

Three Steps to Select Classes at the University College Cork

1. Look at the University College Cork's list of classes at:

<http://www.ucc.ie/admin/registrat/visiting/>

Please review the list of academic departments in the subject area title drop-down menu carefully, as some KU departments are represented in multiple Cork departments (Biology for example), or in some cases the title of the Cork department is different from the KU department (*Government* at Cork is *Political Science* at KU, for example).

"Semester 1" is the fall semester, "Semester 2" is the spring semester, and "Year Long" is a class that is taught over the entire academic year. Irish universities use the term "module" to describe an individual class. Module numbers in the 1000's are first year courses, module numbers in the 2000's are second year courses, and module numbers in the 3000's are final year undergraduate courses. While most academic departments at Cork offer three-year undergraduate degrees, some do have a fourth year, with module numbers in the 4000's. It is the opinion of the KU Office of Study Abroad that first-year Cork modules are the equivalent of 100- and 200-level KU credit; second-year Cork modules are the equivalent of 300-level KU credit; third- and fourth-year Cork modules are the equivalent of 500-level KU credit. **EACH KU ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT** makes its own determination of appropriate KU credit, and is within its rights to approve credit differently than per these suggestions.

Modules at Cork will be worth 5, 10, 15 or 20 Cork credits, with a normal full-load semester consisting of 30 credits total. Here is how Cork credits convert to Kansas credits:

Cork	Kansas
30	15
20	10
15	7.5
10	5
5	~2.5-3

You may find that the relevant KU department will need to approve the larger Cork credit modules as one three-credit KU class with an additional two-credit (or more) class. You can find examples of this on the Cork/Kansas course equivalency list in the next section of this document.

2. Learn about Cork course equivalencies at:

<http://studyabroad.ku.edu/course-equivalencies>

Type “Cork” in the search box to get a complete list of courses at University College Cork that are currently pre-approved for KU credit and courses that were approved for KU students in the past. Clicking on the “Download to Excel” button after executing your search will provide additional details on the courses, such as which semester the course has been offered in the past.

Bear in mind that this list has “possible equivalency” and “approved equivalency” courses listed. “Possible equivalency” does not grant automatic approval for you. You will need to get this type of Cork course approved for yourself, just as you will for Cork courses that do not appear in the course database. Modules are only offered once each academic year, so be sure to check the Cork module catalog on-line (Step 1 of this document) to make sure a module you like on the list is available during the semester you are studying abroad. The course database is NOT A COMPLETE LIST of what you could take at Cork. It is only a list of what KU students have gotten approved in the past.

If a module you found in the course database is not on the Cork module catalog website, that module is either not being offered now, or is unavailable to study abroad students.

3. Bring course descriptions and/or syllabi for the Cork modules you are interested in taking to the relevant KU faculty study abroad advisor. A list of these advisors can be found at:

<https://ku.studioabroad.com/?go=FacultyDeptAdvisorList>

Some advisors may require that you schedule an appointment. Some may need a few days to review your materials. Please start making arrangements to get modules approved as soon as you can, as the process can take some time. Be sure to bring along a copy of your ARTS form to assist the advisor. Be familiar with your degree’s requirements. The more prepared you are for meeting with an advisor, the easier it will be for the advisor to assist you.

The form that needs to be completed by the advisor is part of the KU on-line study abroad application. Copies can also be obtained from the OSA front desk. Ask for the Academic Plan and Approval Form.

It is always a good idea to get two or three alternate Cork modules approved. Cork’s semester timetables are not usually released until just before the start of a semester, so you may encounter timetable clashes upon your arrival in Cork. Having some alternate modules already approved will make your Cork module registration process much less stressful for you.