

## **Natalie Strong: University College Dublin UQ Program: Bachelor of Business Management/Commerce**

Going on exchange was the best decision I've ever made! I've just completed a dual degree in Business Management and Commerce and was lucky enough to spend my final semester abroad in Dublin, Ireland. With plenty of courses offered in the Quinn Business School at UCD, I had no problems finding courses I could take. As it was my last semester I only had to do 5 modules in Dublin whereas usually you need to do 6 modules to make up the workload. However I never really found my course work getting in the way of the amazing time I was having in Dublin. If anything, the group assignments just enabled me to meet more people.

Living on campus was a completely new experience for me, which I loved! The UCD student union is amazing with so many events and outings organised for all students and international students. Living



Outside the Quinn School of Business

I've made friendships that I'll keep for the rest of my life!

The nightlife in Dublin is insane! Every night of the week there is something happening, whether it's enjoying a pint at the student bar or going out to town for a night of dancing. Between classes, going out, the following hangovers, and trips away I never really had a chance to feel homesick! The Irish were so friendly and easy to get along with from my first day there. My saddest days in Ireland were those when I had to say goodbye to all the amazing friends I'd made, and

on campus (Roebuck Castle Catered - the food's great and makes life that much easier!) you're never at a loss for people to go out with or just someone to chill and watch a movie with. Living with majority Irish students I was able to explore Ireland, taking trips home with friends every weekend to see where they came from and meet their family and friends. Studying in Europe also gave me the ability to have weekend trips away to Amsterdam and Barcelona with other international students. I

can honestly say



Shopping on Henry Street in Dublin