Architecture and Landscape Architecture Open Day

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UCD ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE ENTRY 2025



UCD ARCHITECTURE (DN100) BSc (Architectural Science) (Hons) (NFQ Level 8) and MArch (NFQ Level 9) or BArchSc (Hons) (NFQ Level 8)

INTRODUCTION

UCD Architecture is Ireland's longest established and most prestigious architecture course. Over the past century, UCD Architecture has been of central importance to all aspects of Ireland's architectural culture. From O'Donnell + Tuomey to Grafton Architects, many of our graduates have achieved worldwide renown, while our research and graduate courses have contributed at an international level.



Minimum CAO Points Requirement 2024: 553 (Round 1) 2023: 566*(Round 2)

Length of Course

3 Years BSc Architectural Science (Hons) + 2 Years MArch (Hons) or 4 Years BArchSc (Hons)

CAO Places Available 57

Entry Requirements

- English (O6/H7)
- Irish (O6/H7)
- Mathematics (O6/H7)
- Two other recognised subjects (O6/H7)

HEAR/DARE Entry Routes Yes, see www.myucd.ie/dare or www.myucd.ie/hear

Other School Leaving Examinations Yes, see www.ucd.ie/admissions

Level 5/6 QQI-FET Entry Route None

Level 6/7 Progression Entry Route Yes, see www.ucd.ie/transfer

Mature Entry Route Yes, see www.ucd.ie/maturestudents

Open Learning Entry Route None

KEY FEATURES



The Architecture degree is accredited by The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)



The RIBA Gold Medal, the world's most prestigious architecture award, has been won by 2 UCD Architecture adjunct professors (2015) and 2 UCD Architecture alumni (2020)



Exposed to instruction from world -renowned practitioners



Unique facilities in the Richview / Newstead Buildings at Belfield

Home to Ireland's best Architecture Library







International study opportunities (including Europe, Asia, America and Australia)



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STUDYING UCD ARCHITECTURE

The main pathway to becoming a professional architect includes three steps: a) Completion of the Bachelor's in Architecture, b) Completion of the Master's in Architecture (MArch) and c) Completion of the Professional Diploma after a minimum of two years in practice.

Year 1 Engage with the principles	Architectural Design (Studio-based learning), History & The Environment, Drawing and Making, Architectural Technolog and Architecture of Structures, Regenerative Practice.	, ,
Years 2 & 3 Refine your knowledge	Architectural Design (Studio-based learning), History & Theory of the Designed Environment, Architecture & Environment, Architectural Technologies, Theory & Design of Structures, Imagining Architecture, Framework for Practice Optional Year Out - Experience the world of work*	Exit with BSc Architectural Science (Hons)
Year 4 Expand your Horizons	Design Technologies, Research & Innovation in the Designed Environment, Architectural Design (Studio- based learning), Comprehensive Design Project, Specialised option modules, International study abroad options Optional Year Out - Experience the world of work *	Exit with BArchSc (Hons)
Year 5 Achieve mastery of your practice	Major Research Essay, Reflective Portfolio, Design Thesis, Architectural Design (Studio-based learning), Professional Studies	Exit with MArch (Hons)

WHAT MAKES A GOOD ARCHITECT?

Our Architecture course attracts a diverse cross-section of talents and approaches from the technically minded to the artistically gifted; from the socially conscious to the natural communicators and leaders. All have the capacity to become successful and productive graduates in Architecture.

* Students are given the choice to take an optional year out after 3rd or 4th Year.

** BSc Graduates require a minimum Degree Award GPA of 2.8 to gain automatic entry to the UCD Master of Architecture Degree.

WHAT'S ON OFFER THROUGH ARCHITECTURE IN UCD?

When students enter Richview, the home of UCD Architecture, they enter a world of creativity, innovation and diversity. Creativity lies at the core of the course. From the outset, the emphasis is on students proposing creative solutions to set problems and situations. Through learning by doing, students propose, test and develop ideas. There is a strong emphasis on group work and collaboration, mainly through design tasks and problem solving.

