



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

MASTER OF REGIONAL & URBAN PLANNING (TWO YEARS FULL TIME)

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.

WHY STUDY AT UCD?



Professional Work Experience

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Internship opportunity



Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching and research excellence



Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Global community

Over 8,500 international students from over 130 countries study at UCD



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 2 year stay-back visa (for non-EU students)



Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

LEADING RESEARCH CENTRE IN SPATIAL PLANNING

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

CORE 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 and Planning

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 chose to undertake either an internship, or an academic research project during the Summer trimester.



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 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.



APPLY NOW

This programme receives significant interest so please apply early online at www.ucd.ie/apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 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/alcl/programmes/pathways/>

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dedicated scholarships for non-EU students
 - Apply for University Scholarship www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships/
 - Apply for College scholarship www.ucd.ie/eacollege/study/noneus-scholarships
- Approved by US Dept of Education for federally supported loans

FEES

Fee information is available at www.ucd.ie/fees

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GRADUATE PROFILE

Hannah Breshears
Tom Phillips and Associates Limited

I completed the Master of Regional and Urban Planning (MRUP) in UCD in 2016. I was working for an architecture firm in the US at the time and looking for a way to transition into the European job market. As an international student, I found the ancillary courses 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 (using GIS software and other related BIM tools).

