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GRADUATE TAUGHT COURSES ENTRY 2026


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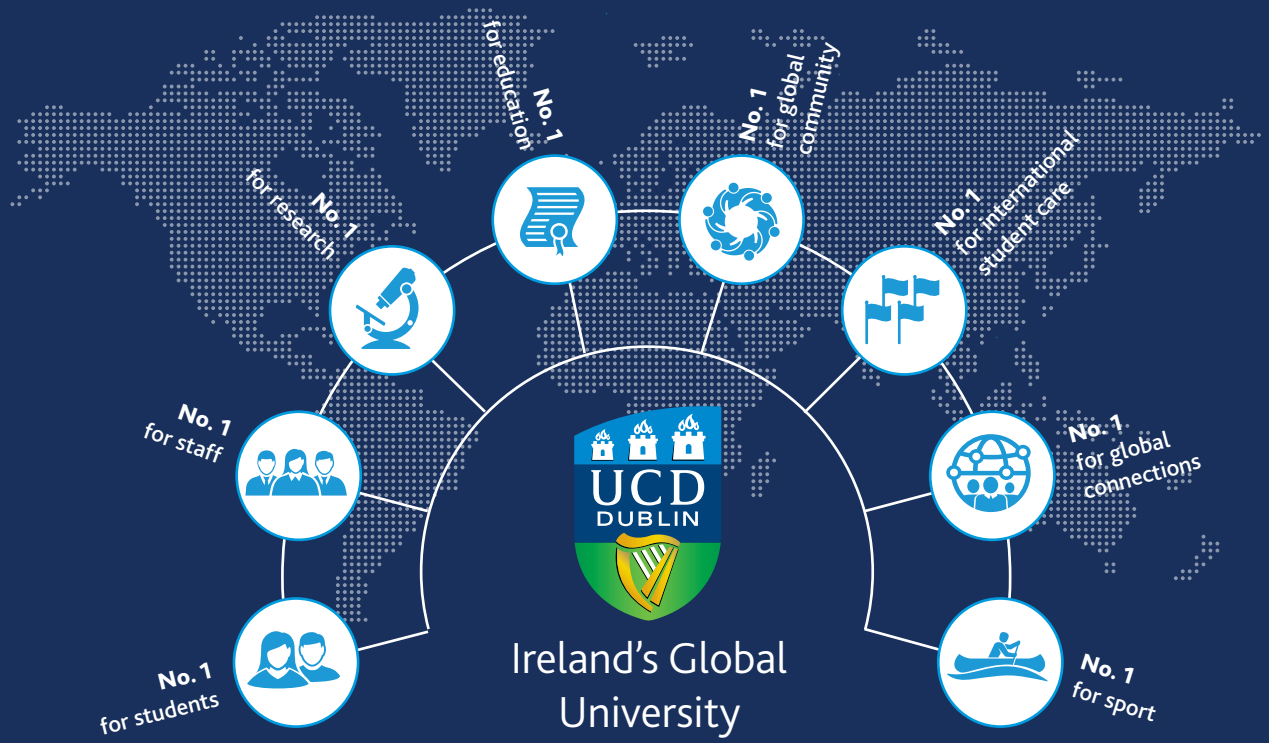


WELCOME TO UCD IRELAND'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

University College Dublin effortlessly combines its distinctively Irish outlook with its powerful global impact and is the most connected and networked university with government, industry and society in Ireland.

UCD is ranked 118th in the world according to the QS World University Rankings 2026 and is the largest english speaking university in the EU.

As the number one university of destination for international students coming to Ireland to study, international students make up 32% of the student body.

UCD is Ireland's leader in graduate education with 19% of Ireland's Taught Master's students – 64% higher than the next-placed institution.

The UCD alumni network is also an active, influential and truly international body with over 300,000 alumni living in 184 countries across the globe.

UCD is the most connected and networked university with government, industry and society in Ireland. UCD is an active member of many international education networks such as Una Europa, Universitas 21 (U21), UNICA.

WELCOME TO UCD ENGINEERING

Whether you are continuing your engineering and technical education directly following a bachelor's degree, or have developed your experience as a professional engineer and now wish to complement that with additional qualifications, I am confident that you will find a relevant graduate degree programme within UCD Engineering. Offering you opportunities to follow your interests across the agri-food, business, communications, energy, healthcare, materials, pharmaceuticals, physical infrastructure, transport or water sectors, there are options within UCD Engineering that will advance your knowledge and stimulate your passion for your chosen field. With international leaders across the engineering disciplines, the programmes will provide you with core knowledge in the subject, an expectation of attaining excellence and the development of your capacity for independent and creative thinking, problem solving and leadership in your chosen speciality.

Professor Aoife Ahern
Dean of Engineering
Principal, UCD College of Engineering and Architecture

WHY CHOOSE UCD ENGINEERING

A knowledge-based, sustainable future is reliant on the interaction of aspects of engineering science, technology, design, planning and environment. The UCD College of Engineering and Architecture is a key player in this future. With over 320 staff and 3,000+ students, it is the largest and most comprehensive College of its kind in Ireland. Graduates benefit from an education delivered by experts at the cutting edge of their field internationally and a curriculum constantly updated by the latest research.

UCD is ranked among the top 1% of universities worldwide

Powerful network of in influential alumni worldwide

Programmes are recognised and variously accredited by Engineers Ireland, IOM3 & IChemE

World class Engineering education and a dynamic learning experience

Six to eight months of professional work experience on all 2 year masters and a dedicated support unit to facilitate the placements

UCD is ranked number one in Ireland and 49th in the world for sustainability according to the QS World University Rankings.

UCD hosts an annual Science, Engineering and Technology recruitment fair with 100+ national and international companies on campus to hire our engineering graduates

Strong record of innovation and good links with industry. UCD is also number one in Ireland for Innovation, Tech Transfer and Commercialisation

National Teaching Award and Teaching Excellence Awards received by staff

Three of the College's academics are ranked among the top 1% of the most cited researchers in the world

UCD is ranked in the top 100 worldwide at 88th globally for employability outcomes for graduating students.

Robust research profile and strength of global significance

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE (PWE) INTERNSHIPS

The ME degrees in Engineering at UCD all incorporate a Professional Work Experience (PWE) internship module, designed to integrate students' academic and career interests with practical work experience for a period of 6-8 months. The College of Engineering & Architecture has two dedicated Internship Managers, who help prepare the students for their internship in conjunction with UCD Careers Network's Career & Skills Consultants. ME students completed internships with 100 different employers in the past academic year. Among those employers are: AbbVie, AMD, Analog Devices, APC, Arup, BD, Boston Scientific, Deloitte, DePuy Synthes, EPRI, ESB, Fingleton White, FoodMarble, Intel, Jabil Healthcare, Jacobs, Lilly, Logitech, Medtronic, Meinhardt (UK), Mercury, National Rehabilitation Hospital, OHB (Germany), PM Group, PwC, RPS, Stryker, SuperNode, Walls, Waterman Moylan.

WHICH ME PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A PWE INTERNSHIP MODULE?

JANUARY-JUNE /AUGUST INTERNSHIPS

- ME Biomedical Engineering
- ME Biosystems & Food Engineering
- ME Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering
- ME Electrical Power Engineering
- ME Electronic & Computer Engineering
- ME Energy Systems Engineering
- ME Materials Science & Engineering
- ME Mechanical Engineering

JUNE-DECEMBER INTERNSHIPS

- ME Civil Engineering with Business
- ME Electrical Engineering with Business
- ME Electronic Engineering with Business
- ME Mechanical Engineering with Business

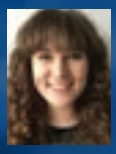
FAQs

In which year will the internship take place?
The majority of internships take place in Stage 1 of the ME, with the exception of ME Engineering with Business, for which the internship takes place over the Stage 1 Summer Trimester and Stage 2 Autumn Trimester.

Who will make the initial contacts/links with the companies?
The Internship Managers make the initial contact with a list of approved employers sourced by UCD, though students can selfsource an internship outside of those offered by UCD once it is approved by the internship Module Coordinator.

What if I don't want to participate in an internship, but want to do research to prepare for a PhD?
Students may undertake a research internship within UCD or with another institute if it's available or self-sourced (& approved by the Module Coordinator). Alternatively, there is a range of 1-year Masters programmes which do not incorporate a compulsory internship.

What if I am not successful in getting an internship?
Students who aren't successful in getting an internship have the option of doing additional taught modules along with a short summer internship/UCD-based research internship.



Michaela Begley

ME Materials Science and Engineering graduate

My internship was in the Materials and Surface Technology Department in DePuy Synthes, based in Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork. DePuy Synthes is a member of the Johnson & Johnson family of companies and manufactures hip and knee replacements.

I sourced this internship with the help of the Internship Managers in the College of Engineering & Architecture. The Internship Managers and the Careers Office were brilliant support during this process; offering CV workshops, tips for cover letters, and mock interviews. They made it very easy to create an impactful CV, which gave me great confidence when applying for internship roles, and afterwards for graduate programmes.

The internship was invaluable to me and my professional development. It was a great insight into what a career as an engineer is like, and exposure to how large multinational companies operate. During the internship, I got the chance to work on design projects, quality investigations, and co-ordinate with colleagues in the US and China, while improving my presentation and communication skills. As a result of my internship I was offered a position on the Johnson & Johnson Graduate Programme when I finished my studies.

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Ireland's Engineering & Industrial Technologies Sector

250+

Engineering & Industrial Technology companies in **Ireland**

A wide range of **Industry sectors** are located in Ireland.

16 of the top 20
global tech companies

14 of the top 15
world's MedTech companies

90+
pharmaceutical companies

430+
financial services companies

Top 8 industrial
automation companies

4 of the top 10
Global Engineering Design firms

IDA Ireland

Top Employers

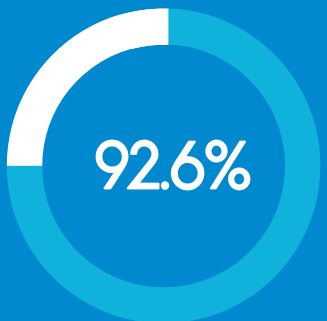
intel. logitech PM GROUP ARUP

Pfizer AMGEN Deloitte.

Medtronic MSD AECOM

Bristol Myers Squibb

UCD Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2023



In 2023, 92.6% of UCD graduates from the College of Engineering & Architecture were in employment or further study*

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Course code: T385

MSc Digital Technology for Sustainable Agriculture

One Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

Digital Technology for Sustainable Agriculture is the integration of new and advanced technologies into crop and livestock farming systems to enable farmers and other professionals in the sector to improve food production.

UCD's MSc Programme on Digital Technology for Sustainable Agriculture is targeted towards providing students with cutting edge training in digital technology areas that include a number of modules in **computer programming, data processing, Internet-of-Things and machine learning implementations.** This programme will build student's knowledge and skills-base to address the complexities of developing, **deploying and managing digital technology** in the agri-food sector with a focus on enhancing efficiency, sustainability and resilience at all levels of food production.

The programme also offers hands-on experience on a range of novel digital technology, training in state-of-the-art labs and applied research in a real life environment at the Lyons Research Farm.

Digital Tech Lab for Agri-Food

Students will avail of Ireland's 1st Digital Tech lab for Agri-Food, recently established by the Programme Director Dr Dimitrios Argyropoulos within the UCD School of Biosystems and Food Engineering to deliver cutting edge research on a suite of Digital Technologies applied to the Agri-Food value chain. This lab will provide students with hands-on training on autonomous mobile robots, smart sensors, IoT, drones and machine learning.

Course Content and Structure

- **90 total credit** taught master's
- **60 credits** taught modules
- **30 credits** Thesis (Students will undertake an applied work related, research project in the Summer trimester)

Skill set students will acquire: The MSc programme provides students with an understanding of the "Digital Technology" tools that digitise data capture relating to the environment and activity (sensors circuits, systems and programming), move the data (accumulation networks), store the data (databases), analyse data to gain insights (models and AI), share the resulting information along the agricultural value chain (distribution networks) and provide actors and stakeholders access to the digital chain (interfaces).

Modules include:

- Sensors and Sensing Systems
- Hyperspectral imaging
- Computers & Electronics in Agriculture
- Remote Sensing and GIS
- Advances in Crop Mechanisation
- Data Prog with Python (online)
- Precision Agriculture
- Numerical Methods for Agriculture
- Precision Livestock Management
- Optical Spectroscopy
- Soil Technology
- IoT and cloud platforms in AgriFood Production

Why study at UCD?

Tradition

Established 1854, with over 170 years of teaching & research excellence

Employability

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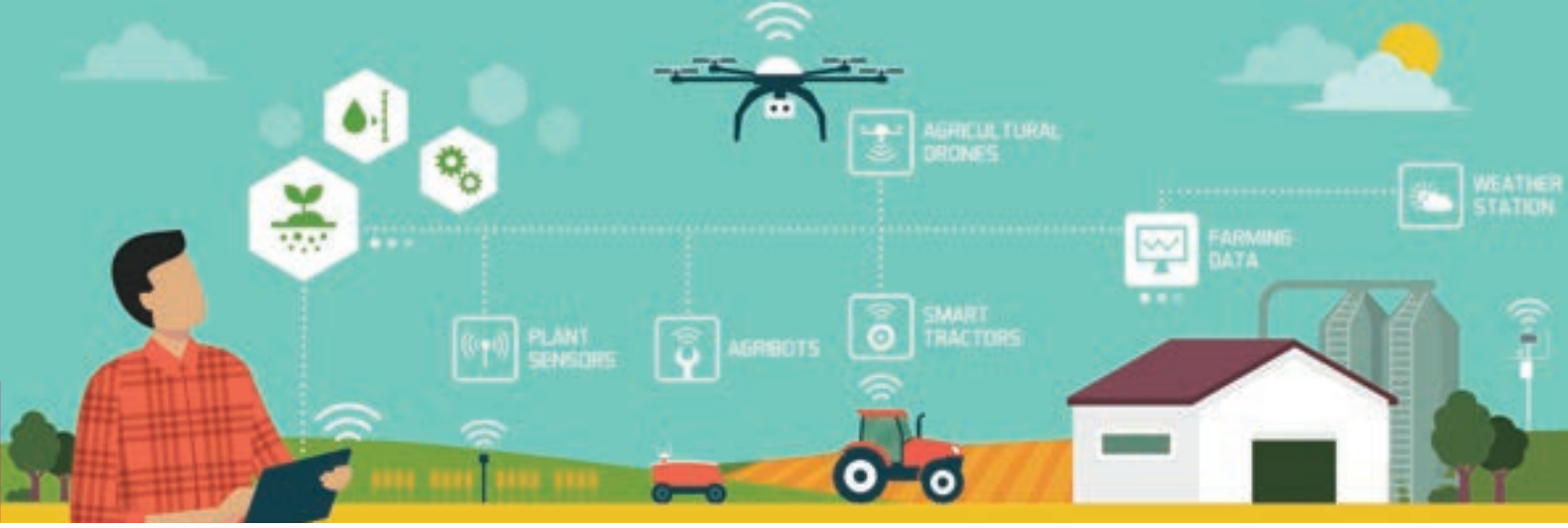

Career Opportunities

Ireland is home to the world's top 10 technology companies. It is known as the IT Capital of Europe and is among the world's most technologically developed nations. There are excellent job opportunities, with 5,000 job vacancies in the sector at present. Big Tech companies have recently, to a greater or lesser extent, entered farming and food industries. In addition, a dynamic transformation is taking place in the world of agriculture, triggered by the rapid emergence and growth of AgTech startups. This highlights the immense career possibilities and promising future for our graduates in the areas of precision farming, decision support in agriculture, IoT, smart sensors, intelligent algorithms, data, and predictive analytics.

