Ireland Summer
University College Dublin Science & Engineering Summer School
UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective of the Advising Notes Document
This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the UCEAP Program Guide from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising

Applications 2018-19
Berkeley Study Abroad will be introducing a new application portal for the upcoming 2018-19 application cycle in October 2017. You can use the document, “Preparing for the UCEAP application” to assist you. http://stg.studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/how-to-apply

When applying for this program, keep in mind you want to apply for the exact title, “Science & Engineering Summer School, Univ. College Dublin”. Do NOT apply for “Irish Universities: Univ. College Dublin” – that is for fall, spring or year students only. You do not need a letter of recommendation for the summer program.

Program Location
Watch this video to learn about the program. The campus of University College Dublin is located in Belfield in the southern suburbs of Dublin, and it is within a 20-minute bus ride to the city center.

Prerequisites
Physics for Life sciences applicants are required to have taken two sequential courses of Single-Variable Calculus with a minimum grade of C- and no repeats. This equates to the following at UC Berkeley: Math 1AB, Math 10AB, or Math 16AB.

GPA Requirement: 2.50 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through the end of the last term prior to departure.
Application Deadline and Selection
The 2018 Science & Engineering Summer School at University College Dublin (UCD) program has a rolling application deadline beginning October 13, 2017 and ending December 4, 2017. Qualified and complete applications will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Within 2-3 weeks of submitting your application to Berkeley, you will receive an email from Katie Weibel (weibel@berkeley.edu) about your standing. There will be three tiers of students, 1. Student who meet the prerequisites at time of application 2. Students who will complete the prerequisites by the end of spring 2018 and 3. Students who don’t meet the prerequisites. Students will be officially selected once their fall 2017 grades are in CalCentral. Selected students will then be asked to submit a host university application to UCD. If you fail to submit your host university application to UCD by the deadlines provided to you, you will forfeit your spot on the program. UCD will make the final admission decision.

Competitiveness of the Program
The physics track at UCD has 19 spots. If you are not selected by the University College Dublin, you will be asked if you would like to submit documents to apply to another university in the UK. If you are interested in submitting an application for a ‘back-up’ option, please contact UK Adviser Katie Weibel (weibel@berkeley.edu) before the application deadline.

How to decide if a particular program is a good match for you
If you are deciding between the three summer programs that offer physics, there is a document that reviews the differences and similarities between the programs. You can find it here: Compare Summer Physics programs.

Academics
Many students have commented on how intensive this program is. Please keep in mind that you’re completing a year’s worth of physics in only eight-weeks. This means midterms and finals fall every other week. Berkeley students say the work is similar to Berkeley, but at a much faster pace.

Science Majors & Med Schools
Many past students have taken the physics courses to fulfill pre-requisites for Integrative Biology, Molecular Cell Biology and some College of Natural Resources majors and also to fulfill requirements for the pre-med emphasis. Our Berkeley Career Center is very supportive of these summer physics programs and have stated that this is a pre-med requirement you can take abroad.

Housing
You will stay in on-campus housing. You must apply online for this housing and pay UCD directly. UCD has created a summer housing application solely for UCEAP students and you will be emailed a link to that application later.

You must take the initiative to obtain, complete, and return all housing forms and deposits required by the university in order to ensure that you have housing. All participants, including those on full financial aid, must make their own reservations and pay the required deposits (in euros) prior to departure. The forms and deposits must be received by the host university by their established deadlines.

Carefully read all housing contracts prior to signing. These contracts are legally binding and commit you to the full cost of the housing for the period of time specified, regardless of the length of time you actually use the housing.

The housing reservation begins on the date specified in the contract. The initial move-in date may or may not be negotiable after the reservation is made, and you will need to make your own arrangements if you arrive earlier than the specified move-in date. Carefully choose your initial move-in date.

Fees
Later, you will need to take action to accept your offer of admission by paying a non-refundable application fee of 150 Euros by UCD’s deadline to secure your spot. If you fail to pay the deposit by UCD’s deadline, you will forfeit your spot in the program.
Internships, Research, and Independent Study
Internship, research, and independent study are not possible on this program.