

# Master of Regional & Urban Planning

Two Years Full Time



## Introduction

In today's complex and rapidly changing world, with the threats posed by climate change, economic crisis and rapid urban growth, planners face the challenge of creating places that combine environmental quality with a vibrant economy, quality of life and distributive justice. This two-year professional planning degree develops the requisite conceptual knowledge and practical skills required by planners in this increasingly complex environment. You will develop an understanding of the administrative, legal and policy frameworks in which spatial planning operates and the social, political, economic and

environmental challenges facing planning. In addition students develop practical skills for plan and policy making, including environmental assessment, retail assessment, public participation methods, development and project management, and GIS. Students will also engage with understanding the role of planning in public policy and sustainability. The Master of Regional and Urban Planning (MRUP) is accredited by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and the Irish Planning Institute (IPI) and these qualifications are recognised internationally.

## Course Highlight

The UCD School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy has an established international track record as a leading research centre in spatial planning and is in the Top 150 QS World University Rankings by subject area. The School is a member of the Association of European Schools of Planning and has an exchange programme with the University of Illinois in Chicago.

## Course Content and Structure

- 120 credits taught masters
- 100 credits taught modules
- 20 credits research project

or

- 20 credits professional work experience

The MRUP actively engages students in their own learning utilising a mix of lectures, workshops, group projects in a studio setting, field trips, regular student presentations, and independent research.

### Internship or Research

Project Students may choose to undertake either an internship, or an academic research project during the Summer trimester.

### Modules include:

- Urban Design Studio
- Planning Studio: Plan Making
- Planning, Society and Diversity
- Placemaking
- Geographical Information Systems for Policy and Planning
- Economics and Property Markets
- Research Design & Methods
- Urban and Regional Development
- Leadership, Development and Project Management
- Rural and Landscape Planning
- Planning Law
- Governing Nature
- Sustainable Cities
- Transport, Environment & Sustainability
- Planning, Environment & Public Policy
- Planning Methodology
- Housing Policy, Planning, & Sustainability

## Why study at UCD?



### Graduate education

12,800 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



### Global community

9,500 international students and a 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



### Graduate Employability

Ranked no.1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



### Global careers

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





## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the MRUP are to be found working as professional planners in the public and private sector, as GIS consultants, as policy advisors, property development consultants, and as community & rural development coordinators. Our graduates have found employment with: national and international planning agencies, government departments, local authorities including urban and rural authorities in Ireland, the UK, Australia and New Zealand; transportation agencies including the National Transport Authority; planning consultancy firms including Tom Phillips and Associates, John Spain Associates, KPMG and Future Analytics Consulting; urban regeneration companies, large house builders including Glenveagh Properties; wind and solar energy companies including Eirgrid and ABO Wind, and environmental NGOs including An Taisce.

## Graduate Profile

Hannah Breshears  
Tom Phillips and Associates



As an international student, I found the classes in Irish planning law, European property markets and comparative planning from the MRUP program to be particularly helpful, as they gave me the foundation I needed to engage with an unfamiliar industry and understand some of the cultural context at play in Irish policy making. The program also provided excellent opportunities to network with professional planners in Ireland, which gave our class a very helpful snapshot of the various career paths available in the area. I completed an internship with a large private planning consultancy in Dublin that was offered by one of the UCD guest lecturers over the summer and accepted a permanent position there shortly after graduation. My job has evolved somewhat since then, and I now lead the research efforts at the firm as a Geospatial Analyst, a position which combines traditional town planning expertise with more technical data management skills.

## Applicant Profile

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ Level 8) or international equivalent in any academic field, but with a preference for fields of study related to planning.
- 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-Masters Pathway. Full details <https://www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathways/>

### International Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://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/](http://www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/) for further information. Also apply for our College scholarship [www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/noneuscholarships](http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/noneuscholarships)

### Related Masters Programmes of Interest

- MSc Urban Design and Planning
- MSc Environmental Policy
- MSc Environmental Science
- MSc Planning, Development & Urban Design

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