Graduate Profile

Boyuan Chen

"This programme provides comprehensive knowledge of the principles and applications of advanced technologies in the agricultural sector, helping me to build a multidisciplinary foundation to address challenges in the agri-food industry. Through modules in programming, data processing, sensors, and IoT applications, I not only enhanced my technical skills but also deepened my understanding of how to improve sustainability and efficiency in food production. The digital tools used in teaching were also impressive. With my background in data science, this experience has equipped me to bridge information technology and agricultural practice, which is valuable for my career development. For those seeking to study in this cross-disciplinary field, this programme is a great choice."

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second-class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in agriculture, biological science, physical science, environmental related, engineering, computer science or other appropriate discipline. Where an applicant has no formal qualification encompassing agriculture/ biology, practical knowledge of, and experience in, agriculture will be required.
- 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. Career Opportunities. Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees.

International Fees and Scholarships

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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- MSc Environmental Technology
- MSc Sustainable Energy & Green Technologies

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Course code: X565

MSc Environmental Technology

One Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The programme addresses the demand for graduates who have the skills to develop technological solutions for air, water and soil protection in existing and emerging sectors across industry (particularly the bioeconomy), consulting companies and regulatory authorities. This programme will enable its students to acquire skills in the areas of water and wastewater engineering, risk assessment, air pollution, waste management, life cycle assessment, GIS applications, energy systems and sustainable environment. Students will enhance their ability to work effectively as an individual, in teams and in multidisciplinary settings, together with the capacity to undertake lifelong learning. Opportunities for site visits and industry internships are provided where possible.

Course Highlight

This programme is delivered by a highly research-intensive School comprised of a European Research Council Fellow and six Marie Curie Fellowships. Associate Professor Tom Curran, the academic coordinator has received teaching and research awards from UCD, the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE), the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) and the prestigious Fulbright Award (TechImpact).

Course Content and Structure

- **90 credits** taught master's
- **60 credits** taught modules
- **30 credits** Thesis

Thesis: The project can be focused on one of the following: basic research; applied research, design, feasibility assessment, system analysis modeling, innovation or case study.

Modules include:

- Advanced Air Pollution
- Practical Applications in ArcGIS
- Energy Systems and Sustainable Environment
- Water and Wastewater Engineering
- LCA Applications
- Life Cycle Assessment
- Quantitative Risk Assessment for Human and Animal Health
- Research and Teaching Methods
- Waste to Energy Processes & Technologies
- Thesis

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Career Opportunities

Graduates of the MSc Environmental Technology may find employment opportunities in the following areas:

- Eco-consulting and design
- Engineering consultancy
- Environmental regulation
- Public service
- Research

Graduate Profile

Sakshi Anand
Research Assistant,
University College Dublin

Opting for the MSc Environmental Technology programme at UCD was a straightforward choice due to its extensive curriculum addressing environmental challenges with a focus on sustainability and practical applications. My experience involved creating educational materials, technical reports, attending seminars, workshops, and engaging in practical projects, ideal for career progression and transitions. The programme aligned with my goals in environmental consultancy, offering insights into environmental protection, data analysis, and project management using tools like Life Cycle Analysis and Risk Assessment. It prepared me for my role on the EU-funded BioBeo project, contributing to education on the circular bioeconomy. I highly recommend this programme for its exceptional curriculum, distinguished faculty, and excellent career prospects.

Entry Requirements

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Course code: X413

MSc Sustainable Energy & Green Technologies

One Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The MSc Sustainable Energy & Green Technologies enables you to focus on advanced education and training in the development and optimisation of renewable energy resource exploitation, the efficiency in energy generation and utilisation pathways (including energy conservation), the mitigation of environmental impacts, and preparation for business innovation and job creation opportunities in renewable energy systems technology development, plant biotechnology and entrepreneurship. The programme is underpinned by the best European practice by incorporating compatible EU policy drivers such as the Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan) for energy research, current R&D in crops (through ongoing and research initiatives under the Charles Parsons Energy Research programme), and the collaboration with internationally acknowledged experts in the subject domains from universities, research institutions and industry. This programme enables you to maintain relevance of academic and research training, and therefore enhance your employability in the area of sustainable energy.

Course Highlight

The Programme Director, Professor Kevin McDonnell won the inaugural SEAI Energy Innovation award, the Environcom award for energy innovation and is a Fulbright Scholar. This programme also provides opportunities for site visits and industry internships where possible.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits dissertation

The programme is structured in three academic semesters (12 calendar months).

Research Project: During the last semester of this programme, students will be required to complete their MSc Thesis. Co-requisite for embarking on the Research Project module include, successful completion of the On-line Research Skills, and completion of a series of Term Papers related to specific taught modules.

Modules include:

- Advanced Air Pollution
- The Bioeconomy
- Renewable Energy Systems Analysis
- Energy Systems & Sustainable Environment
- Biotechnology Resources
- Life Cycle Assessment
- LCA Application
- Research and Teaching Methods
- Waste to Energy Process & Technology
- Biorefinery Processes & Technology
- Biosystems Engineering Thesis

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Career Opportunities

Graduates of the MSc in Sustainable Energy & Green Technologies programme will have competences and skill sets for employment in companies and organisations geared to planning, deploying and utilising a wide range of green technologies systems including environmental impact mitigation. Typical opportunities will be in waste-to-energy facilities, biogas plants, ethanol production facilities, district-heating operations, renewable energy research laboratories, facilities utilising wind energy (including wind farms), solar energy, biomass and hydrogen energy, as well as leading energy utility companies, and research institutions.

Graduate Profile

Mert Satir
Siemens Wind Power

I have extended my prospects by combining my engineering background with what I learned during this programme, and more importantly, I was constantly introduced to novel concepts related to the industry. The variety of material and software offered by each module greatly enhanced my learning experience. I have benefited from academics who are experts in their fields and who also have close links with the industry; this, coupled with the entrepreneurship projects and mock interviews has taught me more than I could have learned in a classroom. As a foreign student, UCD is an excellent university from which to enjoy Dublin's vibrant social life and this beautiful country. I would highly recommend UCD to anyone who wishes to work in the industry.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ Level 8) or international equivalent in an Engineering, Physical Science or Environmental related degree programme.
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MEngSc Food Engineering

One Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The MEngSc in Food Engineering provides a comprehensive coverage of bioprocess and food manufacturing systems engineering. The programme will be of particular interest to graduates in Engineering, Science and related disciplines who are interested in food and bioprocess engineering, risk assessment, process development, process control, advanced manufacturing systems and associated environmental issues. On this programme you will develop new technical competencies in food and bioprocess engineering, learn how to develop and execute a research plan, and acquire skills in the application of leading-edge technologies to the agri-food and biotechnology industries, including novel food processing technology, food process automation, risk assessment, computer vision for food quality and food safety.

Excellent job prospects are available to graduates in the food, bioprocess, manufacturing and related agencies and industries.

Course Highlight

This programme is delivered by a highly research-intensive School comprising a European Research Council Fellow and six Marie Curie Fellowships. Professors Sun and O'Donnell are in the world's top one per cent of the most cited scientists in their field. Opportunities for site visits and industry internships are provided where possible.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits dissertation

The programme is structured in three academic semesters (12 calendar months).

Thesis Project: At the beginning of the year you will be appointed a Supervisor for your thesis and will agree upon a suitable Thesis title. Throughout the year you will be expected to meet with your supervisor to discuss progress

Modules include:

- Advanced Food Process Engineering
- Bioprocess Engineering Principles
- Food Chain Integrity
- Food Refrigeration Engineering
- Global Cold Chain Safety
- Life Cycle Assessment
- Quantitative Risk Assessment for Human and Animal Health
- Research, Teaching & Career Skills
- Unit Operations for Bioprocess Engineering
- Waste to Energy Processes & Technologies
- Thesis

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Career Opportunities

The manufacture of food and drink products is Ireland's most important indigenous industry with a turnover of €27.5 billion. Almost 50,000 people are directly employed in the food and drink sector with a further 60,000 employed indirectly in all regions of the country. The value of food and drink exports is €12 billion per annum. Excellent job prospects are available to graduates in the food, bioprocess, manufacturing and related agencies and industries in Ireland. Graduates have progressed to career opportunities in a broad range of internationally recognised companies including: ALcontrol Laboratories, APV, Coca Cola, Dairygold, Glanbia, Guinness, Kepac, and Kerry Group.

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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- ME Biosystems & Food Engineering
- MEngSc Engineering Management

Graduate Profile

Rebecca Mary Rebello
Aveo Foods Ltd.

I have had a wonderful and busy journey at UCD. My education at the School of Biosystems and Food Engineering helped me to concentrate on the many crucial abilities needed in the food production sector. The course material encourages a different way of thinking that will aid in developing one's technical skills and is in line with what the industry needs. In a stimulating learning atmosphere with top-notch professors, it is the best location to engage in debate, education, and competition with other creative minds. Additionally, the course provided me with the chance to interact with and network with industry experts thanks to the UCD Careers Network's organisation which assisted me in getting a position as a New Product Development Specification Technologist at Aveo Foods Ltd. Leading NPD projects from conception to launch in retailers' outlets across Ireland is part of my current responsibilities.

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Course code: T070/T015

MEngSc Biopharmaceutical Engineering

One Year Full Time / Two Years Part Time

Introduction

Pharmaceutical and Biopharmaceutical manufacturing are key sectors in the Irish economy generating over 50 per cent of GDP. This sector has seen continued and sustained success with a number of high-profile investments in recent years providing excellent job opportunities for graduates. The programme and its academic faculty are closely linked with the National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training (NIBRT), which is a global centre of excellence for training and research in bioprocessing.

The MEngSc in Biopharmaceutical Engineering programme provides substantial coverage of scientific, technical, management and regulatory issues associated with this industry. The aim of this programme is to offer an internationally recognised, high-quality, flexible curriculum, which follows the latest developments in science and technology. This programme is suitable for Science and Engineering graduates wishing to obtain a qualification which is highly relevant to the biopharmaceutical industry.

Course Highlight

This programme is closely linked with the National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training (NIBRT) facility. NIBRT offers a quality training and research experience not previously possible anywhere in the world. At the heart of the NIBRT building is the bioprocessing pilot plant, consisting of extensive upstream, downstream, fillfinish and the associated analytical facilities.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 total credit taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits dissertation

The programme provides students with an understanding of the principal scientific and engineering challenges involved in the design, operation and management of biopharmaceutical production facilities.

Modules include:

- Bioprocessing Laboratory
- Facility Design and Operation
- Biopharmaceutical Industry Regulation and Management
- Bioprocess Scale-up and Technology Transfer
- Biopharmaceutical Engineering Project
- Bioanalytical Science for Biopharma
- Research Methodologies
- Bioprocess Design
- Downstream Processing
- Principles of Biopharma Engineering
- Animal Cell Culture Technology
- Data Science for Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing
- Gene Therapy and Vaccine Technologies and Processing
- GMP Manufacturing of Advanced Therapeutics

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Career Opportunities

Your career opportunities upon graduation from this programme are exemplary. Ireland is a world player in pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical production. The pharmaceutical industry in Ireland comprises a mix of international and local companies. Approximately 120 overseas companies have plants in Ireland, including many of the largest pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies in the world, such as AbbVie, Amgen, Biomarin, BMS, Genzyme, GSK, Janssen Biologics (Ireland), Merck, Novartis, Pfizer, Regeneron, Roche, Sanofi Shire, and many more. Upon graduation from this programme, you will enjoy an extremely high job placement rate with superlative career opportunities.

Graduate Profile

Thomas Raju
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

I chose this programme as a continuation of my bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and I wanted to further develop my learning in this area. The best part is that the course offers training in the bioprocess training facility in the National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training (NIBRT) which helped to greatly enhance my practical knowledge. The course is designed to give you a well-rounded education in a variety of aspects in the pharmaceutical industry such as cell culture, facility design, engineering modules, regulatory affairs, lean sigma methodologies, etc. The course has helped improve my career opportunities and I have already been offered a job with a pharmaceutical company for when I finish my course. I believe I have gained more practical knowledge from the one year of study that will help me in my workplace.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a relevant Engineering, Science or Technology programme.
- Applicants for the part-time programme must be working full-time in the Pharma/Biopharma or a related sector
- 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 Fees and Scholarships

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Part Time Delivery

Classes are delivered between UCD and NIBRT every Friday afternoon (during UCD term time) between 2pm and 6pm and are also streamed online. Practical elements take place in the spring semester in the NIBRT facility.

Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- MEngSc Chemical Engineering
- MSc Biotechnology
- ProfCert Manufacturing of Cell & Gene Therapies & Vaccines

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MEngSc Chemical Engineering

One Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The Chemical Engineering industry in Ireland is one of its strongest exporting sectors and is representative of the chemical process industries worldwide. Opportunities for employment exist in a broad range of areas including: the pharmaceutical industry, the petrochemical and energy industries, the ICT industries including medical devices, and the heavy chemicals industries. The MEngSc in Chemical Engineering offers advanced level education for students with bachelor degrees in chemical engineering/technology programmes. On this programme you will improve your conceptual and practical skills in both the fundamental and applied principles of chemical engineering practice. The programme covers advanced topics in chemical engineering and includes extensive project work in both design (featuring both individual and team elements/efforts) and in an individualised research project.

Laboratory Facilities

The UCD School of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering is home to a 5 million euro state-of the-art microscopy laboratory which includes FIB-SEM, a Cryo-TEM and a high end XPS/AES/SIMS facility, as well as a range of analytical tools including AFM, FTIR, UV-Vis and chromatography (HPLC/GC-MS).

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits dissertation

The programme's teaching methods are highly interactive and varied with contributions from a combination of industrial practitioners and leading researchers in their fields.

Modules include:

- Advanced Experimental Design
- Advanced Heat Transfer and Fluid Mechanics
- Advanced Process Design
- Advanced Separation Processes
- Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering Design
- Chemical & Bioprocess Reaction Engineering
- Chemical Processes of Sustainable & Renewable Energy
- Environmental Engineering
- Process Control
- Advanced Characterisation Techniques
- Bioreactor Modelling and Control
- Chemical Engineering Project
- Applied Research Design

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Graduate Profile

Chenxi Qi

I chose to study for my master's in UCD as it is the top place to study for chemical engineering in Ireland, according to the QS World University Rankings by subject. In addition, lots of chemical and pharmaceutical companies are based in Ireland, which provide a wide range of career opportunities. During my time of study at UCD, the courses used innovative ways of teaching. Some specialists in the chemical industries were invited to give lectures and guide my group projects. Even with COVID-19, the courses made the complete transition to online teaching quite well. Also, administrative staff were extremely friendly and helpful, such as keeping students updated of new career opportunities. Moreover, the university had a lot of social activities which help students to relax after classes. So, I believe UCD is certainly the best university to enjoy both study and social life.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a chemical engineering 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.
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Course code: T378

MEngSc Electrical Power Networks

One Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The modern power system is radically changing, as it integrates more renewable generation, accommodates the growing electrification of transport & heating, and embraces new smart grid control approaches. The MEngSc in Electrical Power Networks is a 1 year programme specifically designed to give students a fundamental understanding of the design and operation of electrical power networks in the context of the transition to a more sustainable energy system. The programme is taught by world renowned academics with a strong track record in electrical power systems and energy research. Teaching is underpinned and supported by the research agenda of the UCD Energy Institute which is working towards a net zero carbon future. The programme will equip students with advanced training in specialized aspects of electrical engineering and provide the skills required to pursue a career in the rapidly evolving power system and smart grid sectors.