At UCD our aim is to continuously deepen understanding, extend capacities and broaden horizons in relation to architecture. As your skills in architectural drawing, model making, surveying, scale and measurement develop, design projects of increasing complexity are introduced in which these skills can be applied.

UCD produces architects capable of addressing global and societal issues. The architecture design studios based in the UCD School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy are hubs of creativity, capable not only of producing award-winning designs but also of responding to some of today's greatest issues and challenges, such as increasing urbanisation, the need for sustainable development, and the possibilities for technological innovation. As a result, the course is constantly evolving, seeking to extend architecture's role and potential in a complex world.

During your time at UCD your lecturers will include many architects who are at the forefront of their profession and have won national and international acclaim for their buildings. The reality of cuttingedge practice feeds directly into the lecture theatre and design studio, encouraging and motivating the student to come up with realistic yet creative answers to real-life problems. At the same time, our academic staff are leading research in areas such as: sustainable development; environmental modelling; technological innovation; and, the history and theory of architecture, cities and landscapes.

If you have a capacity and passion for creativity, for making things through technological invention or artistic experimentation, and you're excited by the idea of designing buildings, urban environments and landscapes, then this course is for you.

EDUCATIONAL MODEL

Entrants into UCD Architecture are awarded a Master's degree (MArch) upon completion of the full five-year progamme of study which comprises the three-year BSc (Architectural Science) degree followed by the two-year Master's programme (MArch). Students can also exit after four years with the BArchSc degree.

Having satisfactorily completed the first three years of the architectural course, students will be eligible for the BSc (Architectural Science) degree or may complete an additional year for the Bachelor of Architectural Science degree. For follow-on entry into the MArch, students must satisfy the progression requirement.

Progression requirement from BSc (Architectural Science) to MArch: minimum 3rd Year/degree award GPA of 2.8 (mid 2H2) for automatic progression. Students who do not achieve a GPA of 2.8 will be offered an interview to assess their suitability to progress.

For those who do not continue with the MArch course, the bachelor's qualification provides an opportunity to pursue associated professions such as landscape

Career opportunities

Most architectural graduates go into architectural practice or on to further academic study in architecture or related subjects. Your skills are transferable, which enables you to work anywhere in the world. Some architects also work in other areas such as:

- Planning
- Cultural and artistic practice
- Heritage site management
- Curatorial work
- Landscape

UCD Architecture offers a wide range of taught Master's, research Master's and doctorate programmes.

architecture, planning or research, and also an option to transfer into other areas of study.

Throughout this degree, two main elements are taught each year: the design project and the lecture programme. The design project is based in our design studios and taught through a combination of lectures, individual tuition, field trips, group tutorials, large reviews and exhibitions (architectural design, drawing and model making). The lecture programme can be grouped under three broad headings:

Technical: Architectural Technologies, Structures, Environmental Science Cultural: Architectural History & Theory, Ecology, Conservation, Perspectives on Architecture Managerial: Professional studies

A combination of continuous assessment and end-oftrimester written examinations is used. In your final year, you will submit a reflective portfolio, a long essay that explores some aspect of the designed environment, and your design research thesis work.





UCD LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (DN120) BSc (Hons) (NFQ Level 8)

INTRODUCTION

Landscape architecture is undoubtedly one of the most relevant design disciplines today. Global climate change is altering everything-everywhere in the world. We are faced with necessary tasks relating to the design and build of our surrounding environments and ecologies. The landscape and its functions, its ecosystem services and its appearance, will inevitably change, not slowly but rapidly. Landscape architects must contribute to the design of this future landscape-urban, semi-urban, and rural. As the necessary energy transition accelerates, the landscape is developing into a global powerhouse. Simultaneously, the landscape, with its plants, soils, peatlands, wetlands, and oceans, must be assisted in its capacity as a major global carbon sink. Rising sea levels pose enormous challenges for entire cities and coastal regions. Increasingly dense settlement structures require intelligent open space solutions and efficient public transport systems. All of this must be carefully thought out and designed. This is the only way to ensure sustainable future development that enables functioning ecosystems and affluent societies to coexist.

