



University College Dublin

Architecture & Planning Study Abroad Programme

Includes programmes in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Policy

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

The courses are all professionally accredited by their respective institutes. Architecture is the only school in Ireland accredited by both the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA); it is currently in the process of seeking Substantial Equivalency Status from the National Architectural Accrediting Board (United States). Landscape Architecture Programme is accredited by the Irish Landscape Institute (ILI) and recognised by the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA Europe). Planning is accredited by the Irish Planning Institute (IPI) and the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).



Subject Choices

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

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

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

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

Module Information and Assessment

At UCD we call classes/courses 'modules'. Details of modules are available to browse on UCD's online course catalogue at www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm.

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

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





Student Testimonial



Marina Williams,

University of San Francisco,
Architecture Student, Fall 2015

"I have had unforgettable experiences here in Ireland and at UCD. The architecture program here is very different from the one I'm in back at home so it took a lot of hard work and getting used to, but I made it through and learned so much about myself and what I'm capable of in the process. You have to learn a whole new way of doing things when you go to school in a different country because the teaching style and class formatting is so different, but it's a nice change from what you're used to and challenges you to be more independent. Everyone at UCD is so friendly it makes it much easier to adapt. The advising staff is so helpful and responsive it makes the transition process so smooth, from getting things figured out before you come to UCD, to getting adjusted while you're here. Choosing Ireland for study abroad was the best decision I could've made. It is an experience I will always cherish and carry with me throughout all the new experiences that are to come."



Programme Supports

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

Peer Mentors

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

Academic Mentors

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

Credit Transfer

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

Eligibility

THE MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT IS 3.00
(Bachelors degree)

Applications are made on-line at
www.ucd.ie/apply

Application Deadlines:

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

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