Course Highlight

This programme is taught by academics from the world-leading Energy Institute, a focal point of research on the integration of renewables into electrical networks and energy systems. If you are interested in being part of the transition to a more sustainable future and you are seeking a professional career in the power system and smart grid sectors, then this programme is ideal for you.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits research project

Core modules include:

- Control Theory
- Power System Operation
- Power System Design
- Applications of Power Electronics
- Power System Dynamics and Control
- Optimisation Techniques for Engineers
- MEngSc Electrical Project

Optional modules may include:

- Numerical Algorithms
- Data Science in Python (MD)
- Energy Economics and Policy
- Modelling and Simulation
- Power Electronics and Drives
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Power Electronics Technology
- Professional Engineering (Management)
- Technical Communication

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UCD ENERGY INSTITUTE

Career Opportunities

The demand for graduates in the electrical power and energy sectors both in Ireland and internationally has never been stronger. The programme equips graduates with the skills and knowledge for employment opportunities in areas such as;

- Renewable energy development
- Power system operation
- Energy services
- Smart grid technology development
- Electricity trading

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a 4-year bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in electrical engineering, electronic engineering, power systems, power electronics, and energy-related subjects.
- 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.
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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- ME Electrical Power Engineering
- ME Energy Systems Engineering
- MSc Sustainable Energy & Green Technologies

Programme Director

Associate Professor
Paul Cuffe

The world has a huge appetite for clean electricity, necessitating the development and operation of smart electricity networks to meet this demand. This ongoing energy transition has created a significant demand for quality engineering graduates with specialised skills in designing and operating power grids. Wind, solar, and battery technologies all require access to the power grid, and top-class engineers are essential to facilitate this. This one-year master's programme is designed for bright students who want to specialise in power grid engineering.

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Course code: T257

MEngSc Electronic and Computer Engineering

One Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

Ireland has evolved into one of the world's most important centres for hightech businesses. The ICT sector in Ireland is a thriving and growing industry with 9 of the top 10 global ICT companies maintaining a presence in Ireland. The economic contribution of the sector is substantial with the ICT industry currently responsible for approximately 25% of Ireland's total turnover, representing one-third of Ireland's exports by value.

The MEngSc in Electronic & Computer Engineering is a year-long programme designed to provide training for engineers who wish to work at a high level in the electronic and computer sectors worldwide. You will develop an advanced understanding of the theory and technology of modern electronic and computer systems and their business environment. You will build your knowledge through taught modules and project work and you will learn about design, innovation and problem solving at a level significantly beyond that of your bachelor's degree.

Course Highlight

Delivered by a highly research-active School composed of many internationally high-profile academics, including four IEEE Fellows. This master's provides intensive training to up-skill students to meet the needs of the growing Irish ICT sector.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits dissertation

Designed to meet the demands of modern high technology industries, this MEngSc covers topics from electronic engineering and computer science to business, delivered by internationally renowned academics. The modules that you take will depend on your interests and on your prior education.

Modules may include:

- Advances in Wireless networking
- Analogue Integrated Circuits
- Computer Science for Engineers
- Control Theory
- Digital Communications
- Digital System Design
- Enterprise, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Data Science
- Networks and Internet Systems
- Neural Engineering
- Numerical Algorithms
- Information Security
- Performance of Computer Systems
- Photonic Engineering
- Processor Design
- Research Skills and Techniques
- Software Engineering Project
- Signal Processing
- Wireless Systems

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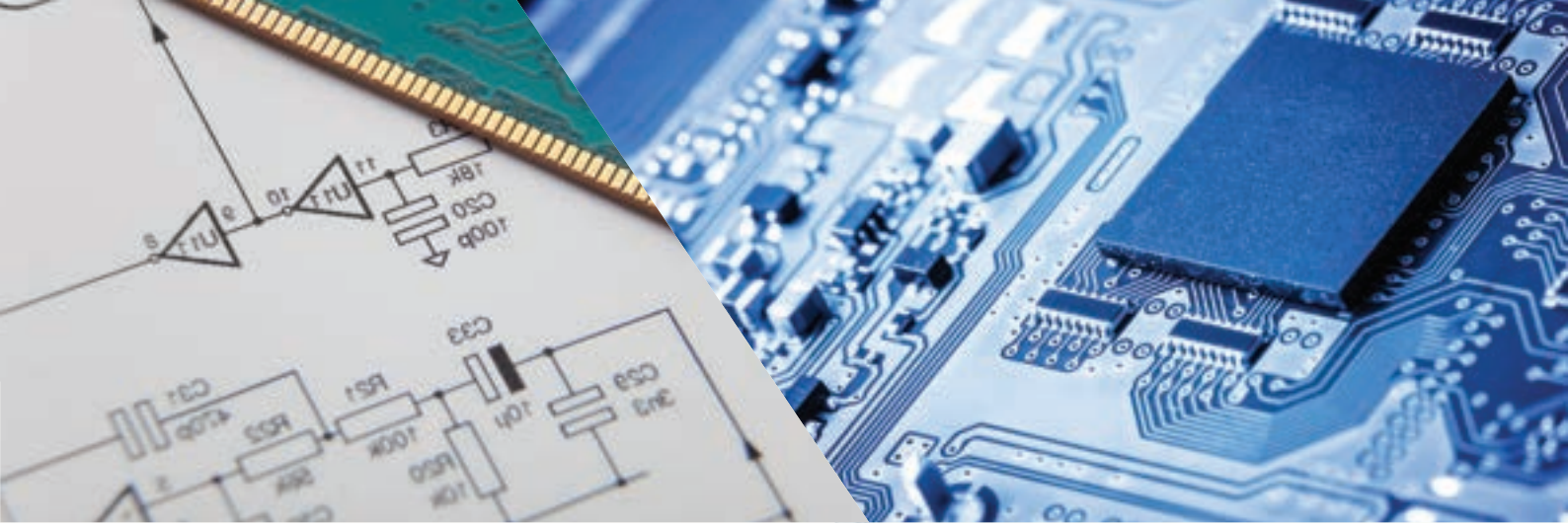

Career Opportunities

There are excellent job opportunities available in the ICT sector in Ireland. The Irish Government is to amend the work permit processing system in a bid to attract overseas workers to fill skill gaps in crucial areas like ICT and engineering. The Government has an ongoing commitment to generate thousands of jobs in the ICT sector every year. At present there are as many as 5,000 job vacancies in Ireland's burgeoning ICT sector and this gap could grow as Ireland hurtles towards becoming the digital capital of Europe. Prospective employers include: Analog Devices, Cadence, Intel, Microsoft, Qualcomm, and Synopsys.

Graduate Profile

Sudharsan Rajasekaran
Intel

During my course I was taught the problems that industries are currently facing, making it incredibly relevant. The course was quite brilliantly structured between hardware (Electronics) and software (Computer Science), designed in a way to learn by practice, offering me the confidence to face today's industrial demands. The course also offered a module on entrepreneurship which I believe to be incredibly important for my future Engineering career. Moreover, I am proud to be a UCD student because it has one of the best campuses in the world.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in an Electrical, Electronic or Computer Engineering 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.
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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- ME Electronic & Computer Engineering
- MSc Advanced Software Engineering
- MSc Computer Science NL (Negotiated Learning)
- MSc Information Systems

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Course code: T288

MEngSc Engineering Management

One Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The MEngSc Engineering Management programme offers a unique opportunity for engineering students to deepen their knowledge of the areas of business and management and is open to engineering students of all disciplines. This programme is aimed at students who have already completed a bachelor's degree in Engineering and wish to embark on successful careers in the management of global engineering and technology firms. This one-year master's degree provides grounding in operations, quality, marketing, systems planning, and analysis while building on students' technical expertise to develop the next generation of industry leaders. Our teaching methods and learning environment are highly interactive and varied, and include lectures, workshops, tutorials, labs, and practical exercises. Group-based modular projects and a final applied company-based consultancy project enable students to integrate the covered theoretical knowledge with practice.

Course Highlight

This programme is delivered by the School of Mechanical & Materials Engineering, which has more than 50 years' experience in teaching Engineering Management. The School has well-established industrial links both nationally and worldwide.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught master's
- 50 credits engineering modules
- 20 credits research project
- 20 credits business and statistics modules

Applied research project: This programme offers students a practical company-based project during the summer trimester. This summer project provides immense opportunity to the students to demonstrate their capabilities while working with a company, increasing their chances of employment with the same company.

Modules may include:

- Design & Innovation
- Applied Research Project
- Professional Engineering (Mgt) (Option)
- Operations Management
- Engineering Decision Support Systems
- Business Information Systems Management
- Marketing Management
- Systems Analysis & Improvement
- Supply Chain Design & Analysis
- Engineering Project Management - Tools & Techniques
- Introduction to Robotics
- Quantitative Methods for Engineers
- Professional Engineering (Finance) (Option)
- Data Analytics for Engineers
- Industrial Automation (option)
- Robotics Applications (option)

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Career Opportunities

Career opportunities are very broad for graduates of MEngSc Engineering Management, apart from the usual engineering discipline-specific job opportunities based on their bachelor's degree, students will be equipped with enough knowledge and experience to pursue a career related to the job positions, such as quality analyst, data analyst, operations analyst, supply chain planner, project management and continuous improvement analyst. The acquired skill sets are invaluable when embarking upon careers in many sectors including energy, consumer goods, medical technology, management consulting, ICT and automotive. Prospective employers include Accenture, Intel, RPS, SAP, Maxim Integrated, Boston Scientific, Microsoft, PwC, Deloitte, Accenture and many more.

Graduate Profile

Danielle Lombardi
AECOM Ireland

When looking for the most suitable master's programme for my career, I wanted a course that would upskill my civil engineering qualifications in an innovative and broad manner. The Engineering Management programme offered the perfect combination of engineering and management subjects, aligning with the career I was interested in and helping me to enter the market in Ireland, upskilling me to become a project manager in the construction industry.

During my time at UCD, I had the opportunity to study various subjects that were not part of my civil engineering qualification, such as supply chain management, engineering systems improvement, and robotics. These subjects pushed me out of my comfort zone, preparing me for the job market as a well-rounded engineer and project manager. I also experienced the multicultural environment of UCD's campus and programme, which reflects the growing multicultural and multidisciplinary Irish market.

I strongly recommend the programme to anyone with an engineering background who wishes to invest in their career as a manager, design engineer, or similar role by becoming a well-rounded professional.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a relevant Engineering programme.
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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- ME Engineering with Business
- ME Management
- ME Manufacturing Engineering

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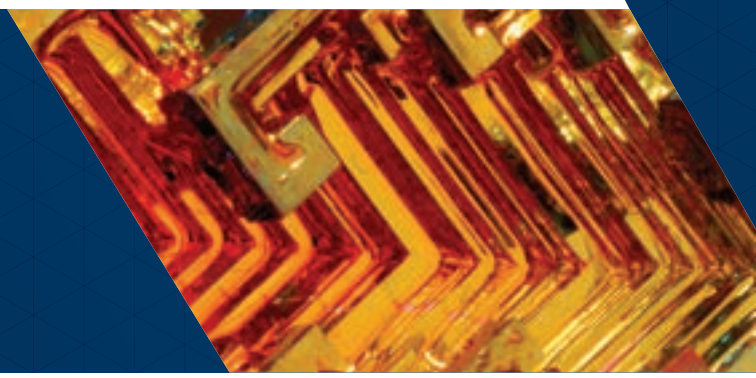
MEngSc Materials Science & Engineering

One Year Full Time (September start)



Introduction

Materials Science and Engineering is an interdisciplinary field investigating the relationship between the structure of materials at atomic or molecular scales and their macroscopic properties. Materials Scientists and Engineers are at the centre of virtually every area of technology from optoelectronics to space materials and from automotive and automotive manufacturing to biomedical devices. The core knowledge in this field is essential in currently evolving advanced technologies such as additive manufacturing (also known as 3D printing) and nanotechnology. Graduates will gain expertise in fundamental materials science and real-world engineering application of materials, including metals, ceramics, composites and semiconductors.

Course Highlight

This programme is delivered by a School with a long history of innovation, establishing its first spin-out company more than 40 years ago, attracting more than €5 million in research funding annually, and leading SFI's national centre for advanced manufacturing.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits dissertation

Core modules include:

- Materials Science & Engineering II
- Technical Ceramics
- Research Skills and Techniques
- Advanced Metals Processing
- Materials Themodynamics and Kinetics
- Advanced Polymer Engineering

Optional modules include:

- Chemistry of Materials
- Solid State Devices
- Computational Continuum Mechanics
- Fracture Mechanics
- Energy Systems & Climate Change
- Nanomaterials Chemistry
- Renewable Energy Systems Analysis
- Computational Continuum Mechanics II
- Advanced Characterisation Tech
- Professional Eng. (Finance)
- Professional Engineering (Mgt)
- Technical Communication
- Biomaterials
- Physics of Nanomaterials
- Medical Device Design

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Career Opportunities

Graduates of the MEngSc Materials Science and Engineering programme can look forward to vast career opportunities across the manufacturing, biomedical, aerospace, energy and electronics sectors. Manufacturing contributes 24% of Ireland's economic output and employs 20% of the workforce, while the aerospace and aviation industry adds €4.1 billion annually, with 250 companies employing 42,000 people. Ireland also hosts 18 of the world's top 25 medtech companies and Intel's major semiconductor facility, together employing over 40,000 people. UCD materials graduates have secured roles such as data scientist, manufacturing engineer, development engineer and research engineer with leading firms including General Electric, Rolls Royce, Lockheed Martin, Intel, Boston Scientific, Stryker, DePuy Synthes and Siemens.

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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- ME Biosystems & Food Engineering
- ME Engineering with Business

Graduate Profile

Susan Nace
PhD Candidate

This programme offered me a chance to study a wide variety of engineering materials used worldwide, such that after finishing the programme, I would be able to use my new knowledge anywhere, not just in jobs or academia in Ireland or the US. The programme required both module and research credits, which allowed me to gain a specialisation in the materials field of mechanical engineering, as well as jumpstart my desired research career. After completing my degree at UCD, I received an Irish Research Council Employment-based Postgraduate Programme doctoral fellowship with a UCD engineering professor and a non-profit based in Dublin, and I am currently in my second year of that PhD programme. I believe that UCD was key to my academic journey and that the university is continuing to help me establish myself in the engineering research field.

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Course code: T279, T314

MEngSc Structural Engineering

One Year Full Time / Two Years Part Time

Introduction

Studying at master's level, you will cover a wide range of topics not traditionally covered in undergraduate degrees.

