



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 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.

### Double accredited masters by the RIAI and the RIBA

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 is pursuing Substantial Equivalency status with the National Architectural Accrediting Board in the USA.

## 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; 1 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
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- Research and Innovation in the Designed Environment – I
- Research and Innovation in the Designed Environment – II

### Options:

- Professional Studies – II
- MArch Architectural Dissertation
- Making is Thinking – Thesis Preparation
- MArch Design Thesis Seminar
- Reflective Portfolio Module
- 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.**





## Career Opportunities

The MArch qualification is RIAI (and European Union) and RIBA accredited and will equip graduates to work in architecture anywhere across the world, whether in major global centres or in particular regional contexts. The School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy is also pursuing accreditation with the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) in the USA.



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.



## Graduate Profile

**David McNulty,**  
**Director of Architecture,**  
**Louis Vuitton, Paris**

I graduated from UCD Architecture in 1985. Professor Henri Ciriani was a visiting lecturer at UCD during my tenure and he was instrumental in encouraging me to move to Paris after completion of my studies. In addition Paul Moore, a 5th year studio master at UCD, helped secure my first job with Marcel Breuer's Paris office. Many jobs later including time at Chaix & Morel Architects and a period with set designer François Confino, I was approached by Louis Vuitton to set up and manage their Architecture Department and real estate portfolio. I have been Director of Louis Vuitton Architecture for 16 years. UCD was the springboard and opened the first doors in my career.

## 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 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](http://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 equivalence 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

- Stay in Ireland after graduating for 12 months to seek employment
- Approved by US Dept. of Education for federally supported loans
- Apply for Non-EU Scholarships: [www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships](http://www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships)

## Related Masters Programmes of Interest

- MLA Master of Landscape Architecture
- MArchSc Urban Design
- MArchSc Sustainable Building Design & Performance
- MArchSc Landscape Studies
- MArchSc Conservation & Heritage

## Fees

Fee information is available [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees)



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