



City life: UCD Architecture International Summer School

For four weeks in June the CITY LIFE International Summer School takes place in Dublin. The summer school engages closely with the city, developing students' ability to analyse and understand rich urban contexts and to propose and design projects within those contexts. For 2019, the school will focus specifically on the relationship of Dublin Port with the city, building on a collaborative relationship with the Dublin Port Company. UCD Architecture has a global reputation for excellence in design and research in architectural and urban history.

UCD Architecture is the only programme in Ireland to be accredited by the professional institutes of both Ireland and Britain; the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, and the Royal Institute of British Architecture. Since 2017, its programme is also accorded Substantial Equivalency by the NAAB. UCD Landscape Architecture is the only programme of its kind in Ireland and it is accredited by the Irish Landscape Institute and the International Federation of Landscape Architects.

Theme: City Life

Understanding a specific urban context in Dublin, through analysis, visualisation and reflection. Four weeks of collaborative fieldwork, research and design, using techniques including photography, film-making and drawing which allow urban landscapes and spaces of scale to be represented and comprehended.

Students will identify specific conditions in the landscape that interest them and map/depict these through their chosen media. A number of distinct workshops and seminars will run over the course of the programme, offered by expert practitioners and research-active faculty. Previous workshops have included sketching and drawing in the field, film-making, photography and the translation of space to image, use of pinhole cameras, virtual reality, soundscapes.

From fieldwork and analysis, the focus in the second part of the Summer School will shift to proposing and designing. Workshops and reviews will develop capacities, again using a wide range of

media and techniques.

Design development will be intensively tutored by instructors and tutors, through a mix of individual and small group tuition. Based on the hallmarks of UCD's programme, particular attention will be paid to the experiential and material aspects of design – how buildings are made and how they feel. Drawing and model making will be central to this process.

A series of lectures and visits will accompany the Summer School. Work is process-based over the four weeks, culminating in curating your own exhibition. Students' process-based work will be critiqued and exhibited in a public gallery.

On completion of the Summer School, students will have combined a wide-ranging exploration of the city with an in-depth design process. Along the way they will develop new skills in representation, in analysis and in design.

Programme Features

- A base in Dublin city, which will serve as setting for and subject of the School's programme.
- Intensive workshops, studio sessions, plenary lectures and seminars.
- Unique access to leaders in architecture and the creative and cultural sector.
- A four-week programme progressing through stages: urban recording and analysis using a wide range of methodologies and theoretical frameworks, augmented by historical and cultural readings of the urban context.
- Activities will include an exclusive boat-trip around Dublin Port and across Dublin Bay.
- A dawn tour of the workings of the port; evening film screenings in the city.
- Lectures and fieldwork in various locations across the city.
- Modern accommodation on the UCD campus.

Fees

The cost of the four week programme is €3,500 (approx. USD \$4,000).

This fee includes:

- Tuition fees including studio materials
- Field trips and study tours within Ireland
- Some sporting, cultural activities and entertainment
- Indicative accommodation costs (own private room in shared 4-6 bed apartments) are €40 per night per person sharing inclusive of VAT and taxes.



Student Testimonial



Zhizhen Song

Architecture Sophomore Student,
University of Nottingham, Ningbo,
Summer 2017

"This was a fantastic opportunity to participate in the UCD International Summer School. During the three weeks, the various lectures offered me different perspectives to analyse the relationship between port and city, and diverse workshops helped me with skills to represent my idea. Many precious visits were provided, such as the morning trip to see a ferry entering the port, the walk on the Great South Wall and face-to-face seminars with various artists and architects. Additionally, I experienced Irish culture and enjoyed myself after class. For any future architects, I think it's worth spending time on this summer school. What I learnt this summer really broadened my horizon, and I feel it will be a great help to my future studies and career."

Assessment

Assessment is based on the student's level of engagement with the Summer School content and on the final presentation of work produced over the four weeks.

Credit Transfer

We recommend to award 6 US credits (10 ECTS) for the successful completion of the programme. We will



be happy to provide full information to enable Institutions to make decisions regarding the transfer of credits. UCD will send an official transcript to the home institution at the end of the Summer School.

Cultural and Social Programme

Through the Summer School's focus on contemporary urban life in Dublin, students will experience a wide range of social and cultural activities, including excursions and field trips throughout the city and beyond. Students will also have the opportunity to visit a number of sites and centres significant to Irish culture and history.

Eligibility

THE MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT IS 3.00

This Summer School will be attractive to students with background studies in architecture; landscape architecture; architectural studies; urban planning; digital media; film studies; photography; liberal arts and the fine arts.

In addition to completing the UCD on-line application process, a standard form of identification i.e. a copy of student passport

and a transcript of academic record to date should be uploaded to your on-line application before the application deadline.

To Apply:

Please contact joanne.reilly@ucd.ie for further application instructions.

Application Deadline:

April 1st

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