The programme includes specialist modules in structural dynamics, bridge engineering, structural design and professional engineering. You will also learn how to work in a multidisciplinary setting through combined modules with non-Engineering students. Structural engineering is a continually evolving profession, and through the third trimester Research Project you will learn how to apply this specialist knowledge to develop new concepts and ideas under the supervision of research-active academic staff. This programme will distinguish you as having specialist knowledge in the area of Structural Engineering and provide you with a competitive edge over your peers in the job market.

Course Highlight

This programme is delivered by a highly research-intensive school, which is in the top 150 in the QS world subject rankings. An example of this research activity is the coordination of the 3.7 million euro EU Horizon 2020 TRUSS Innovative Marie Sklodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network, to develop tools for improving the maintenance and management of aging infrastructure.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits dissertation

Modules include:

- Realising Built Projects
- Analysis of Structures 3
- Innovation Leadership
- Structural Dynamics
- Advanced Materials
- Quantitative Methods for Engineers
- Agency: Design/Build
- Design of Structures 3
- Bridge Engineering
- Geotechnics 4
- Professional Engineering (Management)
- Structural Research Project
- Engineering Design Project
- Energy Systems in Buildings

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Career Opportunities

Our graduates would typically follow careers in structural engineering consultancy, engineering contracting, construction management, and project planning both in Ireland and abroad. Employed at master's level, graduates can expect more responsibility, and faster professional progression, earlier in their careers. Graduates have progressed to career opportunities in a broad range of internationally recognised companies including: Roughan O'Donovan, Arup, Sisk, Jacobs, RPS, OCSC, Walls, Ward & Burke, and Mott McDonald amongst others.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in Civil or Structural Engineering with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent.
- 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.
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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- ME Civil Engineering
- ME Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering
- MEngSc Water, Waste & Environmental Engineering

International Fees and Scholarships

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Part Time Delivery

Please note for the part time version it is the full-time programme taken over two years. Lectures take place during the working week; however, the schedule allows more flexibility for those working. Typically, in Year 1, a student would take 4 modules in Trimester 1 and 4 modules in Trimester 2. In Year 2, a student would take the Structural Research Project module and the remaining taught modules.

Graduate Profile

Sanskruti Umesh Wankhade
Site Engineer, Cairn Homes

I have always wanted to specialise in Structural Engineering, and I believe UCD's graduate taught programme provides the essential knowledge through its comprehensive course modules. I found the modules very informative, including all the structural modules (Design of Structures, Analysis of Structures, Structural Dynamics), Advanced Materials, and Professional Engineering Management. The best part of the course was the "Engineering Design Project" module, where students gained practical knowledge by working on projects with external professors who have extensive industry experience, making it a meaningful experience.
Moreover, the faculty members have been consistently supportive and helpful throughout my studies. Their guidance has been instrumental in my academic journey, ensuring I receive the necessary assistance whenever required.
During the summers, I dedicated my focus to my thesis project under the guidance of professors. As an international student from India, I found the faculty to be incredibly encouraging.

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Course code: T277, T278

MEngSc Water, Waste & Environmental Engineering

One Year Full Time / Two Years Part Time

Introduction

This programme prepares graduates to work in the broad field of environmental protection and management. You will gain advanced theoretical and conceptual knowledge and understanding in the area of environmental engineering on topics such as environmental modelling, water and wastewater treatment, solid waste management, and environmental data analysis, amongst others. Environmental engineering involves the application of engineering and scientific principles to solve or prevent environmental problems. This programme allows you to gain competencies in the design of facilities to treat water, wastewater and wastes; in the development and protection of water resources; in the design of flood protection systems; in the analysis of environmental data; and in the design of infrastructure that respects the principles of environmental sustainability.

Course Highlight

The UCD School of Civil Engineering has made major investments in recent years to modernise and improve its research capability across a range of sub-disciplines and to establish facilities for world class research. Facilities include laboratories for structural testing, concrete, soils, road materials, hydraulics, water and effluent analysis, PC and workstation facilities and an engineering workshop.

Course Content and Structure

- 90 credits taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits dissertation

Modules include:

- Advanced Air Pollution
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Environmental Research Project
- Freshwater Resources Assessment
- Remote Sensing and GIS
- Hydraulic Engineering Design
- Waste Management
- Introduction to Water Resources Engineering
- Quantitative Methods for Engineers
- Life Cycle Assessment
- Water Waste and Environmental Modelling
- Research Skills for Engineers
- Environmental Engineering
- Water & Wastewater Treatment Processes
- Civil Engineering Systems
- Sustainable and Nature Based Water Infrastructure
- Geographical Information Systems for Policy and Planning

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Career Opportunities

Graduates from the programme will find employment as engineers in the private sector (e.g., engineering consultancy, engineering design, project management, risk assessment, waste management), in the public sector (e.g., environmental protection, regulation, standards development, local government, river basin management), and in the non-governmental sector (e.g., environmental advocacies, NGOs), or may wish to pursue further qualifications (e.g., PhD, MBA) to become even more specialised. Employers of environmental engineers include commercial firms, engineering consultancies, government agencies, and nongovernmental organisations, all well known in Ireland and many with global operations

Graduate Profile

Sarah Nolan
Ryan Hanley Consultants

Having always had a passion for the environment, specifically water sciences, I knew the MEngSc degree at UCD was the perfect course to further develop my knowledge and equip me with the skills to succeed in my career. Having worked for many years following graduating from my undergraduate degree, I took the time to carefully choose the best master's that would help me reach my goal of working in the water industry. The Water, Waste and Environmental Engineering master's degree at UCD is a challenging and thoroughly rewarding course, which covers a variety of subject matters taught through lectures, tutorials, and labs. Gaining an engineering context to my previous scientific studies has significantly enhanced my knowledge and understanding of water sciences.

Entry Requirements

- An honours undergraduate degree (NFQ level 8) with a minimum 2:1 award or international equivalence in civil engineering, other related engineering (such as chemical engineering, environmental engineering, agricultural engineering), physical science or environmental related degree programme.
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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- ME Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering
- MEngSc Structural Engineering

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Course code: T405

MEngSc Robotics & Intelligent Manufacturing

One Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The development and deployment of robotic as well as smart manufacturing technologies have become very important for a significant number of industrial sectors in Ireland and the rest of the world, including biomedical, pharmaceutical, agricultural as well as electronics and discrete companies. The main barrier towards implementing modern, smart automation technologies in standard manufacturing practices is the lack of skills of automation experts in the areas of robotics and digital manufacturing. In Ireland, this is manifested in the difficulty Irish robotic and system integration companies have in recruiting engineers who can be readily involved in today's complex automation cell and line building projects. This is also reflected on the average salary of automation experts, which is among the highest in the country. The main goal of this programme is to produce experts with sufficient scientific and practical skills in the areas of robotics and smart manufacturing.

Course Highlights

This programme is delivered by a highly research-intensive school, which is in the top 150 in the QS world subject rankings. An example of this research activity is the coordination of the 2.23-million-euro Horizon Europe iCircular3 Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions project, with one of its main research goals being to take advantage of circular economy principles for improving the efficiency as well as for extending the lifecycle of industrial robots.

Course Content and Structure

The programme is a full-time, one-year **90 credit masters.** Overall, the programme offers:

- **60 credits** of focused technology and engineering management taught modules,
- **30 credit** Applied Robotics Research Project in collaboration with leading engineering and manufacturing companies in Ireland.
- A number of modules are expected to include live presentations, which will be delivered by Irish and European industrial experts in the areas of robotics and automation.

Modules Include:

Autumn Trimester

- Introduction to Robotics Supply
- Chain Design and Analysis
- Engineering Project Management
- Data Analytics for Engineers
- Control Theory
- Biosensors & Actuators
- Machine Learning for Engineers
- Entrepreneurship in Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering II
- Research Skills and Techniques

Spring Trimester

- Operations Management
- Eng. Decision Support Systems
- Robotic applications
- Industrial Automation
- Data Science in Python
- Digital & Embedded Systems
- Advanced Metal Processing
- Advanced Polymer Engineering
- Technical Communication
- Professional Engineering (Management)

Summer Project (30 cr.) Applied Robotics Research Project

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Career Opportunities

At this point of time there is a quite significant lack of automation scientists and engineers in the Irish job market. The prospectives for the programme graduates are excellent. Leading automation companies, such as KUKA Ireland and Cobots.ie, as well as biomedical manufacturing companies, such as STRYKER and Boston Scientific, are continuously looking for automation experts in the Irish job market.

Facilities & Resources

The College of Engineering and Architecture has invested more than 1 million EUR over the last years on robotics, smart automation, and digital manufacturing technologies. The available equipment, which will be used in a number of lab and training workshops, include state-of-the-art industrial and collaborative robots, as well as autonomous industrial / logistics mobile robotic platforms, advanced sensors, and digital manufacturing / simulation software.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants should hold a NFQ Level 8 (or international equivalent) degree in a relevant Engineering or Science programme Engineering or equivalent.
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Related Masters Programmes

- ME Mechanical Engineering
- ME Manufacturing Eng with Data Science & AI for Competitive Manufacturing
- ME Manufacturing Engineering with Digital Manufacturing for Innovation

Course Profile

Assoc. Professor
Nikolaos Papakostas
Programme Director

A significant part of today's major economic activities, including manufacturing, construction, logistics, and transportation are being transformed by robotics, data analytics, machine learning and artificial intelligence platforms. It is expected that robots, automation, and intelligent technologies will constitute the foundation underlying all future scientific and engineering projects. This MEngSc programme provides students with an understanding of the tools that are required for designing and deploying novel production and business environments. These tools include digital manufacturing, simulation, data analytics, machine learning and artificial intelligence software, industrial, collaborative, and mobile robots, advanced sensors, and smart devices. Graduates will be capable of getting involved in advanced robotics and smart automation projects.

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Course code: T410

GradDip AgriFood Innovation and Entrepreneurship

1 Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

This 12-month in-person programme, is a specialist agrifood technology innovation programme that will use design-thinking methodologies and will have a practical focus. Through the programme participants will learn how to conduct needs-led innovation to develop market validated solutions to unmet needs in the areas of agricultural technology and food sustainability sectors.

The participants will be supported by a dedicated academic and commercial delivery team, mentors and coaches with expert knowledge of the agrifood system and commercialisation

The programme's focus will be on the immersive experience and participants will spend 8-10 weeks immersed in agricultural environments including farms and food processing companies throughout the year long programme. It is expected that the teams will rapidly develop commercially viable business opportuniies on the completion of the programme.

Course Highlight

- This programme is delivered jointly by UCD School of Biosystems and Food Engineering (Joseph Sweeney: UCD Innovation of the Year 2023; Nick Holden: UCD Innovation Champion 2024), AgTechUCD (part of NovaUCD, recognised by the Financial Times and Statista as one of the leading start-up hubs in Europe) and Teagasc.
- Participation is supported by Enterprise Ireland funding, providing access to their networks and support services.
- Participants will receive a tax-free scholarship of €38,000 (subject to T&C defined by the Revenue Commissioners), a fee allowance of €9,000 and some expenses for travel.

Course Content and Structure

- **20 credits** of taught modules
- **20 credits** in immersive environments
- **20 credit** delivering a funding plan for future commercial activity.

Modules include:

- Agrifood business development
- Agrifood needs-led innovation
- Discover: Agrifood Immersion
- Agrifood: need to investment
- Agrifood solutions
- Develop: agrifood innovation
- Deliver agrifood business plan

- The programme starts with an intensive boot camp to learn the fundamentals of needs-led inno-vation. This is followed by a focus on need identification though immersion in the agrifood system.
- The second part of the programme focuses on finding or innovating solutions to the identified need and finally developing a plan to fund the pathway to commercial exploitation of the ideas.
- Participants start working individually and form into teams over the first 6 weeks. Teams will be encouraged to have a suitable balance of experience and skills.

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FAST-IP Food and Agriculture Sustainable Technology Innovation Programme

Career Opportunities

- Start-up founder
- Start-up senior manager
- Senior role in R&D
- Senior role in investment and funding, mergers and acquisitions

Facilities & Resources

- Dedicated space in the AgTechUCD Incubation building at UCD Lyons Farm
- Access to the resources of NovaUCD
- Access to expert solution providers and researchers in UCD, Teagasc and other Irish universities
- Unique access to the agrifood industry through Teagasc networks and facilities
- Access to facilities provided by Enterprise Ireland

Entry Requirements

- Level 8 honours degree in a relevant subject and at least 3 years' experience working in a professional environment or >5 years relevant professional experience.
- 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.

Programme Outcomes

- Demonstrate a detailed, specialised theoretical understanding of needs-led innovation for the agrifood system.
- Apply needs-led innovation theory in practice to develop research proposals, new IP and/or new business opportunities.
- Find, manage, and analyse complex data and information, from multiple sources to make knowledge-based judgements about technology innovation for the agrifood system.
- Communicate complex ideas, plans, data and arguments to specialist audience (e.g., funders, investors) and non-specialists (e.g., farmers, company employees, regulators, general public) related to agtech innovation.
- Work independently and in teams to deliver needs-led innovation for the agrifood system and beyond.

Programme Director

Professor Nick Holden

"Ireland is home to world-leading agrifood and technology businesses, and is an ideal proving ground for commercial innovation. With the financial support of the European Union and Government, of Ireland, this programme will both accelerate and derisk entrepreneurial and innovation activities for entrepreneurially minded, mid-career professionals who want to develop high-risk, high-reward commercial opportunities in the agrifood sector."

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Note:

Suitable candidates will be required to participate in a selection day (dates to be confirmed) before being offered a place on the programme.

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Course code: T390

GradDip Environmental Sustainability Implementation

1 Year Full Time (September start)

Introduction

Sustainability is on the agenda for many sectors. All sectors are responding to sustainability goals, with many organisations setting targets to be achieved by 2030 for compliance, consumer or market retention purposes. Consultation with a range of industry stakeholders has identified that there is a deficit of expertise in the market to address the implementation of sustainability agendas, however the scale and speed of the change required is urgent. Drivers of this demand are the National Sectoral Emissions Ceilings, the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (2021) Act, Future Jobs initiative 'Transition to low carbon economy', Ireland's National Plan on Corporate Social Responsibility, and the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions reporting).

This full-time Level 9 Graduate Diploma equips students with the core skills to quantify the sustainability of a product, process or system, identify areas for improvement and devise and manage measures for implementation to improve sustainability.

Pathway

This 60 ECTS Graduate Diploma is a Pathway programme that can build to a Masters degree award. Students who complete the Graduate Diploma have the option of completing a 30 ECTS project which builds to a Masters degree award.

Course Content and Structure

This Graduate Diploma comprises 60 credits of modules (10 modules). These modules are offered across the Spring and Autumn Trimesters. All synchronous lectures, tutorials and practicals are delivered during normal working hours in Ireland and recorded to allow asynchronous engagement. It is possible for students to complete the programme entirely online. However, for those who want to attend campus, students enrolled in the programme are free to attend timetabled face-to-face lectures and practicals on campus if they wish.

