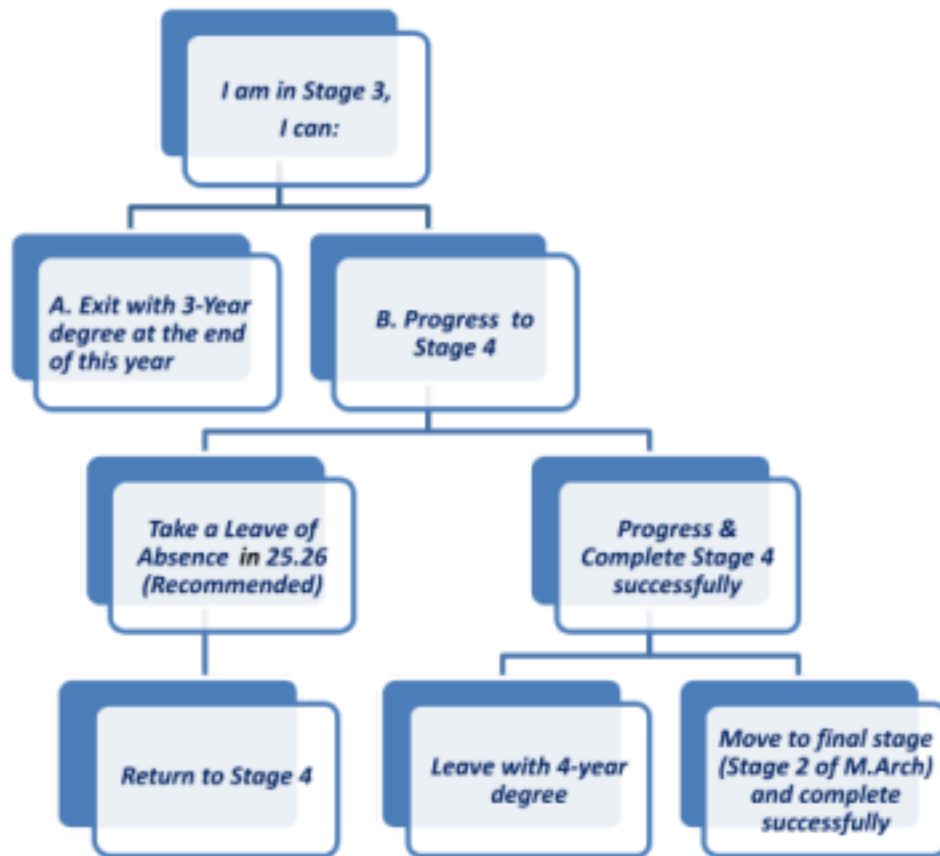


Progression Choice Information for Students in BArchSc Stage 3

Progression Choices & Exit Routes: I am in Stage 3 Bachelor of Architectural Science, What are my Options?



Option A: Exit with 3-Year BSc Architectural Science Degree

- If you exit after Stage 3 you will be a graduate of the UCD BSc Architectural Science degree (Level 8)
- If you choose to return to UCD, you will be classified as postgraduate and will be charged postgraduate fees so choosing to exit with a 3-Year Degree this year is a permanent decision.
- Students would usually choose to exit with a 3-Year Degree if they do not intend to continue their studies in UCD. Our students do still have the option to exit with a 3-Year Degree and apply for the full 2-Year UCD Master of Architecture Degree but, for most students (particularly those paying EU fees), it is much less expensive to remain as an undergraduate student for Stage 4.

Option B: Progress to Stage 4 Bachelor of Architectural Science Degree

Once you successfully complete Stage 4 you have the choice to either:

- **Leave with a 4-Year Bachelor of Architectural Science Degree (Level 8)**

Only students leaving their UCD Architecture studies permanently at the end of Stage 4 receive a 4-Year BArchSc Degree and this is a permanent decision. Exiting with a 4-Year Degree prevents you from

progressing to Stage 2 UCD Master of Architecture as your Stage 4 modules will have contributed to a Degree Award and can't be used towards another Degree.

OR

- **Continue to the final year (Stage 2) of Master of Architecture Degree.**

If you continue to Stage 2 MArch:

- Your Stage 4 modules are mapped to the first year of the MArch and are included on the MArch transcript.
- Your 3-year BSc Architectural Science Degree is retrospectively applied to your record at the end of Stage 4 BArchSc and the BSc Degree Award is based on your Stage 3 GPA. You cannot apply to leave with a four-year degree once the 3-year degree is awarded, this is a permanent decision.

Progress to Stage 4 & Apply for Leave of Absence (Year Out)

Once you complete Stage 3, you can request to move to Stage 4 and apply online for a Leave of Absence - it is recommended that you take a Year Out before starting Stage 4.

At the end of the Year Out, you can either :

- Request to exit with a 3-year BSc degree (see **Option A** above)
- Return and complete Stage 4 BArchSc (see **Option B** above)

Important Notes

- **Progression Requirement for UCD Master of Architecture Degree**

The minimum internal progression requirement for the UCD Master of Architecture Degree is a Stage 3 **OR** Stage 4 GPA of 2.8. Where students do not meet this progression requirement they may still apply for consideration with portfolio and interview.

Where students have a Stage 3 GPA below 2.8, it would be advisable for them to seek academic advice before progressing to Stage 4 to ensure that progression is the right step for them before committing to an additional year.

- **Applying for Erasmus/Exchange & Year Out**

Important Note: If you opt to take a Year Out and hope to undertake Erasmus/Exchange in Stage 4, you should not be submitting your Study Abroad application while you are in Stage 3 as it is not possible to retain place offered this year while you are on leave so there is no point in applying. If you decide to take a Year Out you should be submitting an application for Study Abroad during your Year Out and not this year.

For more on continuing your architectural education outside of Ireland, please see the RIAI website which outlines considerations and implications of this option at <https://www.riai.ie/careers-in-architecture/education/information-for-students-and-graduates>

Degree Award Calculation (1H, 2H1, 2H2, Pass)

- **BSc Architectural Science Degree** (3-Year, Level 8)

Degree Award calculated based on Stage 3 GPA only.

- **Bachelor of Architectural Science (BArchSc) Degree**

Students who exit with a 4-Year BArchSc Degree will have their Degree GPA calculated based on Stages 3 & 4 with all modules contributing equally.

Erasmus/Exchange Semesters for UCD students are always GPA neutral so if you go on Study Abroad your Stage 4 GPA will be based on the Trimester you spend in UCD only.

It is important to note that students continuing to the UCD Master of Architecture Degree will not be awarded the 4-Year BArchSc Degree as the modules completed in Stage 4 will be mapped across and counted towards their Master of Architecture Degree. Students who transfer to the Master of Architecture Degree at the end of Stage 4 will retrospectively be awarded their 3-Year BSc Architectural Science Degree.

- **Master of Architecture Degree**

Degree Award calculated based on Stage Two (Final Year) GPA only.

Degree Award Bands	1H	2H1	2H2	Pass
GPA	3.68 or above	3.08 – 3.67	2.48 – 3.07	2.0 – 2.47

Questions

We would encourage you to consider which progression route is best for you personally and seek advice from us if you are unsure about your choice via

www.ucd.ie/eacollege/connector/