

Frequently Asked Questions for Prospective TU Dublin Students: Academic Year 2020/21

Dear CAO Applicant,

We are very optimistic that we can provide you with a positive student experience should you be joining us this September. We know it's been a tough year so far, and we want to help you with your final CAO choices as the Change of Mind deadline approaches on 1 July.

We would like to invite you to our CAO Change of Mind [Virtual Open Day](#) between **Wednesday 24 June and Thurs 25 June**. Our team will be available to answer all your questions on courses you are interested in, and the overall TU Dublin student experience.

Between now and then you can chat with any of our [Unibuddys](#), who are current students on our courses. You can also [email us](#) or just click on the 'ask' button on the bottom right-hand corner of our [web pages](#).

Here are answers to some of the popular questions we are getting at the moment:

When is the academic year commencing?

TU Dublin is continuing to make preparations to welcome new students for the start of term in 2020. For continuing students, the Semester 1 start date will be Monday 21 September. For new Undergraduate students, the start date has not yet been confirmed. We are hoping to have start Orientation for first years in the week of Monday 21 September, but confirmation of this will only be known when the dates for the CAO process has been confirmed.

We are monitoring the situation closely, and further information about the start of Semester 1 will be available on this FAQ section of our [website](#).

Will classes be online?

Our aim is to prioritise face-to-face activity in labs, kitchens and studios, and to engage directly where possible with first-year students. Due to the projected social distancing constraints, it is highly likely that a blend of online delivery and face-to-face teaching will be part of the mix for all students in semester one. But as new information about the virus is frequent, we are keeping a close eye on communications from the Department of Education and Skills and any changes on will be available on our [website](#).

Will my offer be delayed due to Covid-19?

Students' calculated grades will be transferred directly to the CAO, in the same way, that examination results usually are. The CAO timelines will run as close as possible to normal to allow for students to take up offers and to transition to third level, further education or work. CAO Offers rounds will be published on www.cao.ie.

The new campus at Grangegorman

As with all construction activity, work on our Grangegorman campus was suspended in March due to the COVID19 pandemic. Work has now resumed and will continue briskly over coming weeks at which point we know when the buildings will be completed and ready for occupation. This means that some programmes that are moving from Kevin Street, Rathmines and Cathal Brugha Street will remain in those locations for the start of the academic year. Still, we hope the delay will be short-lived as we are anxious for students to have access to the state-of-the-art new facilities. You can see which courses are moving to the Grangegorman campus [here](#). This information is also identified on our individual course pages on our [website](#).

Cost of Living Guide

A new survey by TU Dublin has shown that despite a small drop in the cost of living, but some third-level students may experience financial difficulties next year due to Covid-19. If you do experience financial hardship, you contact the Student Assistance Fund in TU Dublin, and they will do their best to provide advice and support. View the TU Dublin Student Cost of Living Guide [here](#).

Once I graduate, what's next>

The Careers Service here at TU Dublin have put together information sheets for many of our courses which tell you more about what jobs you can go into, what employers are, looking for and what skills you will develop on the course. Click [here](#) to see the list of courses.