



Landscapes and Society

The BSc Landscapes and Society provides a unique interdisciplinary combination of natural and cultural perspectives on the formation, cultural significance and management of the landscape. Students will bring together the archival strengths of History, the spatial expertise of Geography, and the material analytical approaches of Archaeology to develop understandings of how the landscape shapes humans at the same time as humans shape the landscape. Students will learn in the classroom, field, laboratory and archives. The programme has clear links to the expanding Heritage sector and students will develop a range of transferable skills.

Students will study modules in Archaeology, Geography and History as well as interdisciplinary modules designed specifically for this programme. This will include key methods and principles of the three disciplines, drawing on Irish and international case studies and standards. Teaching will include classroom based learning, laboratory and field components, with an emphasis on high levels of student engagement, culminating in a student-led interdisciplinary research project in the final year of the programme. A range of assessment types including essays, reviews, portfolios, lab reports, projects, exams and substantial independent research will be undertaken.

Careers with Landscapes and Society

As well as developing a deeper understanding of the relationships between humans and their environments through space and time, there is a strong emphasis within this programme on developing the documentary, archival, cartographic and fieldwork skills of students. This range of skills relevant to Archaeology, Geography and History are relevant to a range of careers, and are complemented by the core transferable skills of writing, research, analysis, critical thinking and oral communication that are key elements of this programme.

Graduates of this programme will be well placed for employment in a range of careers or for further study. The emphasis on understanding dynamic human-environment interactions is relevant to careers in planning, heritage management, sustainability or to postgraduate work in any of the three disciplines. Other potential careers include: secondary school teaching, the archaeology profession, the museum sector, Geographic Information systems, research careers, surveying, cartography, archive and library work, as well as consultancy roles in both the public and private sector.

What our Students Say

Studying this combination of subjects was not only academically beneficial but very exciting. Although each discipline has its own unique characteristics, they perfectly complemented each other, which meant that studying one subject strongly promoted my development in the others. As a result of the great variety of modules offered, I could always find the ones that matched my interests and I could gain and develop strong critical and analytical skills through courses that I truly enjoyed. During my time as a student, I received incredible support from the teaching and technical staff, who went far beyond my expectations. I would recommend this combination of courses to anyone who is interested in both environmental and social sciences.

Csaba Horvath
Archaeology and Geography Student



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Year 1

Engage with the Principles

Exploring Archaeology

Creating History

Mapping Your World

Making the Irish Landscape

Anthropology

Intro Archaeology Ireland

Modern Europe

People, Place and Regions

Year 2

Deepen Your Understanding

Archaeology of Landscapes

Living History

Geographic Information Systems

Historical Geography

Archaeology of Things

Early Medieval Ireland

Islam & Christianity

World Urbanisation

Many additional specialist options are available in Year 3 and Year 4 and options are reviewed and updated regularly.

Year 3

Refine your Knowledge

Landscapes and Society

Irish Urban History 1500–1800

Florence: A History

Geographies of Human-Environment Interactions

Techniques and Fieldwork in Physical Geography

Wetland Archaeology

How Archaeologists Think

Year 4

Further Specialisation

Dissertation

Ideas in Geography

Heritage Management

Living on the Edge: Ireland and Empire AD 400–700

History of the British Atlantic, 1607–1776

River Catchment Management

Historical Geography of Ireland in the 19th century

Archaeology and the Public

Science in Archaeology

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UCD Graduate Study and Career Opportunities

Specialise in Archaeology, History or Geography with UCD

MA Archaeology | MSc Urban Environment
 MSc Experimental Archaeology
 MSc World Heritage Management
 MA History | MA Geography
 MA European History | MA in Public History
 MSc Geographies of the Global South
 MA Geopolitics and the Global Economy

MLitt | PhD

Research & Academia

Complementary/Conversion Master's Degrees

MSc Environmental Policy
 MSc Information Systems
 MSc Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development
 MSc Management
 MSc International Management
 MSc Marketing
 MSc Marketing Practice
 Master of Public Policy
 MSc Digital Curation
 MSc Computer Science
 Masters in Common Law

Shape your Career

Secondary School Teacher
 Archaeologist
 Cartographer/Surveyor
 Archivist/Libraries
 Geographic Information Systems
 Planning
 Policy and Environmental Consultancy
 Environmental NGOs
 Corporate Environmental Responsibility
 Arts and Education Policymaking
 Environmental Policymaking