pass a module by compensation if you are entering the BSc/BBS in 2014/15. Further information can be found in the University Regulations:

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/regs_home.htm

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you need to know my term address?

If you change your address at any stage during the program, you may update your address on the University's records by logging on to SIS Student Web (http://www.ucd.ie).

Is a fee incurred for re-sitting an examination/assignment?

Yes, re-sit fees will be levied for re-sitting an examination and information can be obtained from your Program Manager.

Progression

In the case of the BSc and BBS programs, course members must successfully complete at least 50 ECTS out of a total of 60 ECTS to progress from one stage to another. Please consult the University General Regulations for further information on progression.

What does the program fee cover?

The total program fee covers registration for the duration of the program, course notes, study guides, seminar sessions, assignments, examinations and, for Hong Kong and Singapore programs only, textbooks.

When am I required to pay fees?

Fees are due and payable in instalments. Your will be advised of the fee payment schedule during orientation. Once you have registered with the University fees paid are **non-refundable**.

How are degrees awarded?

The Degree is awarded by the National University of Ireland (NUI). Further information on the NUI can be obtained from:

www.nui.ie

Each person on whom a degree is to be conferred is invited to attend the appropriate conferring ceremony and is required to wear academic robes. He/she may bring two guests to the ceremony and reception. All degrees must be conferred at the ceremony designated for

the degree immediately following the passing of the degree examination. Successful candidates who are unable to attend on the appointed day will have their degrees conferred *in absentia*; their parchments will be posted to them after the conferring ceremony. Postponement of conferring is not permitted. The Conferring Unit is responsible for all aspects of conferring ceremonies. A local presentation ceremony may also be held.

How can I provide feedback to the University?

It is the mission of the University to be among the leaders in Europe in business education by providing a quality learning and research environment directed to our students and the business community. To this end and to assist us in the planning of the programme, we would be most grateful if course members could take the time at the end of each module to complete one of the Module Evaluation Forms provided.

Will my class be combined with any other group of students?

From time to time, it may be necessary to combine two intakes for the purposes of delivery of the pathway modules.

Withdrawing from UCD

Before deciding to leave the University you should talk to your Program Manager. He/she may be able to assist you with your difficulties. If you still wish to leave, in order to withdraw officially from the University, you must notify your Program Manager who will in turn notify the University.

Useful University Website Links

• University Policies

http://www.ucd.ie/students/studentsupport.html

• School of Business

http://www.ucd.ie/business/index.html

• Student Desk

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/studentdesk/index.html

• Blackboard

http://elearning.ucd.ie

• Assessment Appeals

http://www.ucd.ie/appeals/

• Understanding Your Results (after formal Program Examination board)

http://www.ucd.ie/registry/assessment/student_info/gradingguidestudents2013-2014.pdf

• Alumni

http://www.ucd.ie/alumni/

Appendix 1: UCD Team

The following provides you with details of the UCD management team responsible for the programs offered in Hong Kong, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

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Appendix 2: Plagiarism Test

Dear Course Participant,

Following the university's referencing guidelines is an important requirement you must meet during your studies. Before you submit any assignments upon commencement of your programme, you are required to undertake the following:

- 1. **Read the University's Briefing on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism**: http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/docs/plagiarism_po.pdf
- 2. **Read the Referencing Guidelines** (see enclosed)
- 3. Complete and Pass the Plagiarism Quiz on Blackboard (see 'Plagiarism Test' button). You can attempt this test as many times as you wish. However, you must successfully complete the test before submitting your first assignment. Once you have successfully completed the test, please print the Certificate from Blackboard which acknowledges that you have passed this test and attach this Certificate as the final page in every assignment you submit through your studies at University College Dublin.

Should you have any queries on any aspect of the above, please contact your Programme Manager.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 3: Referencing – The Harvard Style

Referencing is an essential part of every essay or assignment. Referencing simply means that

any idea, theme or argument that you have found in the literature (i.e. textbooks, journal

articles, government publications, public speeches, internet sites etc.) must be referenced with

the name of the original author. If you use work published by someone else you must

acknowledge it.

Students should ensure that they reference all secondary sourced material. In situations where

you are in agreement with a particular argument and you would like to use this in your

assignment, you must transfer the argument into your own words and reference the source of

the argument.

