



GUIDE
TO 
UCD 
ARTS 

2013/14



WELCOME TO UCD ARTS

Congratulations on your acceptance to University College Dublin. Your Arts degree will open the doors to a large array of careers while offering you the freedom to map out your degree, your way. With an famous reputation for consistently producing high quality graduates, college can be so much more than academia.

UCD is Ireland's largest university and with Arts being the largest faculty on campus, it can sometimes be hard to find your feet. Our Transition Guide aims to make your move into our 3rd Level Institute easier by providing handy referral information for not only your first few weeks, but for your years in UCD.

This guide was put together by the Students' Union Arts Convener, PleaseTalk.ie and O2 Think BIG. Written by students, for students.

Hey guys,
Welcome to the best years of your life...My name is Aonghus and my main aim is to make your college experience as enjoyable as possible. As a 3rd year, I know what it's like to be an Arts student, so feel free to call on me for everything from your welfare, to education and your entertainment needs. College can be a daunting time but once you get settled, I know that like me, you'll love every minute of it. Here are some things I will do for you:

- I will hold monthly Arts College Councils so you can have your say on what should change within the Arts faculty.
- I will set up an Arts Campaigns Crew to ensure all Student Union campaigns from Welfare to Education are brought to the largest faculty on campus.
- Organise Class Reps so they are helping you! From simply talking to lecturers, or organising some awesome class parties.
- Work with societies such as Arts Soc to bring you faculty wide events such as an Arts faculty trip and the Arts Ball.
- Most importantly I will be around to help you with any issues you may have.

A
MESSAGE
FROM
YOUR
ARTS
CONVENOR



Aonghus Ó Briain
Your Arts Convenor



HELP ACADEMIC

Every now and again students may encounter difficulties during their time in university. If this happens to you or to a friend, you can use this page as a referral guide and find all the information you need, right at your fingertips.

Module Co-ordinator

Each school has an office and an academic head who can deal with course issues.

www.ucd.ie/teaching/schoolheadsofteaching/

The Programme Office

For registration and extenuating circumstances issues.

Consult: www.ucd.ie/acshs

Opening Hours for face-to-face enquiries

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30 pm - 12.45 pm

Wednesday 2.00 pm - 4.45 pm

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Student Health Centre

Doctors, nurse, free counselling service and psychiatrist.
1st floor of Student Centre Building.

(01) 716 3133/3143

Students' Union Welfare & Equality Officer

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Disability Support Services

www.ucd.ie/disability

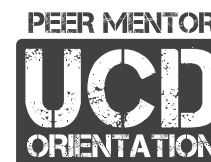
Peer Mentors

Just look out for the logo.

Or get in touch at anytime throughout the year.

Chaplaincy

Newman Building - Room G005



Visit pleasetalk.ie/ucd for more support services.

“ TALKING IS A SIGN OF **STRENGTH**,
NOT OF WEAKNESS. NO MATTER
HOW BIG OR HOW SMALL THE
PROBLEM, **THERE IS SOMEONE ON
CAMPUS WHO CAN HELP YOU.**”

**please
talk**

ARTS BLOCK MAP

John Henry Newman Building
Get to know your way around.

