

Planning, Geography & Environment

BA (Hons) [NFQ Level 8]



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Length of Course 3 Years (+ 1 year Master's programme)

Guideline Entry Requirements

(please note, successful candidates generally present with grades well in excess of the minimum grades indicated below)

IB – International Baccalaureate Diploma IB Total 26
A high level of English language competency is normally required

Cambridge A Level (+ GCSE O Level) BCC
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UCD International Foundation Year No



Why is this course for me?

If you are interested in both the built and natural environment, and how human actions affect the environment, a degree in Planning, Geography & Environment offers you a unique opportunity to further your interests. The degree integrates subjects that will deepen and broaden your understanding of environmental, social and economic issues, and set these in a practical policy context.

A degree in Planning, Geography & Environment provides you with strong analytical skills, as well as the ability to think critically about urban and rural development and environmental issues. This degree provides the first steps to pursuing a career as a professional planner.

What will I study?

The degree in Planning, Geography & Environment includes modules in:

First Year

Introduction to Spatial Planning • Environmental Change & Policy • History of Planning • Urban & Rural Form • Earth Systems

Second Year

Local & Community Planning • Geographical Information Systems • Planning & Development Case Studies • Urban & Regional Economics

Third Year

Urban & Rural Design • Transport Planning • Housing & Neighbourhood Planning • Rural Landscape Planning & Environments • Planning System & Public Policy

The modules are delivered in a variety of formats, including lectures, labs and studios. They comprise individual and team-based work and assessment, as well as end-of-semester examinations.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

The final step towards your career as a planner is to complete a one-year specialist master's in planning in UCD: either the Master of Regional & Urban Planning or the MSc in Environmental Policy. This will ensure you gain the necessary professional accreditations, including that of the Irish Planning Institute and the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Graduates find employment as planners in:

- Government and local authorities
- Planning and environmental consultancies
- Local and regional development organisations
- Private companies (marketing/location/real estate/infrastructure)

International Study Opportunities

Erasmus opportunities present an exciting range of choices for study abroad, including:

- Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, France
- University of Barcelona, Spain
- City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- University of Connecticut, USA
- University of Cagliari, Sardinia



Henry Ortega
GRADUATE

What I liked most about UCD was the teaching methods for the courses – computer-based, writing, seminars and lectures. UCD faculty were very helpful and always there for me and the Irish people are friendly, helpful, and very polite. I enjoyed the opportunities to join clubs and societies as well as using the UCD library, gym, pool, sports pitches and student bar, meeting people from different parts of Ireland and many other countries of the world.

Henry Ortega, Venezuela, Graduate, MSc Environmental Policy

KEY FACT

The degree is accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). In order to gain full recognition by the RTPI you must complete an accredited one-year specialist master's degree in planning.

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