The following guidelines are designed to help students in referencing key sources of

information. The following examples illustrate correct referencing procedures. Students are

strongly advised to follow these closely.

REFERENCES

All references must be cited in the main body of the assignment by enclosing in brackets the

author's surname, the year of publication, and page reference where appropriate. The

following examples illustrate correct referencing procedure.

Example

There were two main reasons surrounding the decision to establish the Labour Court, of

which the former Conciliation Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce was to

be part (Quinn, 1952).

When the name of the author occurs in the text, the reference citation need only be the year of

publication and page reference, where appropriate.

Example

Lockwood (1955: 335-45) deals comprehensively with the limitations of arbitration as a

means of industrial peace...

Where a reference has two or more authors the citation should include the last names of all

the authors.

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Example

This theory (Dilts, Davidson and Paul, 1985: 30-1) assumes that people do not really like to

work and only do so because they have to.

A reference that includes publications by two or more authors with the same surname,

requires inclusion of their initials to avoid confusion.

Example

This theory (Keogh, M. and Keogh, P.K., 1985) holds that all people must work a certain

number of hours to achieve a threshold level of achievement.

References by the same author published in the same year should be differentiated by using

lower case letters after the date in both the text citation and in the bibliography.

Example

When one considers firstly that individuals experiencing stress make more errors, are absent

more, must be replaced more frequently, are less creative and are less effective as decision

makers (Hackett, 1992a)...

The frequency and duration of stress is increasing (Hackett, 1992b)

In a case where there is no author, it will suffice to use the first two or three words of the title

and the year.

Quotations

There are several different methods of presenting quotations. The standard quotation is typed

in single line spacing and indented from the left margin. Quotation marks are not necessary.

It is important that quotations should correspond exactly with the original in spelling and

punctuation.

Example

The first element of any policy must be monitoring. As is stated by Kelly (1992: 13),

If you don't know what your problem is, it's awfully hard to solve it. Thus all companies

must firstly begin a strict and adequately communicated monitoring process.

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Quotation marks are used for the inclusion of a short quote/few words in the body of the text.

Example

Anthony (1977: 24) has described mediation as a 'more purposeful and less tentative' process

in which the mediator searches for possible solutions which the parties then negotiate upon in

the expectation of reaching an agreement.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

All assignments and essays submitted should include a bibliography at the end. Any journal

article, book etc, which has been mentioned in the text of an assignment should be listed in

the bibliography. You may also wish to include books, journal articles etc. which you have

not specifically mentioned in the text of the assignment but which you have read in the course

of your research/reading for that assignment, and which are relevant. The referencing

method that you are advised to use is commonly known as the *Harvard Style*.

A good example of the use of this method is to be found in the industrial relations textbook

Murphy, T.V. and Roche, W.K. (eds) (1997): Irish Industrial Relations in Practice, revised

edition, Dublin: Oak Tree Press. All possible types of references that you are likely to use in

your bibliography should be found in this text.

It is important that each entry in the bibliography should contain all data necessary for the

reader to identify the book/article and to permit the reader to find the item in question in the

library.

Titles of books and articles should be listed *alphabetically* by authors.

Referencing a book

In the case of referencing a book, the following format should be used: Author's Surname,

Initials (year of publication): Name of Publication in Italics, Place of Publication: Publisher.

It not necessary to show page references as these are identified in the text citations. The

following punctuation guidelines should be followed carefully.

Referencing a book with one author

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Examples

Clarkson, J.D. (1926): Labour and Nationalism in Ireland, New York: AMS Press

Goldthorpe, J.H. (1984): Order and Conflict in Contemporary Capitalism: Studies in the

Political Economy of Western European Nations, Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Referencing a book with multiple authors

Examples

Gorman, L., Hynes, G., McConnell, J. and Moynihan, T. (1975): Irish Industry: How It's

Managed, Dublin: Irish Management Institute.

Rumpf, E. and Hepburn, A.C. (1977): Nationalism and Socialism in Twentieth-Century

Ireland, Liverpool: Liverpool University Press.

Referencing two publications by the same author in the same year

In the event that an author has two or more publications in the same year, the references

should be distinguished by using lower case letters after the date in both the text citation and

the reference list.

