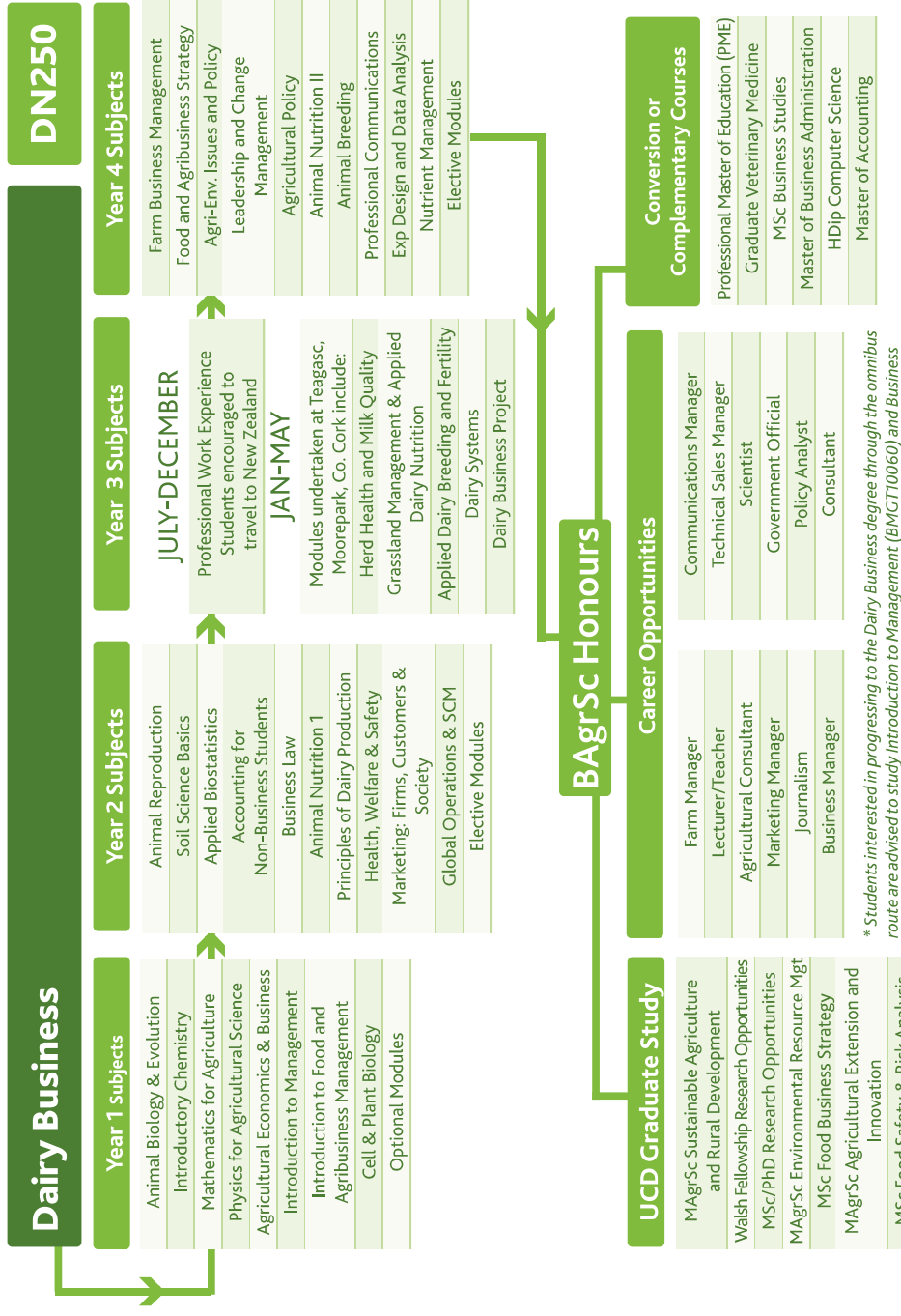


# Programme Pathway



## Graduate View

Thomas Whitley | Dairy Farmer

I really enjoyed the Dairy Business course at UCD as it offered a broad range of subjects relevant to the agricultural industry. I chose this course as it has a blend of both agricultural science and business modules. It also gave me the opportunity to go abroad to learn more about dairy farming in New Zealand which was the highlight of the course for me.

I always wanted to explore different parts of the world so after graduating I took up a role in Australia working as a senior herdsman at an intensive American style 8000 cow dairy farm. I was surprised at how quickly I was given the job and how well UCD and Teagasc were recognised on the other side of the world. I spent almost two years working in breeding and health teams where I put the theory from UCD into practice. I mainly focused on overseeing breeding programmes, pregnancy testing and performing artificial insemination of cows. Health team activities were challenging but rewarding. I spent a lot of time examining cows for illnesses, diagnosing problems, administering medication and helping with operations. I also gained a lot of experience around calving time, with on average 40 cows calving per day.



## Student View

Shane Galligan

Studying Dairy Business in UCD has been the most fulfilling experience. The course has provided me with vast knowledge and skills in what is a hugely exciting sector. 3rd year was the highlight for me. I spent 20 weeks working on a large-scale dairy farm in New Zealand. Subsequently, learning from renowned researchers in Teagasc Moorepark on topics such as grassland management & breeding

was a brilliant experience. Being exposed to some of the experts in the country and being partnered up with a mentor farmer on whom we completed a farm project really helped me in understanding the key metrics and practices which make these farmers so efficient. I hope to pursue an exciting career in the dairy sector and I believe this course has equipped me with the necessary skills and technical ability to succeed in what is a hugely exciting but ever-changing sector.