

Lectures and Short Courses for Adult Learners at UCD Access & Lifelong Learning

The UCD Access and Lifelong Learning team is delighted to offer a dynamic range of courses, thoughtfully designed to spark curiosity and inspire learning at every stage of life. These engaging, short sessions serve as the perfect introduction to our 2025–26 Part-Time Programme.

Whether you've never considered a university course before or it's been some time since you were last in education, now is the ideal moment to take that exciting first step. With a welcoming and supportive environment, UCD invites you to explore your interests, expand your horizons, and rediscover the joy of learning.

Why not start by attending a free event?

- As part of National Heritage Week, we are offering a series of [free taster lectures](#) this 19th-21st August. You can sign-up to attend one today. It's an obligation free way to explore courses, sample teaching style, and meet fellow learners in a supportive setting.
- UCD actively supports older and mature learners through its membership of the Age-Friendly University Global Network, emphasising flexible learning, inter-generational engagement, and accessible environments. Both our Open Learning and Lifelong Learning programmes are suitable for adult learners who are curious, want to create connections with others and would like to explore their interests with other like-minded peers.
- Learners often join for intellectual enrichment, social connection, and well-being—lifelong learning provides precisely that without pressure or assessments

UCD Lifelong Learning

- Over 50 short courses across History, Literature, Art Appreciation, Archaeology and more.
- Fee Concessions are available - visit our website for more information.
- Free Lectures throughout the year, starting in August.

Link: [Lifelong Learning - UCD Access and Lifelong Learning](#)

Open Learning Audit or Credit

- Register for over 450 undergraduate modules in either autumn or spring.
- Choose if you take your module for audit or credit.
- Have all the benefits of being a full-time student, but study at a slower pace.

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