Examples

Roche, W.K. (1987a): 'State Strategies and the Politics of Industrial Relations in Ireland

Since 1945', in T. Murphy (ed.), Industrial Relations in Ireland: Contemporary Issues and

Developments, Dublin: Department of Industrial Relations, National University of Ireland,

Dublin.

Roche, W.K. (1987b): Social Integration and Strategic Power: The Development of Militancy

Among Electricity Generating Station Workers in the Republic of Ireland, 1950-1982,

(unpublished) D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford.

This reference, 1987b, is a good example of how to include an unpublished thesis/dissertation

in your bibliography.

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Referencing a chapter in a book with one editor

When reference is made to a particular contributor in a book, it is necessary to use the name,

date and page number in the citation in the body of the essay, however the editor (s) of the

book must be acknowledged in the bibliography.

Example

Murphy, T. (1987/89): 'The Union Committee at the Workplace' in T. Murphy (ed.),

Industrial Relations in Ireland: Contemporary Issues and Developments, Dublin: Department

of Industrial Relations, National University of Ireland, Dublin.

The above reference is also a good example of a book that has been reprinted. This is

indicated by the two dates, (1987/1989).

This example also demonstrates how to deal with a chapter in a book edited by the author of

that particular chapter.

Referencing a chapter in a book with multiple editors

Example

Roche, W.K. and Redmond, M. (1994): 'Legislation, Collective Bargaining and the

Regulation of Working Time in Irish Industrial Relations' in R. Blanpain, J.

Referencing a journal article

For a journal article, use the following format: Author's Surname, Initials (year of

publication), 'Name of the Article in Single Quotes', Name of the Periodical/Journal in

Italics or Underlined, Volume or Series number in Arabic numerals i.e. 1,2,3: Start of article

page number - end page number.

When you are referencing the page numbers of the article it is important to provide the least

amount of information, e.g. 578-593 should read 578-93.

Examples

Brannick, T. and Kelly, A. (1983): 'The Reliability and Validity of Irish Strike Data and

Statistics', Economic and Social Review, 14: 249-58.

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Kochan, T.A. (1993): 'Managing Transformational Change: The Role of the Human Resource Professional', *International Journal of Human Resource Management*, 4: 569-90.

Referencing reports/government publications

In the case of reports compiled by Government Departments, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, National Economic and Social Council, Labour Court, Employment Equality Agency, and the Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC), to mention but a few, the following bibliography format is used: Name of the organisation, (date of publication): *Name of the Document in Italics*, Place of Publication: Publishers.

Examples

Labour Court (1946-90): Annual Reports, Dublin: Stationery Office.

Labour Relations Commission (1993): The Resolution of Industrial Disputes, Report on International Conference Organised by the European Commission and the Irish Labour Relations Commission, Dublin: Labour Relations Commission.

Electricity Supply Board (1981): Comprehensive Agreement between Electricity Supply Board and All Trade Unions Representing Employees in the ESB, Dublin: ESB.

Department of Enterprise and Employment (1995): Code of Practice on Duties and Responsibilities of Employee Representatives and the Protection and Facilities to be afforded them by their Employer, Dublin: Department of Enterprise and Employment.

Irish Congress of Trade Unions (1989): *Trade Unions and Change: Shaping the Future*, Dublin: Irish Congress of Trade Unions.

Specifically Government Publications

Publications from any area of the government are normally published by the Stationery Office, also known as the Government Publications Office. In cases where there is extensive use of government publications, it is advisable to place them under a separate heading at the end of your bibliography. The following format should be used.

(a) Books and Articles

All books etc. would be referenced as normal under this heading.

(b) Government Publications

All published by the Government Publication Office, Dublin.

Referencing Speeches/Public Addresses

When referencing speeches the following procedure should be used: Speaker's Surname, Initials (date of speech): *Title of the Speech in Italics*, Venue: Organisers of the Speech.

Example

Attley, W. (1986): *Address to the National College of Industrial Relations*, Dublin: National College of Industrial Relations.

