



Student View

Eoin Farnan

After visiting UCD during transition year I knew I wanted to study there. The vast range of facilities on campus including the free gym and numerous athletic fields were two attractions for me. A love of sport and my part-time summer job with a landscaping company led me to the Horticulture programme. The variety of subjects studied appealed to me as I was unsure what I wanted to specialise in after my four years.



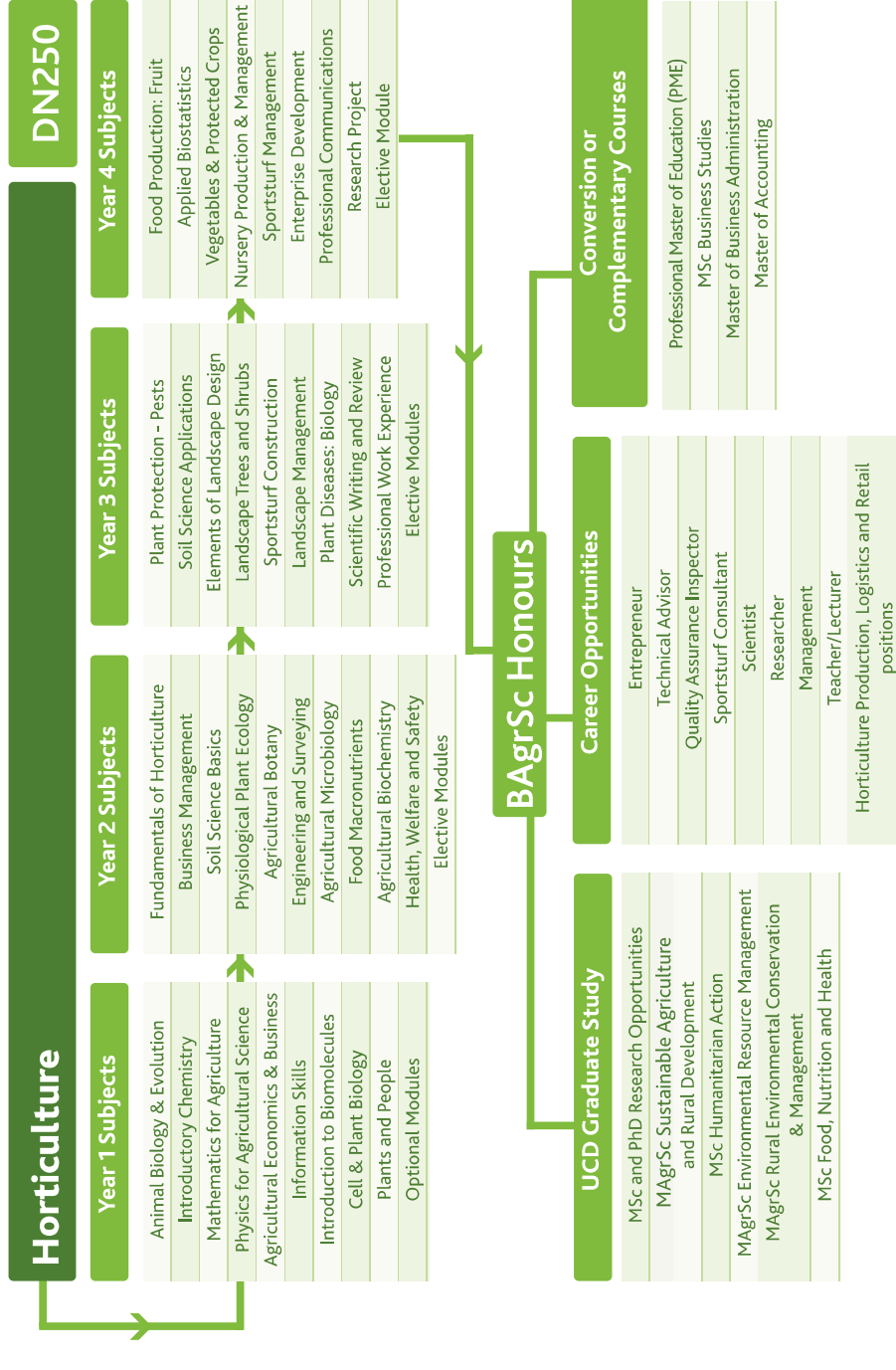
The highlight from my time at UCD was my PWE which I completed in third year. I spent seven months with a landscaping company and was able to apply the information I had learnt in my modules to the working world, something I thoroughly enjoyed. Following my PWE I knew what I wanted to do after college.

My final year research project allowed me to research the management of sportsturf facilities which overlapped with my passion for sport and highlighted the diversity of the course. I would recommend this course to anyone with an interest in sport, horticulture, science, or landscaping as it allows you to explore all topics before you decide on what you would like to specialise in.



The majority of our graduates become professional horticulturists. The Horticulture degree is a recognised qualification by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture for membership.

Programme Pathway



Graduate View

Mary Harty | Assistant Professor in Horticulture, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science

After fifteen years working in IT, I decided to pursue a career change. I had always loved plants and gardening and enjoyed working outdoors so I decided to study horticulture as a mature student. I initially studied in the National Botanic Gardens, then transferred to the Level 8 degree at UCD. I didn't have a clear

plan for my future but my time in UCD really opened my eyes to understanding the science behind horticulture and I was hooked. I made the decision to pursue an academic career. I completed a MSc Environmental Science at UCD and a PhD.

I have recently joined UCD as a Lecturer in Horticulture. I am very excited to join the team at a time when plant-based food is so critical to providing essential nutrients for a balanced diet and helping to reduce the environmental impact of food production.