



University College Dublin

## Architecture & Planning Study Abroad Programme

Includes programmes in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Policy

The UCD Study Abroad Programme in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy offers visiting students the opportunity to be part of long-standing professional programmes, with Architecture dating back to the early 20th century and having celebrated 100 years of Architecture Excellence in 2011/12; and Planning celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2016.

The courses are all professionally accredited by their respective institutes. Architecture is the only school in Ireland accredited by both the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and has secured Substantial Equivalency with the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) in the USA. Landscape Architecture Programme is accredited by the Irish Landscape Institute (ILI) and recognised by the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA Europe). Planning is accredited by the Irish Planning Institute (IPI) and the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

### Module Information and Assessment

At UCD we call classes/courses 'modules'. Details of modules are available to browse on UCD's online course catalogue at [www.ucd.ie/students/course\\_search.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm).

Study abroad students have access to the full range of undergraduate modules available at UCD\* (\* subject to capacity and timetabling). You can register for up to four modules in your subject area and up to two modules from other programme areas. You may also take all of your modules within your chosen subject area.\*

Assessment is based on a combination of in-semester components such as projects, class based assignments and formal examinations which take place at the end of each semester in December and May.



RIBA  
Validated course  
in architecture



ILI  
IRISH LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE  
INSTITIÚD TIONCHAIR NA hÉIREANN

IFLA EUROPE  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

IPI  
IRISH PLANNING  
INSTITUTE  
Institiúid Pleanála Na hÉireann

RTPI  
mediation of space - making of place

### Subject Choices

The School's modules offer Study Abroad students excellent opportunities to enhance their knowledge in all related fields from technical (Architectural Technologies, Structures, Geographic Information Systems, Environmental Sciences) to substantive (Architectural History & Theory, Ecology, Conservation, Planning & Society, Local Development) and managerial (Professional Studies). Study Abroad students may also gain studio experiences in design, plan-making or sustainable development.

The studios lie at the heart of the School's teaching. In line with the School's overarching aim of producing outputs that are sensitive to the local and broader societal context, the studio courses invite students to engage with the various frameworks within which a project takes shape and could be accomplished.

Study Abroad students have the opportunity to choose from several studio modules: 15-ECTS Design Studio module for students from Architecture Programmes; 10-ECTS Local Planning studio for students from accredited planning schools and one of several Landscape Architecture studios which occur at every level of the curriculum. The students would have a wide and varied choice of lecture-based modules across the School.

Students may also have the opportunity to take part in field trips to European cities.





## Student Testimonial



**Ellen Mamier**

Architecture Major, University of Stuttgart, Academic Year 2022/23

I have joined UCD via the Erasmus program in September of 2022. Soon after taking up my studies in Germany, I looked into possibilities of going abroad and early on focused on UCD, as the Architecture program here offers a variety of classes I really wanted to integrate into my career path. Since arriving here, I have met so many friendly and openhearted people – inside and outside of studio rooms and lecture halls. Everyone I met on campus greets internationals with widely open arms and a big smile. They make you feel included and welcome as well as trying to integrate you into the student life here on Campus. In my classes I have experienced some very different approaches on how to work on architecture projects which gave me new insights on working together in international teams. Through the intense project work, very professionally guided through professors and tutors, I could very fast integrate into my study groups and feel that I can gather important insights that will be highly useful for my further professional path.

I joined the society of archery here at UCD and learned to love a new sport where once again everyone was just wonderful. I will return home with many positive memories, new friendships within my global network and the insight that if I dare to step outside my personal space bubble, I can truly experience personal growth. I am highly thankful for this experience.



## Programme Supports

The UCD Architecture & Planning Study Abroad Programme has a dedicated administrator to help make student admission, registration and participation a smooth, efficient and enjoyable process.

### Peer Mentors

All incoming Study Abroad students will be linked with a peer mentor who is a second or third year UCD student. Where possible, we try to assign peer mentors who have had a similar experience studying abroad and will be able to understand the needs and aspirations of Study Abroad students.

### Academic Mentors

The UCD School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy has a dedicated academic staff member who mentors the Study Abroad students.

### Credit Transfer

UCD will send an official transcript of exam results to your home institution. Your home institution decides on credits to be awarded for modules pursued at UCD.

## Eligibility

THE MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT IS 3.00 (Bachelors degree)

Applications are made on-line at [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)

Full year or first semester (fall)	May 1st
Second semester (spring)	October 25th

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