Modules offered

- Circular BioEconomy Principles
- Sustainable Energy & Environmental Impact
- Carbon & Sustainability
- Carbon Footprinting
- Sustainability Design Challenge
- Green Technologies Project
- GHG Accounting
- Biomass innovation, green technology and business

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Career Opportunities

There is very significant industry demand for engineers and scientists with knowledge on methods to quantifysustainability for internal benchmarking, process improvement, and reporting purposes. In August 2025 therewere >1000 sustainability-related jobs advertised in Ireland (based on data from LinkedIn). Upon completion ofthis Graduate Diploma, graduates will have the skills needed to lead the sustainability agenda for a companyeither individually or as part of a team.

Industry Partner

Kathleen Moore
Senior Brand &
Sustainability Manager,
Innopharma Education

Having completed a level 8 in sustainability for enterprise the year prior, I decided to do this level 9 in environmental sustainability implementation to equip myself with the technical skills needed in the space of sustainability, specifically Carbon Footprinting, Life Cycle Analysis and GHG Accounting. Through these modules on the course I gained practical experience in assessing and reporting according to the relevant International Standards (ISO) for each framework. I found these modules in particular invaluable for getting to grips with the detail and data needed to measure sustainability progress. I found the course robust in nature, and very challenging. And for me, with multiple life commitments including work and children, the online mode was the best format for accessing this type of education and managing the workload. I found the lecturers very knowledgeable and overall am so proud of my achievement, and have really deepened my knowledge beyond my initial expectations.

Entry Requirements

- Recent graduates, jobseekers or are in full time employment, with a Level 8 Honours degree with minimum 2:1award (NFQ level 8) or international equivalence in disciplines which include strong mathematical,technological and analytical skills. Examples of acceptable disciplines are engineering, physical science,geography and planning, architecture and environmental related degrees.
- Those without a Level 8 honours degree in a relevant subject but with >5 years relevant professionalexperience in a relevant field will be considered.
- 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.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. This programme is also eligible for springboard funding, if you believe you are eligible please apply first on www.springboardcourses.ie

Related Programmes of Interest

- GradDip Carbon Accounting & Life Cycle Assessment PT
- GradCert in Carbon and Climate Assessment

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University College Dublin
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Course code: T160

ME Biomedical Engineering

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

There are currently 250 medical technology companies in Ireland, exporting €12.6 billion worth of product annually and employing over 40,000 people – the highest number of people working in the industry in any country in Europe, per head of population. Biomedical Engineering involves the application of engineering principles to healthcare and medicine. It is an interdisciplinary field, requiring knowledge of both living systems and engineering. When studying on this programme, you will work with staff and researchers at UCD who have extensive experience in ground-breaking biomedical engineering research. You will also develop a knowledge of how the medical device industry is regulated and how new products are introduced to the market, drawing from experience within UCD which includes pioneering companies. For more information visit www.ucd.ie/biomedicalengineering/. This ME programme is professionally accredited by Engineers Ireland and recognised by the Washington Accord for Chartered Engineer status.

Course Highlight

The ME Biomedical Engineering at UCD offers a 6-8 month work placement, exposure to world-leading researchers and superlative employment opportunities. With over 450 medtech companies based in Ireland, there are many potential options to choose from, gaining experience in start-ups, multinationals or also in more of a clinical research setting.

Course Content and Structure

- 120 credits taught master's
- 70 credits taught modules
- 20 credits Biomed Project
- 30 credits Work Experience

Modules include:

- Bioinstrumentation
- Biomaterials
- Biomechanics
- Biomedical Imaging
- Biomedical Signal Processing
- Biosensors & Actuators
- Cardiovascular Physiology for Engineers
- Cell Culture & Tissue Engineering
- Experimental Design and Statistics for Engineers
- Medical Device Design
- Medical Sciences for Biomedical Engineers
- Musculoskeletal Biomechanics and Mechanobiology
- Neural Engineering
- Rehabilitation Engineering

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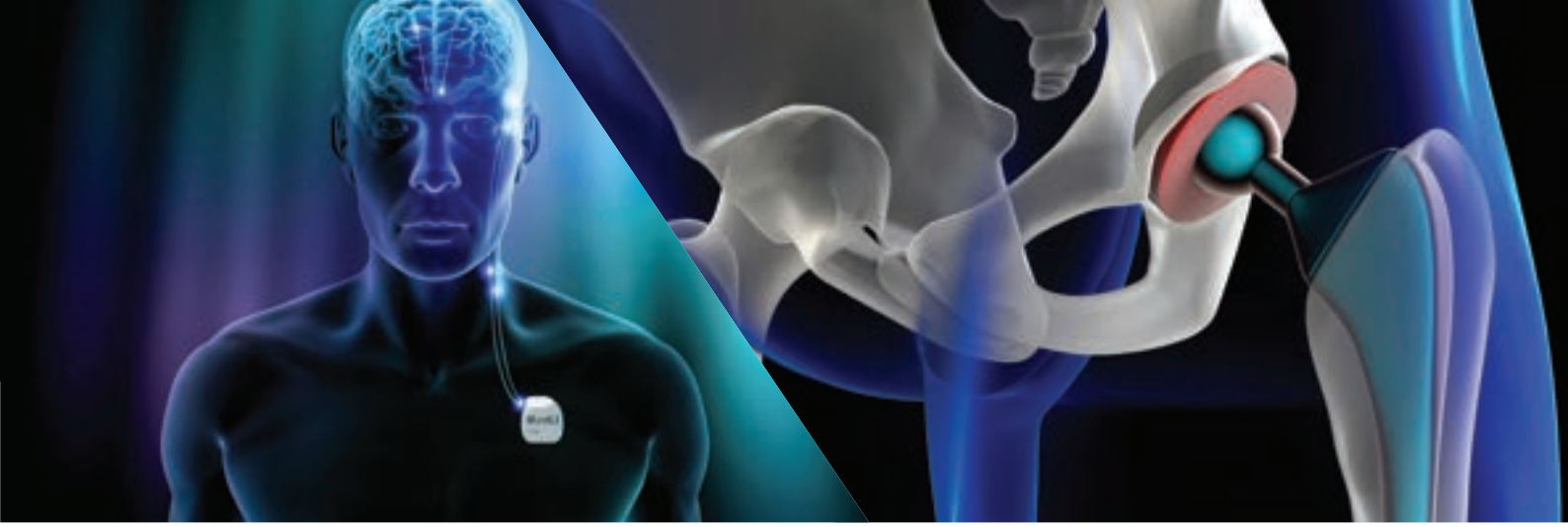

Career Opportunities

The Irish medtech sector is robust and career opportunities upon graduation from this programme are exemplary. Exports of medical devices and diagnostics products now represent 8% of Ireland's total merchandise exports and growth prospects for the industry globally remain good. Many of the world's top medical technology companies have invested significantly in Ireland and a number of exciting, research-based, indigenous companies are emerging and competing internationally. The Irish Government has identified the medical technology sector as one of the key drivers of industrial growth for the future and provides a wide range of supports to encourage and foster this growth. The medical technology industry in Ireland is changing from being predominantly manufacturing to being more complex and driven by R&D. Prospective employers include medtech startups and multinationals including Medtronic, BostonScientific, De Puy, ResMed, Shimmer and Stryker.

Graduate Profile

Dhanashree Gokhale
Health Products
Regulatory Authority

I chose UCD due to the quality of research done in this field and the structure of the ME Biomedical Engineering programme. While allowing students to pick from a wide range of subjects from the schools of engineering, science and medicine the course also focuses on improving professional skills with the inclusion of the work experience internship, which was truly beneficial. UCD's emphasis on research plays a key role in ensuring that students are exposed to a high standard of learning and have experienced staff to guide them throughout the course and with options thereafter. While the coursework at UCD including the projects undertaken as part of the ME programme contribute towards my role as a scientific officer, the network of UCD alumni and staff continue to provide support and guidance wherever and whenever needed.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a relevant Mechanical, Electronic, Electrical, Mechatronic or Biomedical Engineering programme.
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- MSc Connected Health
- ME Electronic & Computer Engineering
- ME Mechanical Engineering

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Course code: T299

ME Biosystems & Food Engineering

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The ME Biosystems and Food Engineering provides graduates from an engineering background with the opportunity to achieve engineering and mathematical competencies in the design and application of biological systems, with a clear focus in:

- food process engineering
- wastewater management
- bioenergy
- sustainability
- circular economy
- biorefinery
- algae

Biosystems Engineers are at the forefront of the search for practical solutions to global problems and this specialisation will lead graduates to a wide variety of employment opportunities with companies focusing on the production and processing of food and other feedstocks, environmental protection, waste recycling, sustainable energy, and green technologies.

Scan the QR code to view the Programme details

Course Highlight

Delivered by a highly research-intensive School with state-of-the-art infrastructure in sustainability.

- 6 - 8 months of professional work experience.

- Accredited by Engineers Ireland, allowing graduates to gain Chartership status.

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Course Content and Structure

- 120 total credits
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits Research Project
- 30 credits Professional Work Experience Accredited Engineering Programme

Core modules include:

- Bioprocess Engineering Principles
- Water and Wastewater Engineering
- Food Chain Integrity
- Unit Ops for Bioprocess Engineering
- Engineering Thermodynamics II
- ME Biosystems Engineering Thesis
- Waste to Energy Processes & Technologies
- Research Skills and Techniques
- Food Process Engineering
- Food Refrigeration Engineering
- Professional Engineering (Finance)
- Professional Engineering (Management)

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Career Opportunities

Our graduates can find employment in:

- Bioprocess, food and beverage companies
- Environmental protection and waste recycling companies
- Sustainable energy and green technology companies
- Consultancy firms operating in the above areas

Some of these include Glanbia, Sanofi, Royal Oak Distillery, Diageo/Guinness, Abbott, PM Group, Rowan Engineering Consultants, Green Generation, Maria Lucia Bakes, and Takeda Ireland.

There are also opportunities to pursue PhD research at UCD and internationally in relevant areas in circular bioeconomy.

Scan the QR code to hear from our industry partner Rowan Engineering about the career opportunities.

Graduate Profile

Yuchen Li
UCD PhD Student

"I chose to pursue the ME Biosystems and Food Engineering in UCD, because the programme places strong emphasis in developing not only specialist knowledge in food technology but also professional and research skills. I was able to deepen my knowledge in agrifood systems and biorefinery, food processing engineering, environmental engineering, and waste management.Moreover, there were a lot of practical sessions integrated in these modules. The professors were very encouraging and prompt in taking care of student needs. I completed an 8-month professional work experience at Teagasc Food Research Centre, where I developed a novel method for agar extraction from seaweed, the results for which were later published in 'Food Hydrocolloids', a top journal in food biotechnology. This experience consolidated my decision to pursue a research career. At the end of the ME degree, I secured a scholarship offer from the prestigious China Scholarship Council to continue with a PhD at UCD."

Scan the QR code to hear from Alumni Yuchen Li.

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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- MEngSc Food Engineering
- MSc Environmental Technology
- MSc Sustainable Energy & Green Technologies

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Course code: T308

ME Civil Engineering (dual degree)

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

Globally, Civil Engineers are essential to the provision of transportation systems, bridges, buildings and other infrastructure, clean water, waste management, and earthworks. With ever increasing global population, global urbanisation and global concerns about climate change, the formal training of engineers in a global context becomes crucial. This programme offers* students the chance to develop their engineering skills in both University College Dublin and Columbia University, New York and to graduate with a dual degree from both universities. The benefits to both graduates and the industry as a whole will be in the training of high-quality graduates with global knowledge and training of European and American engineering practices.

Course Highlight

Students have the opportunity to study in New York city for a year and receive a dual degree from New York's Columbia University (ranked 38th best university in the world) and University College Dublin. Students will complete a mixture of taught modules, a work placement and research over the course of their studies on this programme.

Course Content and Structure

- 120 ECTS credits + 30 US credits
- 60 ECTS completed in first year in UCD. 30 US credits in second year in New York (this equates to 60 transfer ECTS credits from UCD)
- Stage 1 in UCD comprises 6 core modules in the Autumn Trimester (30 ECTS) and either a Professional Work Experience placement (30 ECTS) which runs across the Spring and Summer Trimesters or a Design Project (10 ECTS) plus Optional Modules (20 ECTS) which are undertaken in the Spring Trimester.
- Students who complete Stage 2 in Columbia University, USA select their modules from the recommended course list for a chosen area of study/ concentration (in consultation with Faculty Advisors in Columbia University).

Core UCD modules:

- Innovation Leadership
- Civil Engineering Systems
- Geotechnics
- Design of Structures
- Quantitative Methods for Engineers
- Applied Hydrology

Optional UCD modules:

- Advanced Air Pollution Environmental Engineering
- Transport Modelling
- Technical Communication
- Water & Wastewater Treatment Hydraulic Engineering Design
- Bridge Engineering
- Water Waste and Environmental Modelling
- Highway Engineering
- Professional Engineering Management
- Statistical Machine Learning

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Career Opportunities

There are excellent job opportunities for graduates of this dual master's programme in civil engineering design and construction, damage assessment and disaster relief, working in the developing work as engineers with NGOs, project management and site management. Established civil engineering employers with a presence in both Ireland, the US and around the world include Arup, Jacobs and AECOM.

Graduate Profile

Tianyi Zhou
Graduate Engineer, Arup

I chose the Civil Engineering (dual degree) at UCD because it offers the unique opportunity to experience both European and American educational environments at top universities. During my first year at UCD, I built a solid technical foundation and gained valuable field experience through an eight-month internship. Columbia University provided a vast choice of interdisciplinary classes and the chance to engage in research with esteemed professors. At both schools, I gained comprehensive knowledge in various fields of civil engineering, as well as machine learning and programming knowledge. This programme equipped me with essential skills that led to offers from top firms. Dr. Ekin Ozer, the programme director and a Columbia alumnus, offered invaluable support and guidance. Whether pursuing a career in industry or academia, this programme provides a clear path to success.

Entry Requirements

- **For UCD:** An honours undergraduate degree (NFQ Level 8) with minimum upper second class honours or international equivalence in civil engineering or equivalent.

  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.

- **For Columbia:** Students will need to have a minimum GPA of 3.08 from UCD (equivalent to 2:1) and with the support of UCD make an application to Columbia University for acceptance. Students who are unsuccessful will complete Stage 2 of their degree in UCD.

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- MEngSc Structural Engineering
- MEngSc Water, Waste & Environmental Engineering
- ME Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering

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Course code: T298

ME Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

This programme prepares graduates to work as professional engineers in the broad field of infrastructural design, construction and management. You can chose a specialisation either in civil, structural or environmental engineering and as such the range of module options are extensive. The programme is delivered by a culturally diverse group of internationally renowned academic staff as part of a highly research intensive School which continually responds and evolves, so that the significant challenges of the 21st century can be met.

The learning experience includes approximately two semesters of lectures, tutorials, studio work and group project work, with an eight month work placement in industry and an individual research project making up the balance.

Graduates will satisfy the academic requirements for the title of Chartered Engineer.

Course Highlight

This programme is delivered by the top ranked civil engineering department in Ireland according to the QS World subject rankings for Civil and Structural Engineering. UCD Civil Engineering has also made major investments in recent years to modernise and improve its research capability across a range of sub-disciplines and to establish facilities for world class research.