UCD is at the forefront of Landscape Architecture education in Ireland. UCD is currently the only university in Ireland to offer an undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture. This course is accredited by the Irish Landscape Institute (ILI) and recognised by the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA – Europe). UCD Landscape Architecture is taught in unique facilities in the School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy in the Richview/ Newstead buildings on the Belfield campus. These facilities include bright and airy studios, computer labs, a well-equipped workshop, exhibition spaces and the best architectural library in the country.

KEY FEATURES



Accredited by the Irish Landscape Institute [ILI] and recognised by the International Federation of Landscape Architecture [IFLAEurope]



Unique facilities in the Richview/ Newstead Buildings at Belfield

Dedicated design studios, workshop, building laboratory, computer labs and exhibition space Minimum CAO Points Requirement 2024: 474 (Round 1) 2023: 477 (Round 1)

Length of Course 4 Years (BSc) (Hons)

CAO Places Available 28

Entry Requirements

- English (O6/H7)
- Irish (O6/H7)
- Mathematics (O6/H7)
- Three other recognised subjects (O6/H7)

HEAR/DARE Entry Routes Yes, see www.myucd.ie/dare or www.myucd.ie/hear

Other School Leaving Examinations Yes, see www.ucd.ie/admissions

Level 5/6 QQI-FET Entry Route Yes, see www.ucd.ie/FET

Level 6/7 Progression Entry Route None

Mature Entry Route Yes, see www.ucd.ie/maturestudents

Open Learning Entry Route None



6-8 month Professional Work Experience Internship opportunity



Access to UCD Horizons Elective Modules



International study opportunities (including Europe, Asia, America and Australia)



Home to Ireland's best Architecture Library



UCD LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (DN120) BSc (Hons) (NFQ Level 8)

Year 1 Engage with the principles	Landscape Architecture Design Research Studio, Digital D Sustainability, Understanding Landscape. Options: Intro to Archaeology of Ireland, Environmental Plants and People.	0
Year 2 Refine your knowledge	Landscape Architecture Design Research Studio, Land Theory, Socio-environmental Studies & Interventions, So Options: Intro to City Planning, Landscape Plants, Lands	oil Resources.
Year 3 Expand your Horizons	Landscape Architecture Design Research Studio, Socio-environmental Studies & Interventions. Options: GIS for Environmental Assessment, Architecture, Urban & Landscape, Diversity in the Rural Landscape. Internship and Study Abroad/Exchange opportunities	
Year 4 Achieve mastery of your practice	Landscape Architecture Design Research Studio, Climate Policy and Politics, Environmental Assessment, Landscape Research, Rural & Landscape Planning. Options: Trees & Woodlands in Ireland, Building Biodiversity.	Exit with BSc (Hons)

WHAT MAKES A GOOD LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT?

Our Landscape Architecture programme attracts a diverse cross-section of talents and approaches from the ecologically minded to the artistically gifted; from the socially conscious to the natural communicators and leaders. Landscapes — the natural environment as well as the urbanised landscape are big. The challenges, construction projects and infrastructures of the future are big. A good landscape architect thinks big.

WHAT'S ON OFFER THROUGH LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN UCD?

