UCD DUBLIN

University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE (TWO YEARS FULL TIME)

In 2011, the UCD School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy celebrated its centenary. The School has long led the way in architectural study and practice in Ireland. Its undergraduate, graduate and research programmes cover all aspects of the practice of architecture and landscape architecture, as well as advanced areas of conservation, sustainability, urbanism and history & theory. The MArch programme equips students to deal with complex design problems in a challenging context. Through studio projects, academic writing and practical experiments, it develops professional capacities while placing equal emphasis on research and critical enquiry. Its faculty includes many leading figures in architectural practice as well as internationally-recognised researchers. The programme equips graduates to work in the field of Architecture anywhere across the world in architectural practice and in other forms of creative practice as well as in the areas of policy, consultancy and academia.

TRIPLE ACCREDITED MASTERS BY THE RIAI, RIBA, AND NAAB

MArch (Hons) is the only programme that is accredited by the professional institute in Ireland (RIAI), and by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and which also has Substantial Equivalency status with the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) in the USA.

WHY STUDY AT UCD?

Tradition
ESTABLISHED 1854

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching & research excellence

Global profile
TOP 1%

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	40 credits taught modules	45 credits architectural design	25 credits design thesis	10 credits dissertation

CORE MODULES INCLUDE:

- Comprehensive Design Studio
- Architectural Design VII
- Architectural Design VIII
- Masters Design Option
- Design Technologies I
- Research and Innovation in the Designed Environment – I
- Research and Innovation in the Designed Environment – II
- Professional Studies – II
- MArch Architectural Dissertation
- Making is Thinking – Thesis Preparation
- MArch Design Thesis Seminar
- Reflective Portfolio Module

OPTIONS:

- Two Masters level option modules in year one

In Year One, students will have the opportunity to spend a semester studying in one of our partner Architectural schools in Europe, Asia, America or Australia.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The MArch qualification is RIAI (and European Union), and RIBA accredited and has Substantial Equivalency with the NAAB. It will equip graduates to work in architecture anywhere across the world, whether in major global centres or in particular regional contexts. This triple accreditation makes this Masters course unique and offers unrivalled opportunities to graduates.

Graduates are involved in architectural practice and in other forms of professional creative practice, as well as in areas of policy and consultancy. Many graduates also go on to further postgraduate study, in UCD and elsewhere. Past students in the course's connected programmes have gone on to become international or national experts in their selected fields.

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

The School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy offers dedicated studio space for its students, a dedicated architecture library and map room, access to fully equipped computer facilities, a building laboratory space with a wide range of equipment including laser cutters and a CNC router, and access to monitoring and simulation equipment in the Earth Institute.

APPLY NOW

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Portfolio Submission is essential
- A bachelors degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a relevant 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.

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/noneuscholarships/

RELATED MASTERS PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST

- Master of Regional & Urban Planning
- MSc Urban Design & Planning

FEES

Fee information is available www.ucd.ie/fees

GRADUATE PROFILE

Chloe Loh

After completing my three year undergraduate in the UK I spent three years working for different architectural practices in London before deciding to do my masters. An important element distinguishing UCD from other universities is its research based approach to most modules. These modules allow students to investigate their own interests and develop them into written arguments or effective design proposals; students at UCD are thus encouraged to be self-directed. This is something that has allowed me to project my personal interests into every project and to develop my own style and design method – an important characteristic distinguishing UCD from many other schools. It is a great time to be part of the Irish architectural scene. I will be graduating into the professional world at a time where Ireland is very much at the forefront of the international stage. It is a small course quietly producing talented and careful architects, where staff are open to nurturing the ideas of students, both in and outside of the studio environment.

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