I found my first year in Radiography to be one of the most interesting, challenging and enjoyable experiences of my life to date. I had the advantage of being in a small class where everyone knows one another, and having great lecturers who make our subjects interesting and are always willing to help. As well as lectures and labs we undertook clinical work placement in the university hospitals. During this time we practised what we’d learnt while gaining hands-on experience working under the supervision and mentorship of our clinical tutors. I found this practical reinforcement of knowledge helpful and also very rewarding as I could see the relevance and importance of everything I was learning.”

Emily Doyle
UCD Ad Astra Performing Arts Scholar

Why is this course for me?
Radiographers are responsible for producing high-quality images to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. While radiography is a caring profession, it’s also one that requires considerable technological and scientific expertise in both the production of images and the responsible delivery of ionising radiation. If you’re interested in science and you want to use your knowledge to care for people, Radiography at UCD may be a perfect fit for you.

What will I study?
Throughout this programme you’ll undertake modules in Technology of Radiography, Practice of Radiography and Clinical Practice of Radiography.

First Year
- Anatomy
- Introduction to Radiographic Technology
- Introduction to Clinical Practice
- Clinical Applications of Radiation
- Elective modules

Second Year
- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Practice of Radiography
- Imaging Technology
- Elective modules
- Clinical placement

Third Year
- Advanced Practice of Radiography
- Vascular & Trauma Imaging
- Introduction to Research
- Mechanisms of Disease
- Elective modules
- Clinical placement

Fourth Year
- Advanced Practice of Radiography
- Legal Medicine
- Oncology Imaging
- Research project
- Systematic Pathology
- Erasmus opportunities
- Clinical placement

Learning methods include lectures, small group tutorials, interactive demonstrations and hands-on clinical learning at UCD and our nationwide hospital network. Assessment methods include practical-skills-based exams, image-based tests, continuous assessment, report writing and oral presentations.

Professional Work Experience
Radiography will first be demonstrated in UCD’s own imaging facilities before you progress to performing examinations on patients. Teaching hospitals also participate in your training and you’ll work alongside radiography colleagues to learn and refine your professional skills.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities
Diagnostic imaging is a growth area in Ireland and internationally. All graduates in the past five years have obtained employment as radiographers. As well as the traditional hospital-based career, some radiographers are employed as applications or sales specialists. An increasing number of graduates are now undertaking PhD studies. Diagnostic imaging offers successful graduates exciting opportunities to pursue research and/or to develop specialist clinical skills.

International Study Opportunities
Erasmus opportunities exist in fourth year where you may spend a three-month period in one of our current partner institutions in Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK. Further elective opportunities to the USA are also available at various stages within the programme.