The current convergence of crises highlights, more than ever, the imperative for landscape designers to address and tackle the challenges at hand. Ed Hawkins' 'Show-Your-Stripes' project (see above) vividly depicts the profound scientific evidence and challenges of our time: the changing climate and its grave consequences, the forthcoming migration challenges, the decline of biodiversity, and the indispensable role of renewable energy in ensuring lasting prosperity. All of this cogent information is encapsulated in this chromatic graphic, encompassing the essential tasks of future Landscape Architecture. In response, we have established the UCD Progressive Landscape Laboratory within the premises of the UCD Landscape Architecture Section. Collaborating with students, colleagues, and guests, we will undertake research and design work pertaining to the significant environmental challenges of our time. These challenges, termed 'wicked problems' in both science and design, will be addressed through our UCD Design Research Studios, which form an integral part of the Progressive Landscape Laboratory. Each Design Research Studio can be viewed as an ongoing experiment, with an outcome that is not predefined or predetermined. Our collective approach involves a process encompassing fieldworking, reading, searching, mapping, analysing, testing, reflecting, proposing, and

presenting. Through audacious experimentation, trial and error, and other methods, we, together as students, staff, and guests, will develop specific suitable methods and techniques for our studio projects. While we may not always provide a definitive "solution" in the end, we guarantee serious and demanding work. The objective of each Design Research Studio is to formulate and present a vibrant and compelling research-by-design outcome that acknowledges and addresses the identified problems within specific project sites or geographies.

The outcomes aim to demonstrate and illustrate an improved future for the chosen locations. This notion resonates with Herbert A. Simon's concept that designing means devising courses of action aimed at changing existing situations into preferred ones (Simon 1969, The Sciences of the Artificial). By convincingly showcasing the ability to effectuate such transformations, one embodies the essence of a designer. We encourage our students to disregard any clichés surrounding design and focus on this fundamental principle. We will continue to use our collective, thematically focused, systematic researchby-design approach to deliver interesting and complex results as a studio collective. Our principle is: No one is left behind.

EDUCATIONAL MODEL

Our Landscape Architecture Section has adopted an innovative strategy of thinking of studios as research laboratories (Design Research Studios) that span two or more semesters, rather than ending after one. This allows us and our students to simultaneously conduct academic research and be creative in design.

Our curriculum requires our graduates to complete their final thesis in the form of a final studio, not as part of a separate written paper, as is common in traditional academic subjects. To enable them to achieve deeper academic outcomes through their studio work, we use the first studio of their final year (4A) to develop with them the foundations for their second studio of the final year (4B). The outcome of Studio 4B represents their undergraduate masterpiece, grounded and mature enough to be presented to future employers, universities, and others. Our design tasks relate to the real world — the environment and reality that surround us. The problems we choose to address are highly topical, and we work with institutional and professional partners to enable complex and realistic design work that prepares our graduates for their professional lives and the challenges that shape our times.

The programme incorporates a 6-8 month Internship in the 3rd Year, designed to integrate students' academic and career interests with practical work experience.

Career & graduate study opportunities

Landscape Architecture graduates work around the world because of their transferable skills. They start a business, work in private practice, for government agencies, NGOs etc. They also pursue further academic study in landscape architecture or related subjects. Many of our students become professional landscape architects. After two years of recognized professional experience, graduates sit the Irish Landscape Institute (ILI) professional examinations, which lead to full professional membership of the ILI.

With the advanced skills they acquire, our students and graduates have the opportunity to work in a wide range of industries and organisations, including:

- Landscape Architecture/Urban Planning firms -SWA Group, ARUP, AECOM, Hargreaves Associates
- Environmental Consultancy firms- MKO, ERM, Tetra Tech, Jacobs
- Real Estate Development companies Remcoll, LDA, Lendlease
- Government agencies European Environment Agency (EEA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Non-Profit Organizations European Landscape Convention (ELC), Irish Environmental Network, Heritage Council of Ireland





Anna Fitzpatrick Architecture Student

The programme has presented me with all of the tools to develop my creativity, practical skills, and conceptual understanding of architectural principles. The rigorous curriculum is also balanced with an active and diverse student community, with frequent events and activities hosted throughout the year. The programme provides students with ample opportunity for recognition and achievement, awarding prizes

annually for work created throughout the year. International travel is a part of the curriculum, and so far I've been fortunate enough to visit Venice, Berlin and Paris with my tutors and classmates. The range of Erasmus and international exchange options is varied and broad. 75% of students of architecture participate in a study abroad programme, one of the highest rates of any course. I'm currently looking forward to spending a semester at Virginia Tech in the United States.



