

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION MSU Office for Education Abroad

PROGRAM: Agriculture and Natural Resources at University College Dublin - Ireland

SPONSOR: College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and College of Social Science

UCD Scale	Percentage and Ranking	MSU Grade Equivalent*	ECTS** Credits/ UCD units		MSU Equivalent Credits
A+ / A / A-	70%-100% First Class Honors	4.0	5		3
B+ / B / B-	60-69% Second Class Honors Upper	3.5			
C+ / C / C-	50-59% Second Class Honors Lower	3.0			
D+	45-49% Third Class Honors	2.5			
D / D-	40-44% Pass	2.0			
F	0-39% Fail	0.0			

Other academic information:

UCD's academic year consists of three terms: Michaelmas, Lent and Summer. Each term is normally twelve weeks long with one week of exams.

1st semester/Michaelmas: Mid-September to late December
2nd semester/Hilary and Trinity Terms: Early January to late April with a 3-week break in March

Teaching is done through a combination of lectures, tutorials, seminars, practicals and laboratory classes. Lectures and tutorials are usually 50 minutes long. In general, the study pattern of UCD involves fewer lectures than many international universities, but more tutorials and independent study. 60 ECTS credits is the equivalent of a full year's academic work (30 credits is a semester's work). The number of credits allocated to each course is not based on the hours teaching involved (as this varies between subjects) but on the proportion of a year's academic work that it represents.

Students will be required to enroll in a minimum of 24 credits (the equivalent of 12 MSU credits) per semester at UCD. Course offerings include (but are not limited to): animal science; equine management; food science; food systems; economics management; horticulture; environmental management.

Useful Web Sites:

<http://www.ucd.ie/> (general information)

<https://www.ucd.ie/agfood/> (Link to International Programmes" and then "Academic Programmes". Link to specific departments for modules (Irish term for "courses") and descriptions

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