**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Faculty: Beedie  
Major/Minor: Business  
Host university: University College Dublin  
Host Country: Ireland  
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) September 2019 to (month/year) December 2019  

**TRAVEL**

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1300 -- did not book roundtrip flights  
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $20  
Do you have a recommended routing or airline? □ No □ Yes  
If yes, please describe:  

**VISAS**

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Canadian  
Did you need a student visa/permit? □ No □ Yes: What was the cost? 300 EUR  
If yes, what documentation was needed? bank statements, proof of enrollment, passport, proof of med insurance  
Did you need a visitor visa/permit? □ No □ Yes: What was the cost?  
If yes, what documentation was needed?  
Where was your immigration documentation processed? airport upon landing then INIS Burgh Quay, Dublin  
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 3 months  
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? □ No □ Yes  
If yes, please comment:  

**AIRPORT RECEPTION**

Were you met at the airport by representatives of the host university? □ No □ Yes  
Is there easy transportation between the airport and university? □ No □ Yes  
Please comment: Aircoach bus leaves the airport every ten minutes and takes you directly to UCD  
What is the closest airport to the host university? Dublin Airport  

**ORIENTATION**

Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university? □ No □ Yes  
Was there a cost for the orientation session? □ No □ Yes, how much?  
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate? □ No □ Yes  
Please comment: There are multiple orientation sessions, each more or less covering different aspects of your exchange semester. Definitely attend the one where they discuss immigration, UCD staff are very knowledgable and the information is hard to find online.
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term? □ No □ Yes
If yes, how long is it? __________________________________________
Is there an additional cost for language training? □ No □ Yes: How much? ______________________
Please comment: __________________________________________________________________________

ACCOMMODATION & LIVING
Is on-campus or university dormitory accommodation available? □ No □ Yes
If yes, are you living in a university dormitory? □ No □ Yes
If yes, can you make a recommendation for a specific dormitory? □ No □ Yes
If yes, please describe: Each building has pros & cons. Note that price and proximity to lecture halls vary.
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? 1500
Is there a meal plan? □ No □ Yes: How much is it? ______________________
If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities? □ No □ Yes
How far is your dormitory from the main campus? __________________________________________
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:
No phone access. Internet is included.

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival? □ No □ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this? ______________________________________________________________________
Is off-campus housing easily available? □ No □ Yes
Please comment on off-campus housing:
Cannot comment because did not look into this option

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $2000
Any other comments on accommodation:
Dorms are not stocked with any dishes. They must be brought or purchased once in Ireland.
**FINANCIAL DETAILS**

Have you opened a bank account in your host country?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes: What are the challenges/benefits to opening a local bank account?

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers’ cheques, local currency?)

ATMs on campus do not charge for use of international debit cards. Local currency is euros. Canadian and American cash are not accepted here. Bring some euros with you, but know you can easily take more cash out as needed with little penalty.

What is/are the preferred method(s) of payment at most establishments?  
☐ Cash  ☐ Debit  ☐ Credit card

Please comment: Most places take credit card except taxis and city buses.

**ACADEMIC DETAILS**

Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes

Please describe the course registration procedure:

Course registration occurs late August. On my enrollment appointment I was only able to register for business courses. I had the option of taking up to 2 elective modules, which I had to apply for separately. The electives were added to my schedule early September, before classes began. Also, it should be noted what we call a class, they refer to it as a module.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university?  
Business

What is the language of instruction in your courses?  
English

If not English, are English-taught courses available?  

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university.

Quite similar to SFU

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?

This exchange provided me the opportunity to take courses that are not offered at SFU. I took a class on Vikings in the Celtic world and an Introduction to Celtic studies class. This has expanded my understanding of Ireland in the past, but also helped me understand Ireland today.

**Submission Instructions:**

1. Please complete and return this form by E-mail to studyabroad@sfu.ca as a PDF.
2. Subject line of email: Questionnaire - [Host Country, Host University]
3. Please include your full name and student number in the body of your E-mail.