

Landscape Architecture

BSc [Hons] [NFQ Level 8] &
MLA [NFQ Level 9]

Landscape Architecture LDS2

Length of Course 4 Years [BSc] [Hons]

Guideline Entry Requirements

IB- International Baccalaureate Diploma
IB Total 24

Subject Requirements

Maths: 4 at Standard Level

Cambridge A Level [+ GCSE O Level]

BBC / BBDD / BCC +D AS Level

Subject Requirements

Maths: GCSE Grade C

Other Examinations

See www.ucd.ie/international

International Foundation Year

Yes. See www.ucdisc.com

Internship Opportunity

Yes

KEY FACT

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 Architecture [IFLA-Europe].

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In year 3 students have the opportunity to undertake an optional 6-8 month internship as part of their degree.



Other courses of interest

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"I found Landscape Architecture at UCD perfectly combines environmental & ecological studies, technical & technological approaches within a creative design studio. The close-knit nature of our studios allows for strong bonds to be created between students and staff. The panel of diverse and multidisciplinary staff have always tried their best to encourage, support and guide me in the right direction both academically and professionally. Not only did Landscape Architecture at UCD offer a solid foundation of knowledge and skills for my future career but also presented many once in a lifetime opportunities such as representing UCD on the global stage in EU led programs and entering international design competitions."

Yousra Aljohmani Student

Why is this course for me?

If you love design, nature and the outdoors, are interested in society and the ways that we live, and want to make a better, more sustainable future for our towns and countrysides, then Landscape Architecture is for you. This exciting programme teaches you how to design with nature to improve our environment and the quality of our lives.

Landscape architects work on all sorts of projects, all over the world, designing habitats for humans and non-humans: homes for city birds, playgrounds for children, rooftop gardens, streetscapes, city parks and even cities themselves. They transform urban and rural land, and water-bodies, and advise on countryside matters. Landscape design engages environmentalism, urbanism and culture, teaching important transferable skills that you'll use wherever you are, whatever you do in the future.

What will I study?

The design studio is central to Landscape Architecture. You'll spend most of your time in the studio, pursuing individual and small group project work. You'll learn by doing design projects that allow you to develop creative skills and apply knowledge taught through lectures, seminars, drawing classes, field trips, reviews, readings, individual and group tutorials. In your third year you will also gain professional experience interning in a landscape related company / institution.

Lectures fall into three main categories:

Ecological and Environmental Sciences

Land Use & the Environment •
Environmental Impact Assessment •
Landscape Ecology • Soils, Biology, Botany, Trees & Shrubs.

Human Sciences, Technology and Culture

Landscape History & Theory, Archaeology •
Rural & Landscape Planning • Materials

& Construction • Aesthetics, Drawing and Landscape Representation • Placemaking.

Professional and Managerial Skills

Professional Practice • Law • Research and Writing.

A combination of regular studio reviews, reports, as well as end-of-trimester written and portfolio examinations, is used to assess your work. The fourth year concludes with a design thesis based on a subject of your own choosing.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Graduates of UCD Landscape Architecture work all over the world because of their transferable skills. Our students become professional landscape architects, setting up in business, working in private practice, for governmental bodies or NGO's. Others go onto further academic study in landscape architecture, or related subjects and some go onto work in areas such as:

- Environmental and Ecological Policy-Making
- Conservation and Resource Management
- Planning or Urban Design

The majority of our students become professional landscape architects. After two years of approved work experience, graduates sit the Irish Landscape Institute professional exams, which lead to full professional membership of the ILI. [See www.irishlandscapeinstitute.com].

A number of Master's programmes are available for those who wish to pursue the subject at taught graduate level. The School of Architecture also offers related Masters by Research and Doctoral programmes.

International Study Opportunities

We encourage students to gain international experience and many of our students study abroad in Europe and worldwide as part of this programme.



www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global



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Studying UCD Landscape Architecture

Year 1

Engage with the Principles

Landscape Architectural Design – Studio-Based Learning The Rural and the Urban Landscape

Understanding
Landscape

Land Use &
Environment

Landscape &
Plants

Landscape
Architectural
Technologies

Planning

Cell &
Plant Biology

Archaeology

Year
2 & 3

Expand Your Knowledge

Landscape Architectural Design – Studio-Based Learning

Private & Communal Spaces

Green Infrastructure

Materials & Construction

Internship /Study Abroad

Landscape
Theory & History

Landscape
Ecology

Place Making

Landscape
Architectural
Technologies

Botany

Forestry

Architecture

Year 4

Deepen Your Understanding

Landscape Architectural Design – Studio-Based Learning Landscape &
Architecture – Landscape Architectural Thesis

Landscape
Planning

Landscape
Research

Planning
Law

Landscape
Architectural
Technologies

Geography

Psychology
of Landscape

Urban Design

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