



# Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development in UCD: Part-Time Postgraduate Study for Professionals

Designed for professionals seeking to lead in this critical area of development, our courses focus on rural challenges & change, sustainable development (economic, environmental & social), and policy creation for rural places.

Suitable for people working in Local Government / Civil Service / Local Development Companies / Private Sector / Community & Voluntary. Boost your leadership expertise in this vital area and enhance your career path.

Attend classes one day per week on campus, and select from different part-time options so you can study while continuing your career.



Modules include:

- Community-Led Local Development
- Rural Enterprises
- Strategies & Policies for Agriculture & Rural Development
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Rural Research Methods

Specialisms available in:

- Rural Placemaking (Community/Local Development Specialism)
- Agricultural Extension & Innovation (Agriculture Specialism)



“This programme built up and advanced my knowledge in the areas of sustainability and rural development, and this is highly valuable to me in my current role with a government department. I completed this Master’s programme as a part-time student over two years and I found it to be well structured in a way that allows for someone who is working full-time to pursue and meet the demands of a post-graduate Master’s qualification”

**Philip Kennedy, 2023 Graduate**

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Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Courses are 'Level 9' Postgraduate Qualifications.

Register for the Masters programme directly or build up your qualifications over two to three years by completing the different study stages. Choose a specialist study area depending on your career path.

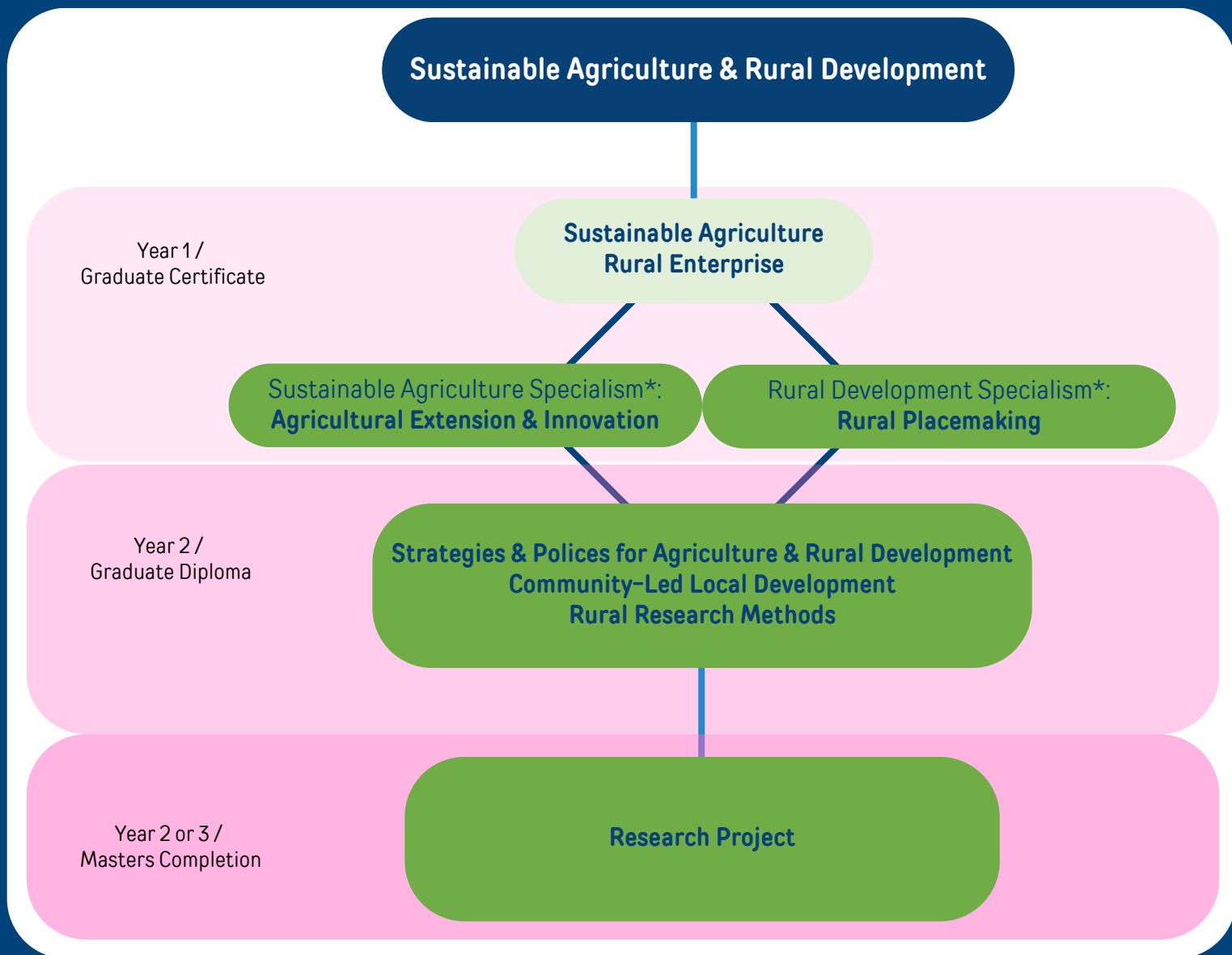
Study Options:

### Build up your qualification -

- Year One - Complete the Graduate Certificate (30 Credits)
- Year Two - Move up to Graduate Diploma (+30 Credits)
- Year Three (or summer Year 2) - add on Thesis or Work-Based Study to complete your Masters (+30 Credits)
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### Direct Route -

- Masters in Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development - Two Years Part-time (90 Credits)



\*Other optional modules available. This module has been identified for study specialism so students can attend campus one day a week; other modules available other days; some optional modules may be available online; discuss selection with the Programme Director.

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## Modules Details:

### Sustainable Agriculture

- Biodiversity
- Ecosystems Services
- Farming with Nature

### Community-Led Local Development

- LEADER Methodology
- Participative Approaches
- Community Engagement

### Rural Enterprises

- Social Enterprise
- Entrepreneurship
- Business Development

### Specialist Optional Modules:

### Agricultural Extension & Innovation

- Knowledge Transfer & Exchange
- Farmer-led Innovation
- Change & Adaptation

### Strategies & Policies for Agriculture & Rural Development

- Governance
- Policy Analysis & Formulation

### Rural Research Methods

- Data Collection & Quantitative Analysis
- Applying Qualitative Techniques
- Report Writing

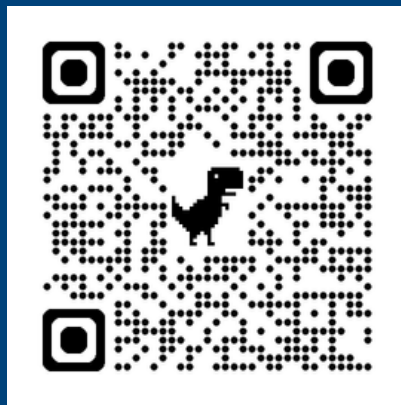
### Thesis Research Project

- Self-Selected Topic
- Project based on a challenge or programme in current role / workplace

### Rural Placemaking

- Rural Regeneration
- Community Planning
- Development of Towns & Villages

Explore more about Fees & Modules ([click here](#) or scan):



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