Jan Loirenz Guia Landscape Architecture Student

Studying Landscape Architecture has been a challenging and worthwhile experience. It has allowed me to further develop my design thinking, creative efficiency and presentation skills. From learning and choosing the right plant species for design projects to recognising the importance of outdoor elements and concepts in Understanding Landscape; these modules, alongside Studio work, enhanced my appreciation for landscapes and their composition. Doing this course has improved my interpersonal

skills, deepened my appreciation for nature and has enabled me to pursue my passion for landscape design in an innovative way.



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UCD CITY PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE ENTRY 2025



UCD CITY PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (DN130) BSc (Hons) (NFQ Level 8)

INTRODUCTION

UCD Planning is part of the oldest, largest and most respected School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy in Ireland. Planning and Environmental Policy at UCD enjoys a strong international reputation with our graduates employed in the public and private sectors, in Ireland, and internationally.

Our degree in City Planning & Environmental Policy is about solving complex issues that we experience in our everyday lives. How can we provide housing for everyone? How can we reduce our climate impact and conserve our natural environment? Where should we build our schools and shops?

This unique degree brings together a focus on the city, the environment and design and links them with clear routes to professions and careers. So, if you are considering a career as a qualified planner or environmental policy analyst this degree is for you. These professions allow you to visualise new patterns and ideas for cities and to bring this vision to reality by activating social change and promoting sustainable development. This course gives you the skills to enable real world change.

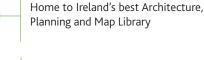
INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITES

Students have the opportunity in their third year to spend a trimester studying abroad either inside or outside Europe. Students have previously studied in France, the Netherlands and the USA.

KEY FEATURES



Unique facilities including dedicated planning & design studios and computer labs





Celebrating over 50 years of Planning education

Home to 30+ years of Environmental Policy programmes

Minimum CAO Points Required 2024: 477 (Round 1) 2023: 487 (Round 1)

Length of Course 4 Years (BSc)(Hons)

CAO Places Available 29

Entry Requirements

- English (O6/H7)
- Irish (O6/H7)
- Mathematics (O6/H7)
- Three other recognised subjects (O6/H7)

HEAR/DARE Entry Routes Yes, see www.myucd.ie/dare or www.myucd.ie/hear

Other School Leaving Examinations Yes, see www.ucd.ie/admissions

Level 5/6 QQI-FET Entry Route None

Level 6/7 Progression Entry Route None

Mature Entry Route Yes, see www.ucd.ie/maturestudents

Open Learning Entry Route Yes, see www.ucd.ie/openlearning



Leading Research Centre in Spatial Planning and Environmental Policy



Member of the Association of European Schools of Planning



The School is seeking accreditation for this new degree from both the Royal Town Planning Institute and Irish Planning Institute

WHAT'S ON OFFER THROUGH CITY PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN UCD?

As this is a programme focused on tackling real world issues, you will engage with real world topics from the outset. This involves field trips, studio work and pioneering case study analysis. Emphasis is placed on integrating understanding with imagination so that students learn to formulate and test innovative solutions to the planning and environmental challenges facing society. A small class size and the interactive learning environment ensures an enjoyable experience that stimulates creativity and ownership of your career path.

UCD produces planners and environmental policy experts skilled at addressing pressing global, national and local social, political, economic and environmental issues. Therefore, we continually review and update the content of our programme to maintain the high calibre of graduates produced by the School.

The School promotes a research-led teaching approach whereby cutting-edge research undertaken by staff feeds seamlessly into lectures.

