

# Architecture

BSc [Architectural Science] [Hons]  
[NFQ Level 8]  
& MArch [NFQ Level 9]  
or BArchSc [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]

## Architecture SSS1

**Length of Course** 3 Years BSc  
[Architectural Science][Hons][NFQ Level 8]  
+ 2 Years [MArch][NFQ Level 9] or 4 Years  
BArchSc [Hons][NFQ Level 8]

### Guideline Entry Requirements

IB- International Baccalaureate Diploma  
IB Total 33

### Subject Requirements

Maths: 4 at Standard Level

Cambridge A Level [+ GCSE O Level]

ABBB / AAA / AAB + CAS Level

### Subject Requirements

Maths: GCSE Grade C

### Other Examinations

See [www.ucd.ie/international](http://www.ucd.ie/international)

### International Foundation Year

Yes. See [www.ucdisc.com](http://www.ucdisc.com)

RIAI

RIBA

NAAB

### Other courses of interest

Landscape Architecture →178

Structural Engineering  
with Architecture →189

City Planning & Environmental Policy →179



"I found UCD's school of Architecture to be a unique educational environment. There exists a freedom of experimentation, an encouragement to question, to develop independent thinking and to ultimately resolve multi-faceted design issues. The key to its success is its tutors and staff; award winning practicing professionals and academics that provide real insight, experience and knowledge in both the practical and theoretical realms of Architecture. Going on to do the Masters in Architecture in UCD provided me with a variety of perspectives and tools to tackle the challenging and diverse nature of Architecture; skills that ultimately gave me the confidence to set up my own practice soon after graduating."

**John Nolan** Graduate

### Why is this course for me?

UCD Architecture is at the forefront of architectural and urban design, both in Ireland and internationally. It plays a central role in society, leading innovation and development on every scale. The Architecture course at UCD offers a means to engage creatively and constructively with society. If you have a capacity and passion for creativity, for making things through technological invention or artistic experimentation, and you're excited by the idea of designing buildings, urban environments and landscapes, then this course is for you. The design process is central to Architecture, harnessing the mind's analytical and creative powers to produce innovative solutions to everyday and future challenges.

### What will I study?

Throughout this degree, two main elements are taught each year: the design project and the lecture programme. The design project is based in our design studios and taught through a combination of lectures, individual tuition, field trips, group tutorials, large reviews and exhibitions [architectural design, drawing and model making].

The lecture programme can be grouped under three broad headings:

#### Technical

Architectural Technologies • Structures • Environmental Science

#### Cultural

Architectural History & Theory • Ecology • Conservation • Perspectives on Architecture

#### Managerial

Professional studies

A combination of continuous assessment and end-of-trimester written examinations is used. In your final year, you'll also submit a report of your design research project.

### Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Most architectural graduates go into architectural practice or on to further academic study in architecture or related subjects.

Your skills are transferable, which enables you to work anywhere in the world. Some architects also work in other areas such as:

- Planning
- Heritage site management
- Landscape
- Cultural and artistic practice
- Curatorial work

UCD Architecture offers a wide range of taught Master's, research Master's and Doctorate programmes, including:

- Urban Design [research]
- Conservation & Heritage [research]
- Regional & Urban Planning [taught]
- Urban Design & Planning [taught]
- Irish and European Landscape & Urbanisation [research]
- History & Theory of Architecture [PhD]
- Planning, Development & Urban Design [taught]
- Landscape Architecture [taught]

### International Study Opportunities

Opportunities to date have included:

- University of Sydney, Australia
- Kungl Tekniska Hogskolan Stockholm, Sweden
- University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- National University of Singapore
- Technische Universität München, Germany
- University of California, Berkeley, USA.

### KEY FACT

We are the only college in Ireland with professional accreditation/substantial equivalency from RIAI, RIBA & NAAB.



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study-at-ucd-global](http://www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global)



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# Studying UCD Architecture

Year 1

## Engage with the principles

Architectural Design — Studio-Based learning

History & Theory of the Designed Environment

Architecture & its Environment

Architectural Technologies

The Engineering and Architecture of Structures

Into Practice

Years 2 & 3

## Refine your knowledge

Architectural Design — Studio-Based learning

History & Theory of the Designed Environment

The Indoor Environment

Architectural Technologies

Theory & Design of Structures

Imagining Architecture

Framework for Practice

Exit with BSc Architectural Science (Hons)

**\*Optional Year Out – Experience the world of work**

Year 4

## Expand your Horizons

Design Technologies

Research & Innovation in the Designed Environment

Architectural Design

Comprehensive Design Project

Exit with BArchSc (Hons)

International study abroad options

Specialised option modules

**\*Optional Year Out – Experience the world of work**

Year 5

## Achieve mastery of your practice

Research Dissertation

Reflective Portfolio

Design Thesis

Architectural Design

Professional Studies

Exit with MArch (Hons)

## MArch (Honours)

### Specialise through UCD graduate study

#### Master's [MArchSc – Taught/Research] & PhD

Conservation & Heritage [research]  
Urban Design [research]  
Landscape Architecture [taught]  
Irish & European Landscape & Urbanisation [research]  
History & Theory of Architecture [PhD]  
Urban Design & Planning [taught]  
Planning, Development & Urban Design [taught]  
Regional & Urban Planning [taught]

### Diploma in Professional Practice

## Professional Architect

### Shape your career with UCD Architecture

#### Alternative Careers

Conservationist  
Designer  
Graphic Designer  
Heritage Site Manager  
Lecturer  
Planning Adviser  
Project Manager  
Researcher

**Continue to develop your professional career with UCD...**

The main pathway to becoming a professional architect includes three steps: a) Completion of the Bachelor Degree, b) Completion of the Master's in Architecture (MArch) and c) Completion of the Professional Diploma after a minimum of two years in practice.

\*Students are given the choice to take an optional year out after 3rd or 4th year.