



**University College Dublin**  
Ireland's Global University



Drawing by Morgan Colclough, Landscape Studio, Stage 3 (2014)

## BSc Landscape Architecture (Four Years Full-Time)

UCD is at the forefront of Landscape Architecture education in Ireland. It is currently the only university in Ireland to offer an undergraduate degree in Landscape Architecture.

UCD produces landscape architects who, in their working lives, draw on a great diversity of skills and knowledge to plan, design and manage spaces which are useful, sustainable, and fit for the specified purpose. Their work combines scientific and cultural understanding, design creativity, and knowledge of manufactured materials and structures with an understanding of ecology, land use and ecosystems. Their training ensures that graduates are equipped to work on diverse projects ranging from regeneration

of urban and rural sites, conservation and management of heritage landscapes and waterways to the design of public and private open spaces.

Our education model is designed to give students the creative ability and discipline to work alone or as part of a team of specialists. As graduates, they frequently work as part of large multidisciplinary teams alongside architects, engineers, planners, artists, ecologists, and surveyors. Such is the broad overview gained in UCD Landscape Architecture that graduates are often chosen as the master-planners for large-scale projects.

### Ireland's Landscape Architecture Degree: a unique undergraduate offering

UCD is the only university in Ireland to offer an undergraduate Landscape Architecture degree. The programme is accredited by the Irish Landscape Institute, and is recognised by the International Foundation for Landscape Architecture.

## Why UCD?



### Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



### Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching & research excellence



### Ireland's Largest University

UCD has over 30,000 students and a woodland campus of 133 hectares



### Global community

Over 6,000 international students from over 130 countries study at UCD



### Unique Facilities

UCD has dedicated Landscape design studios, workshop, building lab, computer labs, & exhibition space

## Course Content and Structure

The BSc Landscape Architecture combines lectures, seminars, drawing classes, field trips, reviews, readings, individual and group tutorials. Design modules make up 50% of this degree course, and students spend half the week in the studio.

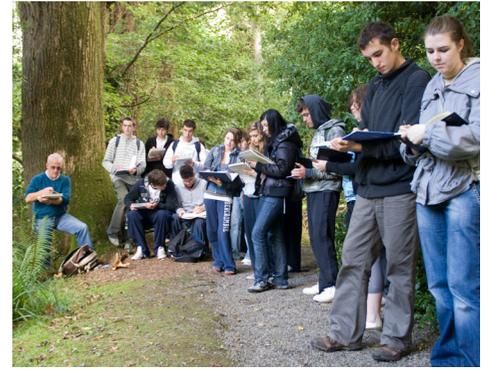
### Lectures fall into three main categories:

Ecological and Environmental Sciences	Human Sciences, Technology & Culture	Professional and Managerial Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Use &amp; the Environment</li><li>• Environmental Impact Assessment</li><li>• Landscape Ecology</li><li>• Soils, Biology, Botany</li><li>• Trees &amp; Shrubs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Landscape History &amp; Theory, Archaeology</li><li>• Rural &amp; Landscape Planning</li><li>• Landscape Materials &amp; Construction</li><li>• Aesthetics, Drawing and Landscape Representation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professional Practice</li><li>• Law</li><li>• Research and Writing</li></ul>



## Professional Work Experience Internships

UCD's 4-year BSc in Landscape Architecture incorporates a credit-bearing Professional Work Experience (PWE) Internship, designed to integrate students' academic and career interests with practical work experience. Landscape Architecture students are available for placement from Jan/Feb of Year 3, for 6-8 months.



### PWE Intern Recruitment Timelines

Typical recruitment process timelines are indicated below.

#### April-Aug: Initial Contact

Employers contacted by UCD with a view to arranging Internships for following year

#### Sept: Student preparation

Students are briefed and prepared for the internship application process & interviews

#### Early October: Application procedure begins

Students submit their CVs & cover letter

#### Mid-October: Shortlisting

Employers shortlist from applications received & arrange to interview students

#### Late October: Interviews

Where possible, all interviews should be completed by mid-November, as students complete the Autumn Trimester in late November

#### November/December: Contracts finalised

All contracts & agreements are completed before students break for Christmas exams at the end of November

#### January/February: Internships begin

Students commence internships in the New Year

### What are the benefits to your organisation?

**Level:** Students will have completed two and a half years of Landscape Architecture studies prior to commencing their internship.

**Duration:** Students are available from Jan/ Feb for a 6-8 month period. This ensures they can contribute to the company and undertake meaningful work.

**Cost-Effective:** A PWE Internship can provide your organisation with a simple, cost-effective way to meet short-term recruitment and project needs, by providing you with an extra resource.

**Graduates:** Internships provide employers with the opportunity to develop a pipeline of talented, trained, future employees, in a low-risk way.

## UCD Landscape Architecture Professional Work Experience (PWE) Internships

### What is the employer's role in the PWE Internship?

The role of the company is to provide students with a meaningful work placement which complements their education and broadens their skillset. Your expectations of the student should not differ from that of any other employee and we ask that you provide a safe, relevant and challenging work environment.

### Does the employer have to enter into an agreement with UCD?

Yes. All placements come under a standard UCD contract known as a Work Placement Agreement that will be signed by the University and the internship provider. This agreement will be sent to you once you have appointed an intern and must be returned prior to the intern commencing the internship.

### What is the typical remuneration involved?

We recommend that students are paid at least the minimum wage. We have found that the level of pay can impact an employer's degree of success in recruiting the best candidate.

### Are there any restrictions hiring international students?

No, there are no work permits required for international students (non-EU/EEA citizens) who wish to undertake an internship in Ireland. Students enrolled on degree programmes are allowed to undertake an internship where this forms part of their course. Further information can be found at: [www.inis.gov.ie/en/JELR/BookletA4.pdf/files/BookletA4.pdf](http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/JELR/BookletA4.pdf/files/BookletA4.pdf).

### Are there any insurance requirements?

The host employer will be expected to have in place appropriate insurance cover in relation to their use of student interns. UCD Landscape Architecture students on PWE internships will be covered by the University's Public Liability Policy, details of which will be supplied to you with the University Work Placement Agreement.

### How are students assessed?

- An Academic Supervisor will be assigned to the student and a site visit will be arranged to ensure the student's progress during the internship.
- Students are required to keep a diary/reflective journal of their experience, to be shown to the academic supervisor, on request.
- Students must complete a final report, summarising their experiences, with specific reference to their general learning, technical learning & personal learning.
- Employers complete an Employer Assessment Form when the internship finishes.