



The CITY LIFE summer programme, hosted jointly by University College Dublin (UCD) and the National College of Art and Design (NCAD), will give students from diverse disciplinary backgrounds the opportunity to observe and engage with the ongoing transformation of Dublin today. Through its close relationship to many key institutions and authorities, the summer school will offer participants unprecedented access to the stakeholders currently negotiating Dublin's response to global urban conditions.

As an initiative of the PLUS (NCAD+UCD) project, this joint summer school brings together staff from two leaders in the Irish academic landscape. NCAD occupies a unique position in art and design education in Ireland, offering the largest range of art and design degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level. The PLUS project in UCD is led by the School of Architecture, which is the only such school in Ireland to be accredited by the professional institutes of both Ireland and Britain; the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, and the Royal Institute of British Architecture. In addition, the School is currently in the process of seeking US accreditation from the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

Thematic Tracks – Choose Your Specialism

The core aim of this programme is the investigation of new narratives for urban life in Dublin. Participants choose from one of five specialist programme tracks, and also come together for seminars and workshops around a core theme of Critical Urbanism. This will provide grounding in theoretical approaches to the urban as well as highlighting issues of particular significance to the Irish context.

Architecture: Designing urban interventions guided by faculty from UCD Architecture, key figures in architectural practice and high-profile researchers.

Culture, Memory & The City: Investigating the relationship between memory and the city, through psychogeographic and critical writing practices.

Interaction Design: A project-focused track to design, prototype and evaluate the interaction of the human and the digital in a real-world setting, while acquiring skills in physical computing.

Urban History & Material Culture: Utilising design analysis, architectural history and material culture methods to explore the development, planning, architecture and everyday experience of Dublin.

Spatial Arts And Visualization: (In collaboration with IADT) Pursuing temporal, spatial and critical visualization and representation of 'Unseen Dublin' through project-based work with expert support.

Fees

The cost of the programme is €2,500 (approx. USD\$3,150).

This fee includes:

- Tuition fees including studio materials
- Field trips and study tours within Ireland
- Daily & weekend sporting, cultural activities and entertainment



Student Testimonial



Priscila Carrico Villachan Lyra

Architecture & Urbanism,
Universidade Federal de
Pernambuco, Brazil, July 2014

"The UCD International Summer School was an outstanding experience. It was one month of totally new discoveries about Dublin Architecture. I could learn in a more relaxing way, which helped me in the creative process and in the development of ideas. The diversity of the subject of the talks gave me a better understanding of the city's dynamic. The visits to some brilliant works were an encouragement to a reflection of how design ideas can work as problem solutions, which was really inspiring. Also I could learn new methods and ideas of concepts representation, which is extremely important for any architect. It was not only an experience that I will be able to apply in my future career, but a change in perspective that I will take for the rest of my life."

Assessment

Assessment will consist of a combination of coursework, studio work, and final project.



Credit Transfer

We recommend to award 6 US credits (10 ECTS) for the successful completion of the programme. We will be happy to provide full information to enable Institutions to make decisions regarding the transfer of credits. UCD will send an official transcript to the home institution at the end of the Summer School.

Cultural and Social Programme

Through the summer school's focus on contemporary urban life in Dublin, students will experience a wide range of social and cultural activities, including excursions and field trips throughout the city and beyond. Students will also have the opportunity to visit a number of sites and centres significant to Irish culture and history.

Eligibility

THE MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT IS 3.00

We recommend that applicants visit the Summer School website for further details on which track may best suit their skills and experience.

In addition to completing a personal statement and the UCD on-line application process, a standard form of Identification i.e. copy of passport and a transcript of academic record to date should be uploaded to your on-line application before the application deadline.

To apply:

Please contact joanne.reilly@ucd.ie for further application instructions.

Application Deadline:
May 1st

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