Referencing Material Sourced on the Internet

When referencing material sourced on the internet, the following procedure should be used:

Author (if there is one), Year, Title of Article, Organisation/Association, website address/URL [date you accessed the website]

Example

Colliex, C., & Sauzade, M. 1999. European Industrial Relations. European Foundation Dublin, http://www.euroind. [9 Sept. 1999]

Abbreviations

Names of organisations, government agencies, long technical names, and names of techniques or texts that occur frequently in the essay should be written in full when first used and followed by their abbreviations in parentheses. Subsequent referrals to the organisation etc. should involve the use of the abbreviation only, without parentheses.

Examples

Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU); International Labour Organisation (ILO); European Union (EU); National University of Ireland, Dublin (NUID); Labour Relations Commission (LRC); Employment Appeals Tribunal (EAT); Irish Business and Employers' Confederation

(IBEC); European Monetary System (EMS); Service, Industrial and Professional Trade Union (SIPTU).

Footnotes

Use of footnotes should be minimal as they often lead to confusion. Footnotes should not be used for citations. Acknowledgement of help from an unpublished source such as an interview or speech can be made in a footnote. Footnotes should be numbered consecutively throughout your essay with ^{superscript} Arabic numerals. In the event of having to use a footnote, type it at the bottom of the page, or at the end of the essay before the bibliography.

Example

Many incoming international firms concluded 'pre-production' agreements with unions covering recognition and procedural arrangements for the conduct of industrial relations. ¹

Mr. John O'Neill reports he believes that in 1993 international firms were rapidly moving into the midlands. ²

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- 1. A review of industrial relations in multinationals in the early 1980s concluded that they were not materially different from home-based companies see Kelly and Brannick (1985).
- 2. Interview held in Tullamore, Co. Offaly on October 26, 1993.

The following is an example of a bibliography:

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Beardwell, I. and Holden, L. (1997): *Human Resource Management, second edition*, London: Pitman

Armstrong, P. (1989): 'Limits and possibilities for HRM in an age of management accountancy', in J. Storey, (ed.) *New Perspectives on Human Resource Management*, London: Routledge.

Baird, L. and Meshoulam, I. (1988): 'Managing Two Fits of Strategic Human Resource Management', *Academy of Management Review*, 13(1): 116-28.

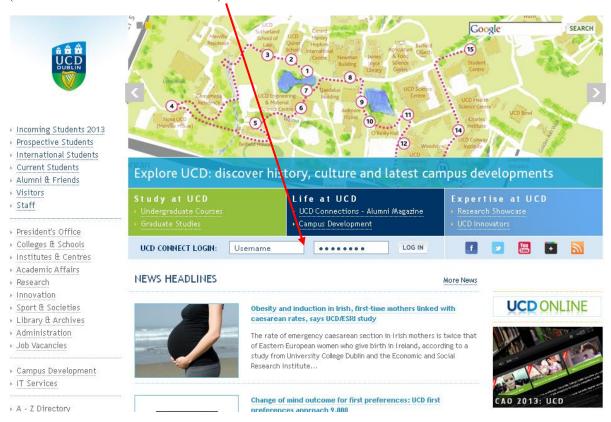
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Electricity Supply Board (1981): Comprehensive Agreement between ESB and All Trade Unions Representing Employees in the ESB, Dublin: ESB

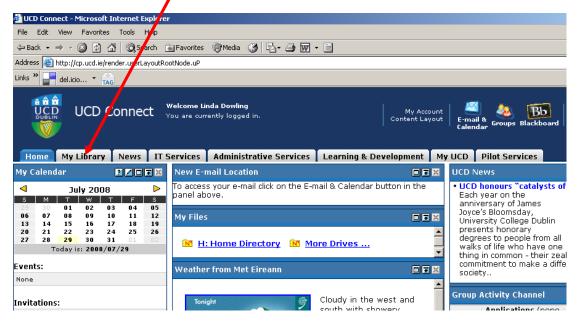
Irish Congress of Trade Unions (1989): *Trade Unions and Change: Shaping the Future*, Dublin: Irish Congress of Trade Unions

Appendix 4: Accessing Online Resources and Journal Articles

Step 1: Login to the UCD website – www.ucd.ie. Using UCD Connect Log In, enter your username and password (NUID student number and date of birth).



Step 2: Click on My Library



Here you will find information and guides to accessing library resources.