



School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy

Master of Regional and Urban Planning (MRUP)

The MRUP is the premiere professional planning degree in Ireland and the UK. It is accredited by the **Irish Planning Institute and the Royal Town Planning Institute**, thereby giving graduates the best possibility of employment in Ireland and the wider world. The degree is a full-time, two year course running over four semesters. The MRUP offers students the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and values fundamental to a career in planning. The degree offers a unique blend of lectures, studio-based learning and independent study.

Course Content

The first year of the MRUP programme provides the student with an understanding of the administrative, legal and policy frameworks in which planning operates and the social, political and environmental challenges facing planning. **Practical skills include the development of methodological skills and skills in development plan making.**

In response to the demands of employers and the profession, the second year of the MRUP places even greater emphasis on the development of practical planning skills. In year two students will gain in-depth knowledge and skills as follows:

- ◆ Advanced understanding of development management
- ◆ Familiarity and ease with using Geographical Information Systems
- ◆ Understanding of building and construction technology
- ◆ Urban Design
- ◆ Research and report writing



Career Opportunities

Graduates of the MRUP are to be found working as professional planners in both the public and private sector and in a range of other areas, some of which are outlined below.

Public Sector

- ◆ Local Authorities
- ◆ An Bord Pleanála
- ◆ Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
- ◆ Other Government Departments
- ◆ Other State and Semi State Bodies (The Environmental Protection Agency, the Dublin Transportation Office, The National Roads Authority)

Private Sector

- ◆ Planning Consultancies
- ◆ Property and Other Consultancy Firms
- ◆ Business Firms
- ◆ Design Firms
- ◆ Management consultancy
- ◆ GIS

Other Areas

- ◆ Local Development Agencies
- ◆ Environmental NGOs
- ◆ Research
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Transportation

Admission Requirements and Procedures

At a minimum, applicants should have an honours degree, preferably in a subject relevant to planning such as: geography, economics, public policy, social policy, sociology, psychology, politics, business studies, commerce, environmental studies, engineering, agriculture, architecture, architectural science, surveying or law.

Applications should be made online at: <http://www.ucd.ie/apply>

**Applications considered on a rolling basis. Closing dates: 1st round 9th April 2010
2nd 14th May, 3rd 16th July 2010. Early application recommended.**



For Queries or further information please contact:

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