▲
towards
Restaurant

Main Entrance

▼
towards
O' Reilly Hall

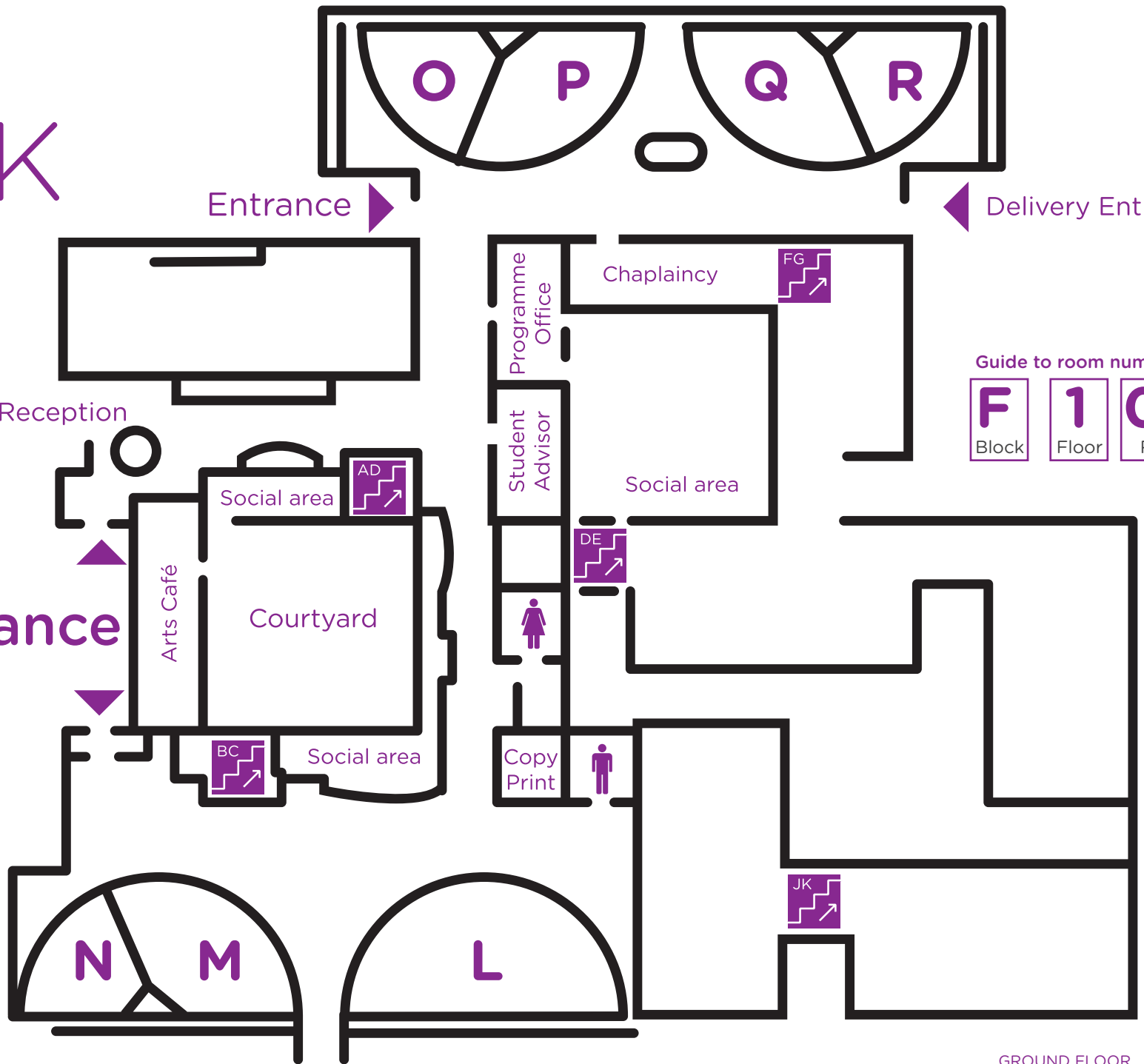


Stairway leading
to upper floors

UCD Reception

Entrance ▶

◀ Delivery Entrance



Guide to room numbers:

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Block	Floor	Room

Bridge to Library

GROUND FLOOR

THE BEST ADVICE ANYONE WILL GIVE YOU UPON ARRIVAL IN UCD IS TO GET INVOLVED. **BUT WHAT EXACTLY DOES THIS MEAN?**

GET INVOLVED!

Societies

Societies offer regular meetings and activities throughout the academic year. They can be specific to the Arts building, to Arts subjects, or even college wide. There are so many to choose from that you're bound to find something that interests you. Many want 1st year reps on their committee - giving you the opportunity to dive right in and get involved in organising events straight away.

