



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University



MASTER OF REGIONAL & URBAN PLANNING (TWO YEARS FULL TIME)

In today's complex and rapidly changing world, with the threats posed by climate change, economic crisis and rapid urban growth, planners face the challenge of creating places that combine environmental quality with a vibrant economy, quality of life and distributive justice. This two-year professional planning degree develops the requisite conceptual knowledge and practical skills required by planners in this increasingly complex environment. You will develop an understanding of the administrative, legal and policy frameworks in which spatial planning operates and the social, political,

economic and environmental challenges facing planning. In addition students develop practical skills for plan & policy making, including environmental assessment, retail assessment, public participation methods, development & project management, and GIS. Depending on your interests, you choose to specialise in either development and design, or environmental planning. The Master of Regional and Urban Planning (MRUP) is accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Irish Planning Institute and these qualifications are recognised internationally.

LEADING RESEARCH CENTRE IN SPATIAL PLANNING

The UCD School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy has an established international track record as a leading research centre in spatial planning and is in the Top 100 QS World University Rankings by subject area. The School is a member of the Association of European Schools of Planning and has an exchange programme with the University of Illinois in Chicago.

WHY STUDY AT UCD?



Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching & research excellence



Global profile

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



Global community

Over 6,000 international students from over 120 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

90 credits
taught modules

30 credits
dissertation

CORE MODULES INCLUDE:

- Planning, Society and Diversity
- Placemaking
- Geographical Information Systems for Policy and Planning
- Economics and Property Markets
- Research Design & Methods
- Urban and Regional Development
- Leadership, Development and Project Management
- Planning and Development Methodology
- Rural and Landscape Planning
- Planning Law
- Economics and Property Markets
- Planning Studio Project
- Environmental Assessment

You also choose from a diverse range of optional modules dependent on your selection of Development and Design or Environmental Planning as your specialism.

The MRUP actively engages students in their own learning utilising a mix of lectures, workshops, group projects in a studio setting, field trips, regular student presentations, and independent research.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the MRUP are to be found working as professional planners in the public & private sector, as GIS consultants, as policy advisors, property development consultants, and as community & rural development coordinators. Our graduates have found employment with: national and international planning agencies, government departments, local authorities including urban and rural authorities in Ireland, the UK, Australia and New Zealand; transportation agencies including the National Transport Authority; planning consultancy firms including Tom Philips and Associates, John Spain Associates and Future Analytics consulting; urban regeneration companies, large house builders including Glenveagh Properties; wind & solar energy companies including Eirgrid and ABO Wind, and environmental NGOs including An Taisce.

The recovery in the development and construction sector in Ireland and elsewhere in Europe is creating increasing opportunities for planning graduates here in Ireland and further afield.



GRADUATE PROFILE

Luke Wymer

The variety of modules on offer initially led me to choose the MRUP as a postgraduate programme. The selection of classes available within the programme is diverse, ranging from practical studio based modules to planning theory, economics, and planning law. This diversity is enhanced further by guest lectures from planners and other experts working in state bodies, NGOs, and private planning consultancies. An approachable group of lecturers and professors deliver the course, with lots of direct contact and feedback throughout. The MRUP leads to good employment opportunities in Ireland and abroad due to the accreditation of the course by the IPI and RTPI. Since I finished my degree in the Summer of 2017 I have been working with a busy planning consultancy here in Dublin. Working as a planner is always interesting with lots of variety from day to day and many opportunities to keep learning.

APPLY NOW

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at www.ucd.ie/apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A primary degree with minimum lower second class honours award (GPA at least 2.8) or international equivalent in any academic field, but with a preference for fields of study related to planning.
- 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.

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/international/scholarships
- Apply for College of Engineering & Architecture scholarships: <http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/noneus/scholarships/>

RELATED MASTERS PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST

- MSc Urban Design and Planning
- MSc Environmental Policy
- MSc Environmental Science

FEES

Fee information is available www.ucd.ie/fees

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