



Graduate View

Stephen Sheridan | Forestry Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Studying Forestry in UCD has equipped me with the knowledge, skillset and passion to work in a range of challenging and demanding roles in the Irish forestry sector. The diversity of the core modules along with the combination of classroom, laboratory, PWE and field-based lectures created a challenging and enjoyable learning environment.

After graduation I worked in a commercial setting where my role involved working with private forest owners to manage, mobilise and harvest their woodlands in a sustainable and economical way whilst adhering to the very best silviculture practices. Currently I work for the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine in Forest Protection. Our focus here is on protecting Ireland's forests and woodlands from invasive pests and diseases. These two roles are distinctly different but my studies at UCD have ensured that I could confidently apply my learnings to both.

As the benefits of forestry to the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of the country are becoming increasingly clear to the public so too is the importance of having suitably qualified people to manage and care for these resources. Studying the forestry programme in UCD has the potential to open many doors for anybody who wishes to pursue a career in this area.

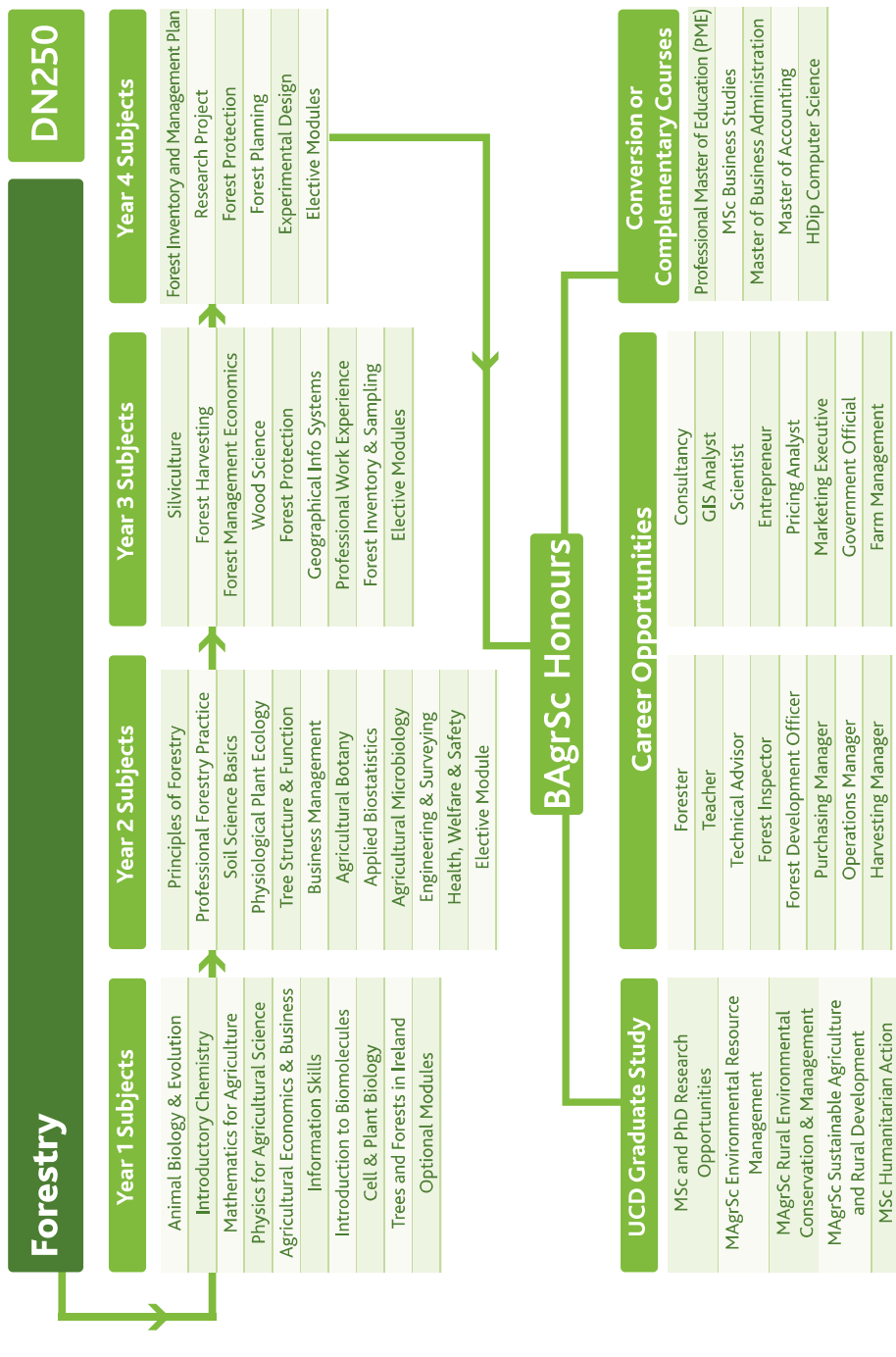


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Student View

Orlaith Tobin

Studying forestry in UCD has enabled my love for the outdoors to branch out in new directions. While I come from an agricultural background, forestry was an area that I lacked experience in. However, the immense range of modules, field trips, and PWE has provided me with the basis of essential knowledge and skills needed for the ever-evolving industry. I



was fortunate to complete a 14-week period of work experience with Coillte in the timber harvesting area, while also independently gaining additional management experience from the private sector.

I look forward to building a career with this knowledge and set of skills and am delighted to have secured a role as an Operations Forester with Veon for the Mid-west region directly after completing this course.