

## Progression Choice Information for Students in BArchSc Stage 3 in 2024.25

### Progression Choices & Exit Routes: I am in Stage 3 Bachelor of Architectural Science, What are my Options?



#### **Option A: Exit with 3-Year BSc Architectural Science Degree**

You will be a graduate of the UCD BSc Architectural Science degree (Level 8)

→ If you choose to return to UCD, you will be classified as postgraduate and will be charged postgraduate fees so choosing to exit with a 3-Year Degree this year is a permanent decision. → Students would choose to exit with a 3-Year Degree if they do not intend to continue their studies in UCD. Our students do still have the option to exit with a 3-Year Degree and apply for the full 2-Year UCD Master of Architecture Degree but, for most students (particularly those paying EU fees), it is much less expensive to remain as an undergraduate student for Stage 4.

#### **Option B: Progress to Stage 4 Bachelor of Architectural Science Degree**

Once you successfully complete Stage 4 you have the choice to either:

- **Leave with a 4-Year Bachelor of Architectural Science Degree (Level 8)**

→ Only students leaving their UCD Architecture studies permanently at the end of Stage 4 receive a 4-Year BArchSc Degree. Exiting with a 4-Year Degree prevents you from progressing to Stage 2

Master of Architecture as your Stage 4 modules will have contributed to a Degree Award and can't be used towards another Degree.

**OR**

● **Continue to the final year (Stage 2) of the Master of Architecture Degree. If you continue to Stage 2 MArch:**

- Your Stage 4 modules are mapped to the first year of the MArch and are included on the MArch transcript.
- Your 3-year BSc Architectural Science Degree is retrospectively applied to your record at the end of Stage 4 BArchSc and the BSc Degree Award based on your Stage 3 GPA. You cannot apply to leave with a four-year degree once the 3-year degree is awarded, this is a permanent decision.

**Progress to Stage 4 & Apply for Leave of Absence (Year Out)**

Once you complete Stage 3, you can request to move to Stage 4 and apply online for a Leave of Absence - it is recommended that you take a Year Out before starting Stage 4.

**At the end of the Year Out, you can either :**

- Request to exit with a 3-year BSc degree (see **Option A** above)
- Return and complete Stage 4 BArchSc (see **Option B** above)

**Important Notes**

- **Progression Requirement for UCD Master of Architecture Degree**

The minimum internal progression requirement for the UCD Master of Architecture Degree is a Stage 3 **OR** Stage 4 GPA of 2.8. Where students do not meet this progression requirement they may still apply for consideration with portfolio and interview.

Where students have a Stage 3 GPA below 2.8, it would be advisable for them to seek academic advice before progressing to Stage 4 to ensure that progression is the right step for them before committing to an additional year.

- **Applying for Erasmus/Exchange & Year Out**

**Important Note:** If you opt to take a Year Out and hope to undertake Erasmus/Exchange in Stage 4, you should not be submitting your Study Abroad application while you are in Stage 3 as it is not possible to retain place offered this year while you are on leave so there is no point in applying. If you decide to take a Year Out you should be submitting an application for Study Abroad during your Year Out and not this year.

*For more on continuing your architectural education outside of Ireland, please see the RIAI website which outlines considerations and implications of this option at*

**<https://www.riai.ie/careers-in-architecture/education/information-for-students-and-graduates>**

### Degree Award Calculation (1H, 2H1, 2H2, Pass)

- **BSc Architectural Science Degree** (3-Year, Level 8)

Degree Award calculated based on Stage 3 GPA only.

- **Bachelor of Architectural Science (BArchSc) Degree**

Students who exit with a 4-Year BArchSc Degree will have their Degree GPA calculated based on Stages 3 & 4 with all modules contributing equally.

Erasmus/Exchange Semesters for UCD students are always GPA neutral so if you go on Study Abroad your Stage 4 GPA will be based on the Trimester you spend in UCD only.

**It is important to note that students continuing to the UCD Master of Architecture Degree will not be awarded the 4-Year BArchSc Degree as the modules completed in Stage 4 will be mapped across and counted towards their Master of Architecture Degree. Students who transfer to the Master of Architecture Degree at the end of Stage 4 will retrospectively be awarded their 3-Year BSc Architectural Science Degree.**

- **Master of Architecture Degree**

Degree Award calculated based on Stage Two (Final Year) GPA only.

| Degree Award Bands | 1H            | 2H1         | 2H2         | Pass       |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| GPA                | 3.68 or above | 3.08 – 3.67 | 2.48 – 3.07 | 2.0 – 2.47 |

### Questions

We would encourage you to consider which progression route is best for you personally and seek advice from us if you are unsure about your choice via

[www.ucd.ie/eacollege/connector/](http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/connector/)