This process is advanced

by a teaching team that enjoys an international reputation for consistently producing path-defining research. A key feature of the programme is the delivery of lectures by practising planners and environmental policy experts at the vanguard of their professions. The inclusion of teaching by such field-shaping practitioners ensures that students are continually exposed to leading-edge practice, thereby favourably positioning the School's graduates in the employment market.

EDUCATIONAL MODEL

The City Planning & Environmental Policy degree integrates subjects which will deepen and broaden your understanding of the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development. The programme is delivered in two parts:

In **Part 1** you will be provided with a comprehensive introduction to Spatial Planning and Environmental Change & Policy by taking an array of core modules. You will begin to develop your awareness of the physical layout and design of urban areas while you deepen your knowledge of environmental policy and the tools to effect change.

Part 2 is the time for acquiring practical knowledge and skills. You will develop a more in-depth understanding of how to plan for positive change by exploring the interactions and interdependencies of land use, transportation and urban design, as well as social and economic issues.

You will also acquire practical communication and analytical skills, in addition to competency in geographic information systems (GIS).

First Year: Introduction to City Planning • Environmental Change & Policy • History of City Planning • Urban Design • Environmental Economics • Inequality & Social Justice in Irish Society • Planning & Development Studio • Contemporary Issues in Planning.

Second Year: Local Planning Studio • Community Development & Planning • Geographical Information Systems • Case Studies in Environmental Policy • Socio-Spatial Dynamics • Rural Change, Development & Planning • Smart Cities • Property and Planning.

Third Year: Environmental Management • Climate Policy & Politics • Transport, Environment and Sustainability • Regional Innovation. In the second Trimester there is the opportunity to pursue a work-based project or to study abroad.

Fourth Year: Planning Institutions and Governance Planning methods, skills and techniques • Planning Design and Development • Environment and Sustainability • Plan Making Studio.

Career & graduate study opportunities

A degree in City Planning & Environmental Policy provides you with both strong analytical skills and the ability to think critically about the built and natural environment. This four year degree programme will provide students with the necessary requirements to pursue a career as a professional planner.

Graduates of UCD City Planning & Environmental Policy can find employment both in Ireland and internationally. While the traditional employers of graduates are city and county councils, many graduates have found rewarding employment in private sector consultancies, multinational businesses, a variety of governmental bodies and NGOs. There are increasing opportunities for planners in the provision of infrastructure, for example, working within the renewable energy sector, or with the large companies and agencies delivering transport and water infrastructure projects.

Salaries equal and commonly exceed those of other built environment professions.

Planners are currently in high demand, meaning that those who graduate as a fully qualified planner can expect to quickly find well paid employment.





Julia Warchala Student

Why did you choose to study at UCD? I chose to study at UCD due to its excellent reputation and the unique offerings of its campus and programmes. Unlike other universities, UCD doesn't require students to choose between environmental aspects and planning in the CPEP course. This flexibility allows for a broad exploration of

subjects like planning development, environmental economics, and urban design, offering the freedom to transition between fields after graduation. The university partners with numerous global institutions, providing abundant opportunities for studies abroad. Additionally, faculty members often involve students in their research, enhancing the practical learning experience.

Does this course have good career opportunities? UCD's high ranking in employment reduced my concerns about future career prospects. The CPEP course opens diverse career paths in both the private and public sectors or further education. It includes internships that offer real-world experience and workshops with employers and successful alumni, which are incredibly inspiring and informative. UCD is also actively engaged with potential employers, ensuring students are frequently recruited directly through the university.

Does UCD provide enough supports to students? UCD's support systems are extensive, ranging from multiple libraries and online resources to specialised services like the UCD Writing Centre. The Writing Centre was a massive help in my first year of college. They offered workshops as well as personalised feedback to enhance my academic writing skills. The career guidance service has also been pivotal in refining my CV, preparing for interviews, and helping me identify the job sectors that best suit my interests.



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