



University College Dublin

Open Learning Readiness Checker



Welcome to the Open Learning Readiness Checker

ARE YOU READY?

Here's a short checklist to help you find out some essential aspects of being college ready for starting your UCD Open Learning journey. There's no grade. Once you're done, take some time to reflect on your responses. Based on your answers you will find further resources, tips and information available to help you prepare. Ready?

Directions

For each of the five foundation areas shown below, you will find a number of questions. Mark yes/No accordingly, take some time to review your answers, then scroll down to the bottom to get further tips and information.

My Plan

	Yes	No
I know which academic areas I am interested in studying		
I understand the module/programme/course objectives and the class layout (tutorials and lectures per week)		
I can anticipate the workload (e.g. reading, assignments, exams, MCQs) and time involved (e.g. 10 hours of lectures + 20 hours of reading/ assignments)		
I have a clear set of goals (e.g. learn more about a specific subject, try out university life, prepare for a degree, etc) for what I hope to achieve through Open Learning		

Access Entry Routes

	Yes	No
I understand the difference between studying from Audit or Credit		
I understand the admission requirements and the available routes to enter in the programme that I hope to study next year		
I have explored which modules I can use from Open Learning as a progression into a degree		

My Motivation

	Yes	No
I attended an information session and I started to read about my degree programme or the modules I am interested in		
I am excited about the opportunity to study at UCD		
I understand that I will need to motivate myself throughout my studies and I have strategies in place to do this		
I understand the importance of attending lectures and engaging in University activities		

My Academic Skills

	Yes	No
I have sufficient command of the English language in writing, reading and speaking to succeed in my studies		
I am prepared to do the reading required for the college course independently		
I feel comfortable using the internet and online applications		
If it is necessary for my programme I have the fundamentals of mathematics and numerical thinking		
I understand that I will be studying independently		

Managing My Time

	Yes	No
I am prepared to balance study and other life commitments outside University		
I have explored a possible commuting options and the cost/time involved to get to UCD		
I know what my week would look like with college work and other responsibilities		
I have a sense of the time that I will need to commit to my studies to successfully complete a module		

We hope you found this prompts useful in planning your next steps.

Look at your results along with tips and resources to help you on your Open Learning educational journey.

Foundation Area	Resources
My Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Learning Module List
Access Entry Routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MyUCD - check out UCD's degree programmes• Hear from our student Access Leaders about how they chose their courses
My Motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take some time to pause and reflect about why you want to pursue your degree. It might be handy to grab a notebook and pen and scribble down some ideas!
My Academic Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laptop Loan• Digital Ambassadors• Check out our mini tutorials for key IT Skills• Be an active learner
Managing my Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check out our masterclass on avoiding procrastination• Take a look at our workshop on time management• take the time to plan your route and your costs getting to and from UCD

If you have any questions please contact us at all@ucd.ie

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