Subject Choices

The UCD School of Architecture’s modules offer Study Abroad students excellent opportunities to enhance their knowledge in all fields of Architecture from technical (Architectural Technologies, Structures, Environmental Science) to cultural (Architectural History & Theory, Ecology, Conservation) and managerial (Professional Studies). Study Abroad students may also gain design studio experience.

The UCD School of Architecture offers programmes in:
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture

The Design Studio lies at the heart of the UCD Architecture Programme. In keeping with the School’s overarching aim of producing architecture in context, the studio course invites students to engage with the various frameworks within which an architectural project takes shape.

Architecture Study Abroad students have the opportunity to choose from two Architecture Studio modules (15-ECTS credit Design Studio module for students from Accredited Architecture Programmes or the 10-ECTS credit Design Studio for those who are non-Accredited Architecture major students) and from all lecture-based Architecture modules.

Students may also have the opportunity to take part in Architecture 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 ie in December and May.

The UCD Architecture Study Abroad Programme offers visiting students the opportunity to be part of the longest running Architecture programme in Ireland having celebrated 100 years of Architecture Excellence in 2011/12.

It is the only School of Architecture in Ireland accredited by the professional institutes of both Ireland and Britain; the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) respectively. In addition, the School is currently in the process of seeking US accreditation from the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).
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 15th

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Programme Supports

The UCD Architecture 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 Architecture 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 and have spent some time studying in the US or abroad and will be able to understand the needs and aspirations of Architecture Study Abroad students.

Academic Mentors

The UCD School of Architecture has a dedicated academic staff member who mentors our 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.

Gretchen Weber,
University of Minnesota, Landscape Architecture student, spring 2012

"The courses offered in the landscape architecture program challenged me because I learned the material in a different perspective than what I was originally used to. The courses were also fun because many of them took advantage of field trips that I looked forward too. The entire semester I felt cared for by my fellow classmates and tutors. It was a great learning experience and I am extremely grateful to have had this opportunity to study at UCD".

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