



University College Dublin  
Ireland's Global University

## MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (TWO YEARS FULL TIME)

Advanced programme of multidisciplinary study for graduates of landscape architecture, architecture and/or environmental design programmes. UCD Landscape Architecture offers Ireland's only graduate degree programmes in Landscape Architecture, and our teaching staff includes some of the country's top practitioners and academics.

The MLA is a critical design-based programme that prepares students for juggling with the types of complex issues that are already affecting towns and cities in the Anthropocene, including in Ireland, where questions of climate change, sea level rise, flooding, biodiversity and habitat loss meet weak planning, polluting practices, sprawl, poor housing and inadequate systems of public transport.

Our site-based approach seeks to understand the types of cultural, political, ecological, spatial and environmental conditions and processes that affect the quality of modern life. Lessons learnt from real-life Irish case studies can be applied elsewhere in the world, and we equip graduates with the skills required to contribute to an essentially multidisciplinary approach to the design of greener, healthier, happier and more sustainable urban communities. Recognizing the wide range of contemporary landscape topics present in this rapidly changing world, our structure allows students to select subjects corresponding with individual interests. Our approach requires each individual to contribute personal expertise to the studio team as we seek to expand the traditional boundaries of the discipline.

### KEY FACT

The UCD MLA programme partners with Germany's Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences in the delivery of a final year project.

## WHY STUDY AT UCD?



### Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching and research excellence



### Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



### Global community

Over 8,000 international students from over 139 countries study at UCD



### Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 2 year stay-back visa (for non-EU students)



### Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

## COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

**120 credits**  
taught masters

**50 credits**  
taught modules

**30 credits**  
Landscape Design

**30 credits**  
thesis

**10 credits**  
dissertation

### Core modules include

- Landscape Studio 1
- Landscape Studio 2
- Landscape Research I
- Landscape Architectural Thesis
- Landscape Architectural Dissertation
- Professional Studies

### Option modules include

- Climate Change & Biodiversity
- Environmental Assessment
- Landscape Planning
- Urban Design
- Urban Rivers
- Site Specific Study I and II
- Landscape Research II
- GIS

Please see online for a full list of modules.





## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The MLA is an internationally recognised professional qualification. UCD's MLA programme is accredited by the Irish Landscape Institute as well as by IFLA, the International Federation of Landscape Architecture. UCD graduates have gone on to practice in a professional capacity in many countries of the world, employed by landscape or multidisciplinary practices, by NGO's and by governmental organisations in design, managerial and policy roles. The MLA qualification leads on to further study in landscape architecture or one of the associated disciplines, and on to careers in academia.



### APPLY NOW

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)



## GRADUATE PROFILE

Ye Sun

When I first came from China the beautiful scenery in Ireland impressed me deeply and I knew where I wanted to continue my studies. The first year of the Masters endowed me with knowledge of the complexities of landscape, through a wide range of subjects, but the final year real-world studio opened my eyes to trans-disciplinary thinking and the potential of a landscape approach. This last year was challenging, but a unique way to learn - we spent a lot of time on site, students worked together closely, teachers were supportive and helpful - and I am very proud of my part in creating a public exhibition of work that made a real difference to local people. My future as a landscape architect will be in helping find solutions that improve local and global environments and bring joy to human souls. Having completed my MLA studies in 2019, I am looking forward to starting my first job in private practice.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Portfolio submission is essential
- Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture or a related programme such as Architecture or Landscape Design with a minimum upper second class honours. Graduates of cognate disciplines such as architectural technology, planning, geography or environmental studies will be considered for entry, but may be required to complete the MLA Pathway programme.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.
- Students who do not meet the IELTS requirement may wish to consider taking the Pre-Sessional or Pre-Masters Pathway. Full details <https://www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathways/>

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Option to stay in Ireland to seek employment and/or work for 2 years after graduating
- Approved by US Dept. of Education for federally supported loans
- Apply for University non-EU Scholarships: [www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/scholarships/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/scholarships/)
- Apply for College of Engineering & Architecture non-EU scholarship: [www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/scholarships/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/scholarshipsfinances/scholarships/)

## RELATED MASTER'S PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST

- MArchSc Landscape Studies
- Master of Regional and Urban Planning
- MSc Environmental Policy
- MSc Urban Design & Planning

## FEES

Fee information is available at [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees)



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