Course Content and Structure

- 120 credits taught master's
- 70 credits taught modules
- 20 credits Research Project
- 30 credits Work Experience

Core modules include:

- Case Studies
- Civil Engineering Systems
- Professional Engineering (Management)
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Highway Engineering
- Innovation Leadership
- Quantitative Methods for Engineers
- Design of Structures
- Applied Hydrology
- Transportation Engineering
- Engineering Research Project

Optional modules may include:

- Advanced Air Pollution
- Analysis of Structures
- Bridge Engineering
- Structural dynamics
- Environmental Engineering
- Statistical machine learning
- Geotechnics
- Hydraulic Engineering Design
- Transport Modelling
- Realising Built Projects
- Transport Operations and Planning
- Water and Wastewater Treatment Processes
- Life cycle assessment

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Career Opportunities

Graduates from the programme will find employment as engineers in the private sector (e.g., engineering consultancy, engineering design, project management, civil engineering contractors), in the public sector (e.g., local government, higher education sector), and in the non-governmental sector (e.g., environmental advocacies, NGOs), or may wish to pursue further qualifications (e.g., PhD, MBA) to become even more specialised. Graduates will be equipped with the skills that allow them to be lifelong learners, whether in the pursuit of knowledge for personal use or in connection with their engineering careers. Employers of civil, structural and environmental engineers include commercial firms, engineering consultancies, government agencies, and nongovernmental organisations, all well known in Ireland and many with global operations. Some of these include: AECOM, Arup, Environmental Protection Agency, Local Authorities, Eirgrid, RPS Group, SISK, Jacobs.

Graduate Profile

Enoch Ademo
Waterman Moylan Consulting

I picked the ME in Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering degree because it allows me to combine three different courses in one because it covers three different branches of Civil Engineering in one master's programme. It also allows me to explore areas such as geotechnical engineering and covers case studies which gives you real-life solutions to real life practical problems. While the course content is challenging and you are kept on your toes, it makes you think fast and equips you with real insight knowledge on how to achieve and how to prepare solutions to problems that we meet every day. As part of the course you also complete an eight-month internship to a civil engineering company, to gain valuable knowledge and gain valuable insight. I got an internship at Waterman Moylan and with them I hope to gain skills and further my knowledge as I build towards a good career when I finish my master's in UCD.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in Civil or Structural Engineering with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent.
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Course code: T335

ME Electrical Power Engineering

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The ME Electrical Power Engineering programme is taught by world-renowned academics from the Energy Institute (EI) at University College Dublin, which is a global research leader in energy systems integration. This professionally accredited programme addresses the challenge of transitioning towards sustainable power systems, and integrating diverse generation and demand-side technologies, while maintaining stable and economic operation. It provides strong training in various aspects of electrical engineering and enhances this through a major research project and professional work experience. If you are a mathematically strong engineering student who is interested in power system analysis and renewables integration, and you are seeking a professional career in the power system and smart grid sectors, then this programme is ideal for you. The ME programme is professionally accredited by Engineers Ireland and recognised by the Washington Accord for Chartered Engineer status.

Course Highlight

Delivered by a highly research-active School composed of many internationally high-profile academics, including five IEEE Fellows. This programme is also taught by academics from the world-leading Energy Institute for the integration of renewables into power systems and energy systems.

Course Content and Structure

- 120 credits taught master's
- 65 credits taught modules
- 25 credits Research Project
- 30 credits Work Experience

Core modules include:

- Applications of Power Electronics
- Control Theory
- Electrical Power Thesis
- Electrical Machines
- Power Electronics and Drives
- Power System Design
- Power System Dynamics and Control
- Power System Engineering
- Power System Operation
- Professional Engineering (Management)
- Professional Work Experience
- Renewable Energy Systems

Optional modules may include:

- Applied Dynamics II
- Data Science in Python
- Energy Economics and Policy
- Energy Systems & Climate Change
- Entrepreneurship in Engineering
- Fossil Fuels, Carbon Capture and Storage
- Machine Learning for Engineers
- Numerical Algorithms
- Optimisation Techniques for Engineers
- Power Electronics Technology
- Professional Engineering (Finance)
- Signal Processing

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Career Opportunities

By completing the ME Electrical Power Engineering programme, you will become a graduate with power systems and power electronics expertise, whose rare skills will be attractive to a wide variety of technical and managerial roles in the electrical utility and smart grid sectors on an international scale. Potential employers include ABB Cylon, Alstom, Eaton, EDF, EirGrid, EPRI, ESB, NREL, Premium Power, Siemens, Smart Wires, SSE, and SuperNode. The ME programme also provides an excellent starting point for those aiming for a PhD programme and a research career within a university or specialised research institution.

Graduate Profile

Treisa Sahaya
EirGrid Group

Choosing University College Dublin (UCD) for my postgraduate studies has proven to be a pivotal decision, and the programme has significantly contributed to my professional growth. I had chosen UCD for its reputation and international standing. During my course I discovered that the curriculum is well-structured, offering modules which played a crucial role in developing a profound understanding of the intricate world of electrical engineering. The 8-month internship at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) was instrumental in preparing me for industry exposure, and this practical experience allowed me to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world situations, enhancing my technical skills. In addition, the programme has also instilled in me a passion for continuous learning, which has benefited me in my current employment with EirGrid. The education and exposure received during my time on the course was pivotal in securing a position in this prestigious organisation. I am confident that the foundations laid by UCD in its students will continue to inspire and guide more engineering aspirants.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in electrical engineering, electronic engineering, power systems, power electronics, and energy-related subjects.
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- ME Energy Systems

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Course code: T163

ME Electronic & Computer Engineering

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

Ireland has evolved into one of the world's most important centres for high-tech businesses. The ICT sector in Ireland is a thriving and growing industry with 9 of the top 10 global ICT companies maintaining a presence in Ireland. The economic contribution of the sector is substantial. The ICT industry is responsible for approximately 25% of Ireland's total turnover, representing one-third of Ireland's exports by value. This ME in Electronic & Computer Engineering is a two-year programme designed to develop professional engineers who can excel in the electronic and computer sectors worldwide. The ME programme is professionally accredited by Engineers Ireland and recognised by the Washington Accord for Chartered Engineer status.

Course Highlight

Delivered by a highly research-intensive School composed of many internationally high-profile academics including five IEEE Fellows. This two-year programme provides 6-8 months' professional work experience as an embedded element of the programme.

Course Content and Structure

- 120 credits taught master's
- 65 credits taught modules
- 25 credits Research Project
- 30 credits Work Experience

Modules may include:

- Advanced Signal Processing
- Analogue Integrated Circuits
- Control Theory
- Data Science in Python
- Digital Communications
- Digital & Embedded Systems
- Entrepreneurship in Engineering
- Information Security
- Information Theory
- Machine Learning for Engineers
- Networks and Internet Systems
- Neural Engineering
- Optimisation Techniques for Engineers
- Professional Engineering Management
- Quantum Computing
- Software Engineering
- RF Electronics
- Wireless Systems

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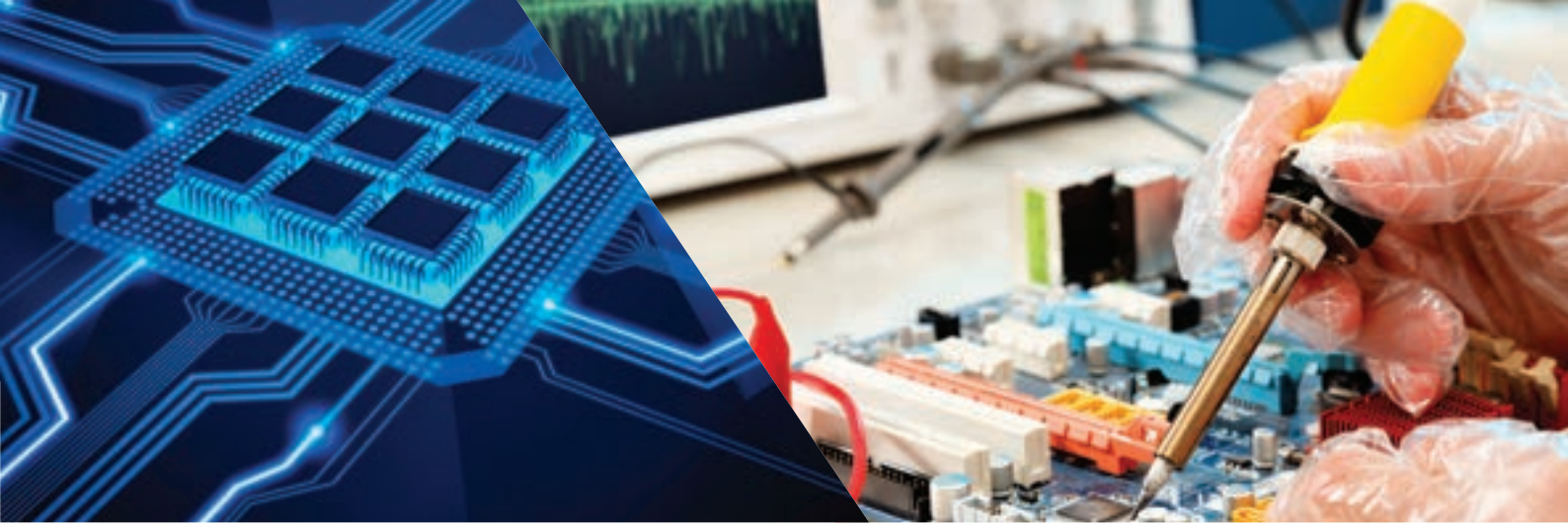

Career Opportunities

There are excellent job opportunities available in the ICT sector in Ireland. The Irish Government is to amend the work permit processing system in a bid to attract overseas workers to fill skill gaps in crucial areas like ICT and engineering. The Government has an ongoing commitment to generate thousands of jobs in the ICT sector every year. At present there are as many as 5,000 job vacancies in Ireland's burgeoning ICT sector and this gap could grow as Ireland hurtles towards becoming the digital capital of Europe. Prospective employers include Accenture, Analog Devices, Intel, Microsoft, SAP, Synopsys and Xilinx.

Graduate Profile

Niamh Kenealy
Associate Digital Design Engineer, Analog Devices

I choose the programme as I believed it would be a great way to progress my career. The opportunity to complete an 8 month internship gave me invaluable experience which helped me with my progression into the workplace environment. Also, I was lucky enough to be offered a role in my internship company, an opportunity I would not have had if I hadn't chosen the ME Programme. Not only that but I was also able to develop my skills in coding using languages such as Python, Java and C, all of which I use in my current role as an Associate Digital Design Engineer. Overall, I could not recommend this programme enough!

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in an Electrical, Electronic or Computer Engineering 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.
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Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- MEngSc Electronic & Computer Engineering
- MSc Advanced Software Engineering
- MSc Computer Science (Negotiated Learning)
- MSc Information Systems

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Course code: T164

ME Energy Systems Engineering

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The ME Energy Systems programme prepares engineers for work in designing and developing future energy systems and aims to deepen understanding of the interactions between these systems and the environment and energy policy, taking account of economic factors. The scope of the programme includes analysis of global energy systems, use of finite natural resources and the impact on climate. It focuses on renewable and other energy sources such as wind, wave, nuclear and solar power and on the conversion, storage and transmission by electrical and other means. The programme will also address the efficient use of energy in buildings, transport and industrial processes, together with the study of other topics such as carbon sequestration.

Candidates who have already completed a 4-year professional engineering bachelor's degree may be eligible for recognition of prior learning, enabling them to complete this programme over 12 months.

Course Highlight

This Masters is a professionally accredited qualification delivered by a school with a long history of innovation. The programme provides the opportunity for a 6-8 month industrial placement as well as an extensive research project.

Course Content and Structure

- 120 credits taught master's
- 60 credits taught modules
- 30 credits Research Project
- 30 credits Work Experience

Modules may include:

- Chemical Processes of Sustainable and Renewable Energy
- Environmental Engineering Fundamentals
- Electrical Energy Systems II
- Energy Systems & Climate Change
- Energy Systems in Buildings II
- Engineering Thermodynamics II
- Fossil Fuels, Carbon Capture & Storage
- Power System Operation
- Professional Engineering Management
- Research Project/Thesis
- Research Skills and Techniques
- Data Analytics for Engineers

Please see online for a full list of optional modules.

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Career Opportunities

Graduates of this ME Energy Systems programme will be equipped with the skill set and knowledge vital for crucial roles in research, design and development in companies in the energy sector. Alumni from this programme have obtained jobs in a wide variety of organisations in Ireland and further afield, the majority in the energy sector. Previous employers of ME in Energy Systems graduates include: Accenture, Arup, Berkeley Lab, Berkeley, Commission for Energy Regulation, Dublin Airport Authority, Intel Ireland Limited, Dalkia Ltd, Dimplex Renewables, Dynapower LLC, Eclareon, EirGrid, ESB International, Exergyn, Enercon GmbH, Imtech, Independent Market Operator, Intel, Irish Cement Limited, Phillips 66 Whitegate Refinery Ltd, KBR, KBR, MCS Kenny, National Grid, Northstar Drillstem Testers, Edmonton, PM Group, PwC, RPS Group, Saudi Aramco, Schletter UK Ltd, Schwenk Zement, Sea Breeze Power Corp, Sellafield Ltd, Trelleborg Marine Systems, and Melbourne.

Graduate Profile

Kaitlyn Moran
Environmental Engineer, IN2 Engineering

My goal in joining the ME Energy Systems Engineering course was to gain a more global understanding of energy: how it's generated, how it's used, and what are the biggest barriers to sustainable development. Throughout my two years in the programme, I was able to delve deeper into these topics and more. In addition to interesting classes, the internship allowed me to explore a new facet (for me) of energy systems: buildings. Working as part of a team to deliver projects, I gained technical expertise as well as expanded professional development. The internship experience helped me immensely in securing a job prior to graduation. I greatly enjoyed my time at UCD and highly recommend this programme to anyone interested in energy!

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in Mechanical, Electrical or Electronic Engineering.
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ME Engineering with Business

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

Engineering is viewed by many as an ideal preparation for a career in business or management. The ME in Engineering with Business offers a unique opportunity for engineering students to complement their technical expertise with a deep understanding of the business and management aspects of engineering practice such as operations, human resources, marketing and strategy. As a result, graduates will develop a distinctively cross-disciplinary perspective, which is essential to a successful career in business. If you have a mechanical, civil, electrical or electronics background and you plan to practise engineering in a business context, then the ME (Engineering with Business) is an excellent choice for you. The programme is the only business-oriented master's programme accredited by Engineers Ireland for Chartered Engineering status.

Course Highlight

This programme is delivered in conjunction with the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School, Ireland's leading business school, which is ranked 29th in Europe by the Financial Times. The programme was also previously voted GradIreland Engineering Postgraduate Course of the Year.

Course Content and Structure

- **50 credits** Engineering modules
- **30 credits** Business modules
- **40 credits** Live Learning

Live Learning: This programme offers students the opportunity to complete a 6-month work placement, where students' technical and business knowledge can be applied and developed in a dynamic real-world setting. This is then followed by an industry-focused research project which combines academic and practice-based learning.