Clubs

The clubs on campus provide a wide range of sporting activities for every ability and level. Options range from the popular to the obscure and UCD provide first class facilities. They're a good way to make friends and get healthier at the same time. Like all groups in UCD, they love new members and they have some of the best coaches in the country.

Media

UCD offers a broad range of media experiences outside of academics. The campus is home to CTN, the Campus Television Network, Belfield FM's radio studio as well as two award winning student newspapers - The University Observer and The College Tribune. These media outlets allow students to further explore their hobbies and interests.

Students' Union

Involvement in the SU can range from being class rep to joining the ENTS (Entertainment) or Welfare Crew. Depending on whether your interests are representing your class in Students Union Council, organising events on and off-campus or campaigning for the welfare of your fellow students, the Students' Union is looking for your say. Watch out for recruitment posters on campus from mid-September.

Semester One

Sept 16th - 20th / Fresher's Week
Sept 20th
/ Online Registration Closes
/ Class Rep Nominations Close
Oct 1st - 2nd / Class Rep Elections
Nov 13th / PleaseTalk Candlelit Vigil
Dec 2nd - 8th / Revision Week
Dec 9th - 20th / Exams

Semester Two

Jan 20th / Teaching term 2 begins
Mar 10th - 23rd / Easter Holidays
Mar 25th / PleaseTalk Day
Apr 23rd / UCD Community Awards
Apr 25th / UCD Ball
Apr 28th - May 4th / Revision
May 6th - 17th / Exams



WHERE TO GO FOR LUNCH?

Arts Cafe

Right in the heart of the Newman Building, so it's really handy to access.

Deli in Students' Union Shops

Under the Library and in Sports Centre

Restaurant

Serving breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

Readers

Down beside the Library, Readers lets you build your own sandwiches, or choose from theirs.

Take in your own!

It's a lot cheaper and you can sit around the Newman Building or head down by the lake to enjoy it.

WHERE TO GET YOUR BOOKS?

Book Shop

Every book your course requires can be found here, and if you can't find something, they'll order it in for.

Student's Union Bookstore

Have a look in the SU Bookstore. They Buy & Sell Secondhand books.

James Joyce Library

The Library has a copy of nearly every course textbook, and all you need for extra sources.

BORED IN THE EVENINGS?

Sure why not pop down to a movie in the Student Centre. There are also plenty of events and debates daily just keep an eye on the posters along the concourse.. And if all that fails, you can always chill with your friends.

Muna bhfuil aon rud le déanamh agat téigh suas chuig an seomra caidrimh i B205 chun cupán tae a fháil saor in aisce.

TOP TIPS

1. **Attend Lectures, tutorials and seminars**
2. **Ask Questions**
3. **Check your Email account daily**
4. **If you are struggling with anything come find me.**
5. **Have fun. It only lasts 3 years, so enjoy it.**

ARTS TRIVIA

The university was established in 1854 by John Henry Newman whose classic work "The Idea of a University" is one of the most enduring texts on the value of higher education. The Arts building is named after him.

Underneath the Newman Building lies an array of secret tunnels. Originally built in case of student riots, the tunnels are today used to escort special guests into campus safely.

The Before I Die wall - Opposite Theatre M you might see a blackboard inscribed with the words 'Before I Die I Want to...' written across it. As part of a global arts project, Arts Peer Mentors built UCD's Before I Die wall to act as a collection of student's aspirations, desires and fears. Feel free to contribute to the wall, as it is anonymous and once the board is full, it is photographed before being cleaned to be filled again.

The Newman Building is home to many famous Alumni. Irish stars at home and abroad all had their start in a UCD Arts degree. Actors from Brendan Gleeson to Chris O'Dowd, directors like Neil Jordan, broadcasters such as Ryan Tubridy, and writers such as Roddy Doyle. UCD Arts has been the starting point for many a famous face.

College can be an amazing experience if you get involved but one can often feel alone and isolated. So if you ever need someone to chat to or want some simple advice feel free to talk to me. I'm always around and will be happy to help.



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