Business and engineering Modules

- Business Information Systems Management
- Data Analytics for Engineers
- Professional Engineering Management
- Entrepreneurship in Action
- Marketing Management
- Operations Management
- Management and Organisational Behaviour
- Introduction to Robotics
- Engineering Decision Support Systems
- Supply Chain Design & Analysis
- Engineering Project Management

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Career Opportunities

The ME in Engineering with Business is designed to produce fully qualified engineers who have a particular interest in and understanding of the business context within which engineers usually operate. It was conceived to address the perceived lack of industry-ready engineers coming out of third-level education. Career opportunities are very broad as the ME degree positions the student not as a narrow technical specialist but as a multi-skilled engineer, combining specialist skills with a broad understanding of the business environment. In addition to careers within their technical specialisations, graduates can consider careers in commercial roles, management consulting, the financial sector or IT. Previous employers of alumni include: Accenture, Abbvie, Boston Scientific, Deloitte, Intel, Jaguar UK, MSD Carlow, PJ Walls, PM Group, RPS Consulting, and SAP.

Graduate Profile

Rachel Ward
Johnson & Johnson

This master's programme is quite unique and allowed me the opportunity to interview for roles both in Ireland and overseas, eventually allowing me to secure a job in a pharmaceutical company abroad, which I could never have imagined before beginning this programme. This master's has provided me with the tools to confidently pursue my goals. UCD has offered me everything I could have hoped for in terms of a memorable college experience; from industry exposure and challenging classes to pushing me to think as both an engineer and a businesswoman. I encourage anyone interested in broadening their knowledge and getting noticed on an international stage to strongly consider this programme.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's' degree with a first class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in Mechanical, Civil, Electrical or Electronic Engineering.
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Course codes: T275

ME Materials Science & Engineering

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

Materials Science and Engineering is an interdisciplinary field investigating the relationship between the structure of materials at atomic or molecular scales and their macroscopic properties. ME Materials Science and Engineering Programme assists manufacturing-based engineering by training students for work in industry sectors as diverse as biomedical, energy, electronic, automotive and aerospace.

This programme's aim is to provide advanced engineering education in subject areas related to design and application of materials such as metals, ceramics, polymers, composites and semi-conductors.

The core knowledge in this field is essential in currently evolving advanced technologies such as additive manufacturing (also known as 3D-Printing) and nanotechnology.

Course Highlight

The programme is professionally dual accredited by both the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3) and Engineers Ireland. The programme provides professional work placements for a duration of 6-8 months in Irish industry which includes companies in biomedical, aerospace, energy and electronic sectors.

Course Content and Structure

- **120 credits**
  taught master's
- **60 credits**
  taught modules
- **30 credits**
  Research Project
- **30 credits**
  Work Experience

Modules may include:

- Advanced Polymer Engineering
- Fracture Mechanics
- Materials Thermodynamics and Kinetics
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Professional Engineering (Finance)
- Solid State Devices
- Technical Ceramics
- Bio-material Interactions
- Nanomaterials
- Advanced Metals Processing
- Energy Systems and Climate Change
- Biomaterials
- Computational Continuum Mechanics I
- Manufacturing Engineering II
- Medical Device Design
- Applied Chemistry: Selected Frontiers Areas
- Professional Engineering (Management)
- Professional Engineering (Finance)

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IOM3 Accredited Programme

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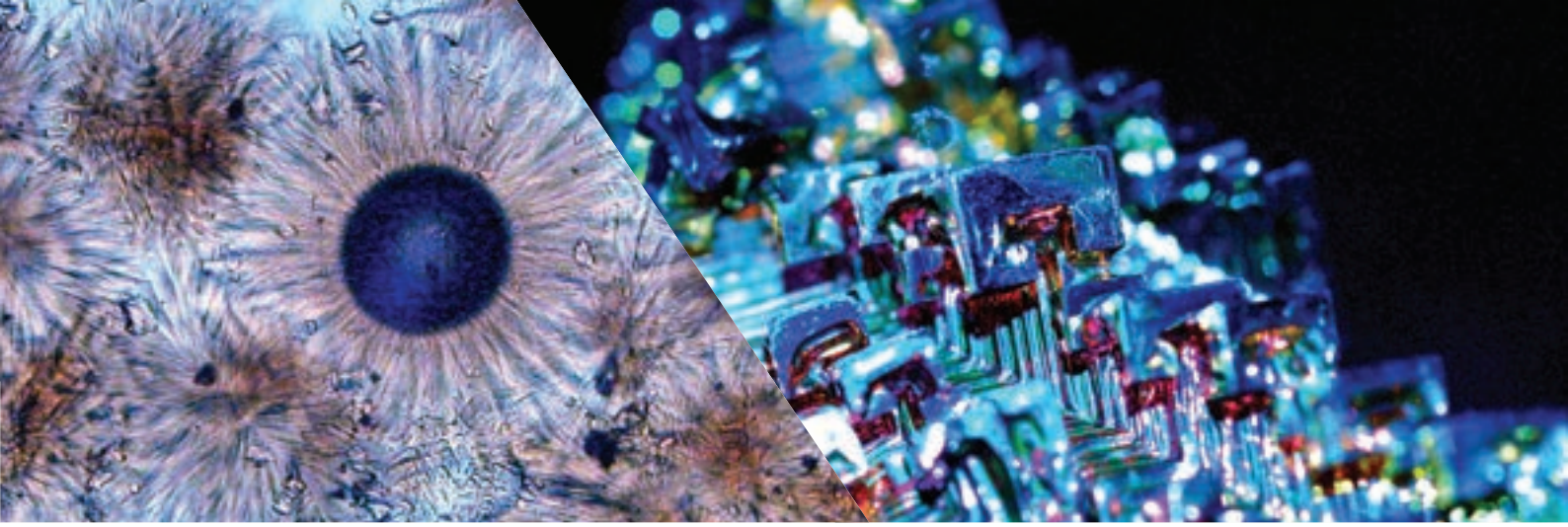

Career Opportunities

Graduate of the ME Materials Science and Engineering programme can look forward to limitless employment opportunities in leading companies of the manufacturing, biomedical, aerospace, energy and electronic sectors. Manufacturing accounts for 24% of Irish economic output and employs 20% of the Irish workforce directly or indirectly. Ireland's aerospace and aviation industry is worth over €4.1 billion to the Irish economy, and there are more than 250 companies involved in the aerospace, aviation and space sectors in Ireland, providing employment for around 42,000 full-time workers. Moreover, Ireland hosts 18 of the world's top 25 medtech companies and a multi-national semi-conductor manufacturing company (Intel Leixlip), overall employing over 40,000 people. UCD materials graduates have taken up roles such as data scientist, manufacturing engineer, development engineer, and research engineer, in different industrial sectors including aerospace (General Electric, Rolls Royce, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics), electronics (Intel), biomedical (Boston Scientific, Stryker, DePuy Synthes) and energy (Siemens).

Graduate Profile

Stefano Palazzo
General Electric

I chose this programme because of its international nature and the wide range of modules offered, allowing me to tailor my academic experience to my envisioned education path. The broad exposure to different areas, from mechanics-oriented to health-related applications of materials, and from the energy sector to finance, provided me with an all-round education essential for a contemporary engineer and helped me move towards my career ambitions. The industrial placement helped me gain invaluable soft and hard skills that I could immediately put into practice in the job market and complemented the academic offer of the programme. There, I experienced first-hand how an innovative and high-tech company works, making it easier to transition to my first job at General Electric, where I currently work as a Materials Applications Engineer.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a relevant Engineering, Science or Technology 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.
- Students who do not meet the IELTS requirement may wish to consider taking the Pre-Sessional or Pre-Master's Pathway. Full details www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathways/

International Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/ for further information.

Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- ME Mechanical Engineering
- MEngSc Materials Science & Engineering

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Course code: T165

ME Mechanical Engineering

Two Years Full Time (September start)

Introduction

The ME in Mechanical Engineering is a two-year professional engineering graduate degree. Graduates of the programme will be eligible for the title of Chartered Engineer (CEng). This programme is aimed at graduate Mechanical Engineers seeking to obtain a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. You will gain advanced theoretical, conceptual and practical knowledge in the application of Mechanical Engineering. Emphasis is placed on the skills required to generate new knowledge through research.

This is achieved through independent and project-based learning while working with UCD academics and researchers on contemporary research projects.

The programme foundations are the core mechanical engineering subjects such as continuum mechanics, solid mechanics, fluid mechanics, thermodynamics and materials and is comprised of core and optional taught modules., a research project and a professional work experience.

Course Highlight

This ME is professionally accredited by Engineers Ireland and recognised by the Washington Accord for Chartered Engineer status. The programme provides the opportunity for a 6-8 month industrial placement as well as an extensive research project.

Course Content and Structure

- **120 credits** taught master's
- **65 credits** taught modules
- **25 credits** Research Project
- **30 credits** Work Experience

Core modules include:

- Computational Continuum Mechanics I
- Computational Continuum Mechanics II
- Control Theory and/or Process Control
- Engineering Thermodynamics III
- Fracture Mechanics
- Manufacturing Engineering II
- Mechanics of Fluids II
- Mechanics of Fluids III
- Mechanics of Solids III
- Online Research Skills and Techniques
- Professional Engineering Management

Optional modules may include:

- Advanced Composites and Polymers
- Advanced Metals and Materials Processing
- Data Analytics for Engineers
- Energy Systems and Climate Change
- Heat Transfer
- Engineering Decision Support Systems
- Engineering Project Management
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Numerical Algorithm
- Operations Management
- Quantitative Methods for Engineers
- Technical Ceramics

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Career Opportunities

In the year immediately after graduation, this programme boasts a 95% success rate for graduates seeking employment or progression to research education. Mechanical engineers are at the centre of every area of technology. Graduates from this programme will be eligible to become fully qualified professional engineers, capable of working anywhere in the world at an advanced technical level or as a professional engineering manager. In the recent past, UCD ME Mechanical Engineering graduates have progressed to careers in industries such as: aerospace industry (e.g., European Space Agency), automobile industry (e.g., Denso, Ferrari, Ford, Jaguar, Land Rover), biomedical industry (e.g., Boston Scientific, Medtronic, Stryker), oil and gas (Cameron), and materials and manufacturing (Henkel, Kingspan).

Graduate Profile

Cathal McClean
ORIX Aviation

In the first year of the master's I was able to spend eight months in an aircraft maintenance organisation, which gave great context to the theory learned in classroom modules. Following on from this, I was fortunate enough to do a research thesis on the topic of fracture of composites, a material used extensively in aircraft structure. UCD Mechanical Engineering is broad enough to give you the range and choice of topics to really pursue an area of interest to you. Whether you are interested in fluid dynamics, or control systems, or micro manufacturing, or 3D printing, the framework is there to pursue these areas.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minimum upper second class honour (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent and the appropriate prior learning.
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- ME Energy Systems
- ME Materials Science & Engineering
- MEngSc Materials Science & Engineering

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MSc Sustainability Engineering Leadership

Two Years Full-Time (September start)

Introduction

Sustainability is on the agenda for many engineering sectors. All sectors are responding to sustainability goals, with many organisations setting targets to be achieved by 2030 for compliance, consumer or market retention purposes.

Consultation with a range of engineering industry stakeholders has identified that there is a deficit of expertise in the market to address the implementation and leadership of sustainability agendas, however the scale and speed of the change required is urgent.

This unique full-time MSc Double Degree between UCD and Northeastern University is a comprehensive programme designed to equip graduates with the necessary skills and knowledge to become leaders in engineering sustainability across various sectors. It focuses on quantifying the sustainability of products, processes, and systems, identifying areas for improvement, and devising, managing and leading measures for implementation to enhance sustainability.

The programme addresses the growing Global demand for sustainability expertise in the labour market.

Course Content

120 credits over 2 years full-time.

60 credits (equivalent) taken in Year 1 at Northeastern University and 60 credits taken in Year 2 at UCD.

Industry Learning:

Students will be able to take advantage of Northeastern's world-renowned Co-op program to work directly with companies, organisations, and/or researchers in the United States tackling real-world challenges in sustainability. This is then followed by an industry-focused Capstone project which combines academic and practice-based learning.

Course Highlights

- **Unique Double Degree between UCD and Northeastern University equipping students with the Global context in Engineering Sustainability.**
- **There is very significant industry demand for engineers and scientists with knowledge on methods to quantify sustainability for internal benchmarking, process improvement, and reporting purposes. Upon completion of this MSc programme, graduates will have the skills needed to lead the sustainability agenda for a company either individually or as part of a team.**
- **This programme is delivered by a highly research-intensive school, which has a significant focus on sustainability. An example of this research activity is the coordination of the 4 million euro EU AgRefine Innovative Marie Sklodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network to develop a Disruptive Innovative Circular Economic (DICE) education, training and skills development programme rolling out the next generation of Agri Biorefinery and Valorisation Bioeconomy leaders.**

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Career Opportunities

This MSc will produce graduates with the capability to become leaders in sustainability implementation who can apply their skills in a wide range of sectors, for production companies, local authorities, design and consulting companies etc., driving the transition to a sustainable and circular economy in Ireland, the United States, and globally. Typical employers include:

- Wind power development - Siemens
- Sustainability manager - Uisce Eireann
- Product licensing and sustainability compliance - Trifol
- Carbon measurements and sustainability - La Roba Energy
- Design of solar installations - Microtek Solar Solutions (India)
- Sustainability assessments - RPS Consulting Engineers
- Energy advisory - Aurora Energy

Entry Requirements

Bachelor's Degree: A Bachelor's degree with minimum 2:1 award (NFQ level 8) or international equivalence in engineering, physical science or an environmental related degree programme.

Minimum English language requirements will apply. Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency according to the English language requirements for degree courses at UCD which are listed here:

Testimonial

Assistant Professor Fionnuala Murphy, Program Director

"This collaborative Double Degree between UCD and Northeastern University will give students a unique perspective of the US and European contexts in Engineering for Sustainability. The programme covers a wide range of topics, including Sustainability Assessment, Climate and Energy Technologies, Sustainable Resource Management, and core modules on leadership and project management. By integrating theory with real-world case studies and using innovative blended delivery formats, the program ensures that graduates acquire the necessary skills to make a tangible impact in driving the transition to a zero-carbon economy. Graduates of this programme will benefit from enhanced career prospects and opportunities. By acquiring the skills to quantify sustainability, identify improvement areas, and manage and lead sustainability implementation measures, they will be well-positioned to lead sustainability agendas within their organisations. The increasing focus on sustainability by businesses and organisations, driven by compliance requirements, consumer demands, and market retention strategies, creates a high demand for professionals with expertise in sustainability implementation."

Programme Outcomes

Advanced knowledge, climate literacy and systematic understanding of the sciences, engineering sciences and technologies underpinning the concept of environmental sustainability.

The ability to identify, formulate and critically analyse processes and technologies for implementation of sustainability.

The ability to apply knowledge to quantify the environmental sustainability of products, process and systems using analysis and interpretation of relevant data.

An understanding of the need for high ethical standards in the practice of engineering, including the responsibilities of the engineering profession towards people and the environment.

The ability to work effectively as an individual, as part of a team and in multidisciplinary settings, and to act as a change agent within organisations to lead and integrate sustainability implementation initiatives.

The ability to communicate and lead effectively on implementation of sustainable engineering practices within organisations and within society at large.

The ability to integrate literature data with your own work to advance you understanding of a subject and to generate new knowledge through synthesis, critical analysis or research into a subject.

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Course code: T427

Graduate Certificate Life Cycle Assessment for Sustainable Materials & Energy

9 Months Part-Time (September Start)

Introduction

The Graduate Certificate in Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) for Sustainable Materials and Energy is designed to address the growing need for professionals capable of conducting holistic environmental impact assessments. As industries shift towards net-zero emissions, resource efficiency, and circular economy models, decision-makers must consider a broader range of sustainability indicators, including water consumption, resource depletion, energy demand, land use, biodiversity impacts, and social and economic sustainability metrics.

This programme provides a deeper, more comprehensive approach to sustainability assessment compared to traditional carbon footprinting. Participants will gain technical expertise in multi-criteria environmental impact assessments, using internationally recognised methodologies to evaluate trade-offs between climate impact, resource efficiency, pollution, ecosystem degradation, and socio-economic factors.

The program provides training in ISO standard methods for Life Cycle Assessment (ISO 14040/44), the EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD). It integrates circularity metrics, life cycle-based sustainability strategies, and sustainable energy assessments, equipping graduates with the knowledge to support evidence-based decision-making.

Resources

This programme is delivered by a highly research-intensive school, with circa €5 million research funding awarded annually.

As part of the School of Biosystems and Food Engineering faculty there are four Highly Cited Researchers- Prof Paula Bourke, Prof Da-Wen Sun, Prof Colm O'Donnell and Prof Enda Cummins

Course Content/Structure

NFQ: Level 9
Credits:
30 credits, taught modules. 15 credits in the Autumn trimester and 15 in the Spring trimester
Online delivery of modules, with live calls in the afternoon and evening. Opportunity to follow programme through recordings.

Modules include
Life Cycle Assessment (BSEN30360):
This module provides a comprehensive introduction to Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), equipping students with the skills to evaluate the environmental impact of products, processes, and systems.
Sustainable Energy & Environment (BSEN40480):
This module explores the relationship between energy systems, environmental sustainability, and climate policy. Students will gain an understanding of renewable and non-renewable energy sources and the role of energy efficiency in achieving climate goals.
LCA Applications (BSEN40400):
Building on the foundational concepts of Life Cycle Assessment, this module focuses on the practical application in real-world scenarios. Students will conduct detailed life cycle assessments on products, processes, and systems, applying industry-leading LCA software tools.

Sustainable Development Goals:

SDG 7 & 9
This certification plays a key role in SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) by covering Sustainable Energy & Environment (BSEN40480) and Green Technologies (BSEN40210). The Life Cycle Assessment (BSEN30360) and Circularity Metrics modules advance.

SDG 12 & 13
(Responsible Consumption and Production) and SDG 13 (Climate Action) by ensuring sustainable production and reducing environmental impacts

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Programme Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding:
Explain and apply the theory of life cycle assessment (LCA).

Applying knowledge and understanding:
Collect data and conduct a multi-criteria LCA of an extant product, process or service using ISO 14040/44 standards, including inventory development, impact assessment (LCIA), and interpretation.
Use LCA software tools to model and analyse life cycle impacts, compare alternatives, and support data-driven decision-making.
Quantify environmental impacts across at least four relevant impact categories, such as carbon footprint, resource depletion, water consumption, and land use, relevant to the company/sector.

Making judgements:
Evaluate the environmental performance of materials, energy systems, and technologies, including renewable energy sources and sustainable materials.

Communications and working skills; Learning skills:
Prepare a report summarising the methodologies used, the sustainability assessment, and recommendations for impact reduction, in line with relevant ISO standards and international best practices.

Career Opportunities

While carbon footprinting is widely recognised as a priority, industries increasingly require specialists who can assess broader environmental impacts, social responsibility, and economic viability.

It is particularly relevant for individuals pursuing careers in LCA consulting, sustainability management, environmental engineering, materials science, and corporate sustainability strategy. Additionally, professionals in manufacturing, energy, construction, and supply chain management will gain the skills necessary to evaluate and improve the sustainability of products, processes, and services.

Entry Requirements

- Applicants should hold a NFQ Level 8 (or International equivalent) Bachelor's Degree with minimum 2:1 award (NFQ level 8) or international equivalence in engineering, physical science or an environmental related degree programme.
- Minimum English language requirements will apply. The English language requirements for degree courses at UCD are listed at: www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/ucdenglishlanguagerequirements/

Graduate Profile

Miriam Keegan,
Sustainable Fashion Educator, Designer, Business Strategist & Advocate.

Taking part in the Carbon Accounting and Life Cycle Assessment programme was a turning point in my career. I focused my work on the fashion industry, and this course really propelled me forward – deepening my understanding of the environmental impact of clothing and equipping me with the tools to make real change.

It helped me grow my expertise in the life cycle of garments and strengthened my ability to support more sustainable practices across the industry. The course gave me both the knowledge and the confidence to push further in my work and I'm incredibly grateful for that.

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Course code: T423

Graduate Certificate Carbon & Climate Assessment

9 Months Part-Time (September Start)

Introduction

The Graduate Certificate in Carbon and Climate Assessment is designed to meet the growing demand for professionals who can assess carbon emissions in line with national and international climate policies.

This programme aims to equip participants with labour market-relevant skills to meet these demands. The program provides training in ISO standard methods for carbon footprinting (ISO 14067) and GHG inventory (ISO 14064), which are increasingly required in commercial and regulatory settings. It also integrates sustainability and circular economy principles, enabling graduates to address carbon reduction challenges within their organizations.

This program is open to a diverse range of learners, including students, recent graduates, and those looking to build new skills in response to the evolving job market. It is particularly relevant for individuals seeking careers in corporate sustainability, environmental consulting, engineering, policy-making, and carbon management, but is equally valuable for students in any discipline who want to incorporate sustainability and climate knowledge into their studies or future careers.

This part time programme is delivered online, allowing participants to join from across Ireland and abroad.

Resources

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Course Content and Structure

NFQ: Level 9
Credits:
30 credits, taught modules. 15 credits in the Autumn trimester and 15 in the Spring trimester Online delivery of modules, with live calls in the afternoon and evening. Opportunity to follow programme through recordings.

Modules include
Carbon Foot printing (BSEN40820)

Carbon & Sustainability (BSEN40790)

Greenhouse Gas Accounting (BSEN40810)

Sustainable Development Goals:

SDG 13
This certification directly supports SDG 13 (Climate Action) by providing expertise in carbon footprinting (BSEN40820), GHG accounting (BSEN40810), and sustainability strategies (BSEN40720).

SDG 12
The inclusion of Circular Economy and Bioeconomy Principles aligns with SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), promoting sustainable resource management.

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Programme Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding:
Explain and apply the principles of carbon footprinting and greenhouse gas (GHG) accounting.

Applying knowledge and understanding:
Collect data and quantify GHG emissions at the organisational level using the ISO 14064 framework.
Collect data and calculate the carbon footprint of an existing or market-ready product using the ISO 14067 framework.

Making judgements:
Analyse inventory and impact data to identify emissions hotspots, assess key environmental issues, draw conclusions and propose potential mitigation strategies.
Evaluate and recommend strategies based on sustainability and circular economy principles, including carbon offsetting, emissions reduction planning, and sustainable procurement.

Communications and working skills; Learning skills:
Prepare a report summarising carbon footprints, methodologies used, and recommendations for emissions reduction, in line with relevant ISO standards and international best practices

Career Opportunities

Upon completion, graduates will be well-prepared for careers in sustainability strategy, environmental compliance, carbon footprinting, and GHG accounting across corporate, consultancy, governmental, and non-profit sectors.

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Graduate Profile

Ita White, Senior Research Officer, Teagasc Food Research Centre

I chose to study the Graduate Diploma in Carbon accounting and Life Cycle Assessment as I wanted to upskill on my return to work following a career break.

The Programme covers a number of methods to assess climate impact and I enjoyed the variety of teaching and learning approaches employed.

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Course code: T384

Graduate Diploma in Carbon Accounting & Life Cycle Assessment

One Year Part Time (September start)

Introduction

Climate change, environment, and Corporate Social Responsibility are creating an ever increasing demand for employees with skills in carbon footprinting, GHG accounting, and Life Cycle Assessment. Drivers of this demand are the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (particularly understanding and managing scope 3 emissions), the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (2021) Act, Future Jobs initiative "transition to low carbon economy' and Ireland's National Plan on Corporate Social Responsibility. This programme provides the competency, knowledge and skills required to work with ISO standard methods for carbon footprinting, GHG inventory and life cycle assessment in a commercial environment.

Course Delivery

All lectures, tutorials and practicals can be completed online, with the option of attending some on campus The lectures are recorded to accommodate students' needs, so you can review them at your convenience if you're unable to attend live sessions. The workload is around 6-9 contact hours plus time to work on assignments per week between September and April. In May a similar amount of time is dedicated to project work.

Course Content and Structure

- **60 credits total**
- **15 credits**
  Autumn Trimester
- **15 credits**
  Spring Trimester
- **30 credits**
  Industry Project

- Theory based on relevant ISO standards for industry applicability.
- Learn to define a project, collect data, appropriate calculations, analysis, reporting and communication using real-world examples.
- Problem-based learning and miniprojects will be used to ensure applicability and success.

Modules offered:

- Life Cycle Assessment
- LCA Applications
- Carbon & Sustainability
- Industry Project
- GHG Accounting
- Carbon Footprinting

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Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Carbon Accounting & Life Cycle Assessment can find employment as:

- Sustainability team member or leader
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Energy management
- Consulting
- Sourcing and Procurement

Students also have the opportunity to become job ready by putting theory into practice by finishing with a commercial standard project for a product or organisation in the market. Example employers looking for the skills provided include, Veolia, Arup, Codema and RPS.

Entry Requirements

- Level 8 honours degree in a relevant subject

  or

- More than 5 years' relevant professional experience

- Application Assessment: Applications may include a short 10-minute interview.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees.

Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- MEngSc Food Engineering
- Grad Dip Environmental Sustainability Implementation

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Teagasc Food Research Centre

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Course code: T412

Professional Certificate Manufacturing of Cell & Gene Therapies and Vaccines

Six Months Part Time (January start)

Introduction

Ireland has a strong reputation as a Centre of Excellence for biopharmaceutical production. All of the top 10 global pharmaceutical companies have a presence in Ireland and the sector as a whole employs over 30,000 people and contributes €54 billion in exports. There has been significant, sustained investment in recent years and this is set to continue due to the benefits which companies see in our highly skilled workforce, proven track record and the supportive ecosystem.

Vaccines and cell and gene therapies (CGTs) are an emerging and rapidly growing area of interest and Ireland is poised to continue expansion of manufacturing into this exciting area. This programme will provide students with an appreciation of the science and challenges associated with CGT and vaccine manufacture as part of their continuing professional development (CPD) and support them to pursue a successful career in the field.

Course Highlight

The programme and its academic faculty are closely linked with the National Institute for Bioprocess Research and Training (NIBRT) which is a global centre of excellence for training and research in biomanufacturing. Content will be delivered by a blend of industrial leaders and academic experts using a hybrid approach ensuring a high quality, relevant curriculum accessible both in person and remotely.

Course Content and Structure

The Professional Certificate comprises 15 credits of modules (three modules). The modules will be delivered in a hybrid format with the option to attend in-person lectures on the UCD campus or to study remotely. Lectures will take place on Friday evenings from 2 - 6 pm over the Spring trimester (12 weeks, Jan - May).

Further Study

The credits gained can be used toward further postgraduate qualifications offered by UCD should participants wish to pursue a higher qualification e.g. Graduate Certificate (30 credits) / Graduate Diploma (60 credits)/ MEngSc in Biopharmaceutical Engineering (90 credits).

Modules offered:

- Cell Therapy Technologies and Processing
- Gene Therapy and Vaccine Technologies and Processing
- GMP Manufacturing of Advanced Therapeutics

Why study at UCD?

Tradition

Established 1854, with over 170 years of teaching & research excellence

Employability

UCD is ranked in the top 100 worldwide at 88th globally for employability outcomes for graduating students.

Global profile

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

Global careers

Dedicated careers support; 2-year stayback visa to work in Ireland

Career Opportunities

The Professional Certificate is suitable for Science and Engineering graduates currently working in the biopharmaceutical industry or looking to move into the sector, who wish to expand their skill set to take advantage of the growth in the vaccine, and cell and gene therapies space. The number of companies active in this area is currently growing with Pfizer, Takeda, WuXi, MeiraGTx, VLE, Avectas, Onk and Orbsen Therapeutics leading the way.

Graduate Testimonial

Dennis Golchert
Associate Director, Pharmaceutical Product Development and Supply
Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine

I have worked in the synthetic molecule space for more than two decades and am interested in finding out more about the up and coming modalities of Cell and Gene Therapies, and also mRNA Vaccines, which gained household awareness during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Professional Certificate at UCD offered an introductory course into these (and more) areas with expert tutelage and with the option of later expanding into a full Masters program. The online lessons could be aligned with my work commitments, allowing regular attendance to lectures and case studies, though I recommend visiting UCD at least once to meet the course leaders and to tour the world class facilities at NIBRT. The course has opened up several opportunities within my career path that were previously not possible and I am exploring where these will lead in the future. Overall, I would thoroughly recommend this course to anyone wanting to upskill their career or to broaden their knowledge into the exciting new space of Cell and Gene Therapies.

Applicant Profile

- Applicants must hold an honours undergraduate degree (NFQ level 8) with a minimum upper second class honours or international equivalence in a relevant Engineering, Science or Technology programme. However, all applicants will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and relevant or extensive work experience will be taken into account.
- 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.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees.

Facilities & Resources

Teaching will take place in parallel in-person on the UCD campus and online. Students will have an opportunity to tour the NIBRT facility which is a purpose-built, multi-functional building replicating the most modern industrial bioprocessing facility. The total building area is approximately 6,500 m² over two floors.

Related Master's Programmes of Interest

- MEngSc Biopharmaceutical part-time
- MEngSc Biopharmaceutical full-time
- MEngSc Chemical Engineering

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This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at **www.ucd.ie/apply**

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UCD Engineering Micro-credentials

Module Title*	Subject Area	Credit	Level	Duration	Delivery	Intake
How Sustainable is my Food?	Discovery	5	7	12 weeks	Online	Jan
Biomass innovation & business	Biosystems Engineering	5	9	12 weeks	Online	Jan
Carbon Footprinting	Biosystems Engineering	5	9	12 weeks	Online	Sep
Systems Innovation for Sustainable Farming	Biosystems Engineering	5	8	10 weeks	Online + Site visits	May
Sustainable Energy & Environmental Impact	Biosystems Engineering	10	9	12 weeks	Online	Sep
IoT and cloud platforms in AgriFood Production	Biosystems Engineering	5	9	12 weeks	Online	Jan
Intro to GHG Accounting	Biosystems Engineering	5	8	12 weeks	Online	Sep
Intro to Environmental Footprinting	Biosystems Engineering	5	8	12 weeks	Online	Sep
Electricity Grid Operation	Electrical Engineering	5	9	10 weeks	Online	Oct
Grid Engineering & Modelling	Electrical Engineering	5	9	10 weeks	Online	Sep
Digital Signal Processing CPD	Electronic Engineering	10	9	12 weeks	Online	Sep
Industrial Data Analytics	Digital Manufacturing	5	9	12 weeks	Online	Sep
Engineering Project Management	Digital Manufacturing	5	9	12 weeks	Online	Jan

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