



Student View

Fiona Curtin



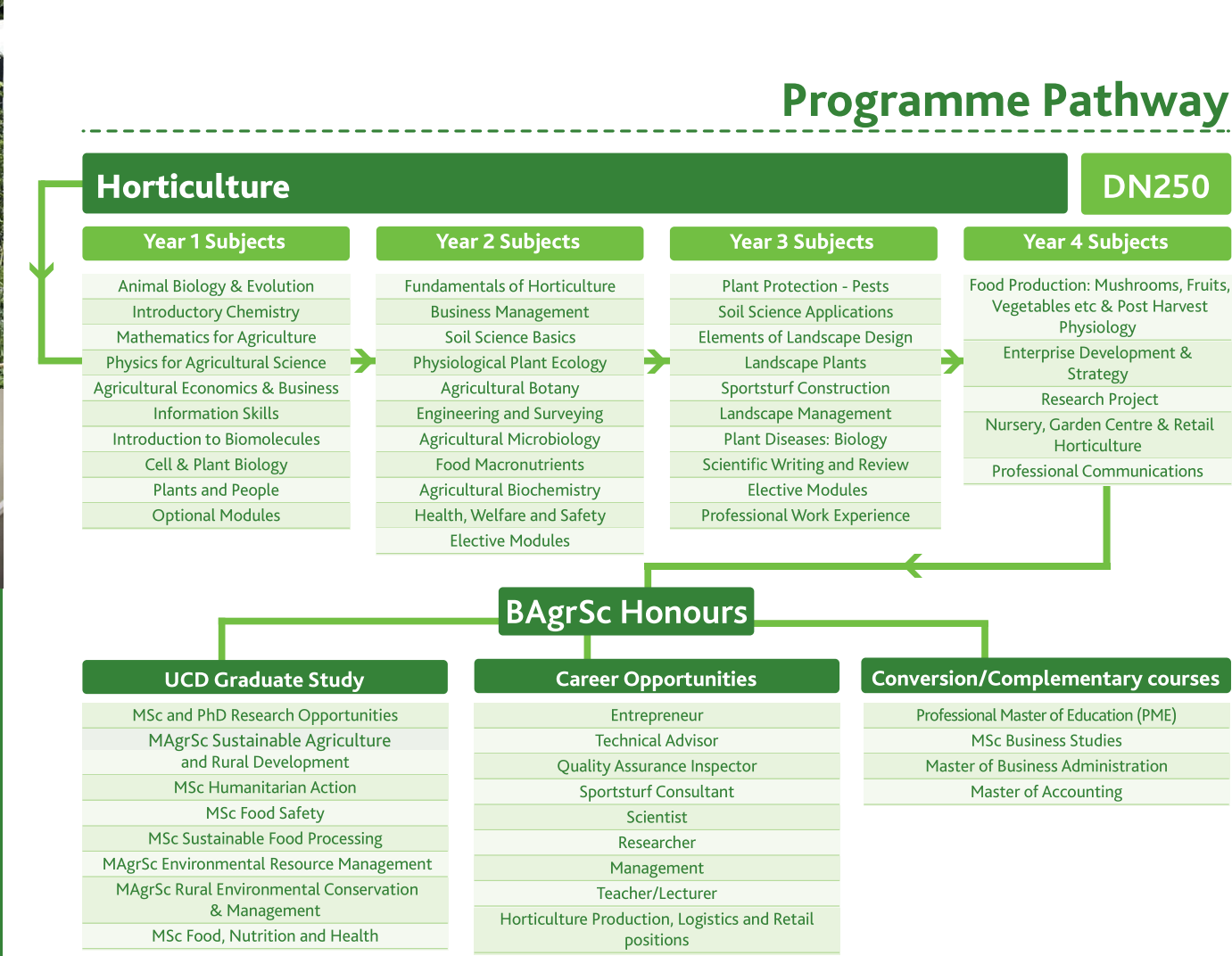
I chose to study Horticulture at UCD as I have always had an interest in plants and the world of nature. I have found the learning experience at UCD to be very gratifying and hands-on which is one of the many reasons why I have had such a great experience of studying here.

The practical experience that I gained through my Professional Work Experience (PWE) has been invaluable, working at a nursery and garden centre, where I have since continued to work and thoroughly enjoy. PWE is a fantastic opportunity for students to get first-hand experience and see the endless possibilities when it comes to choosing their future careers.

The many facilities that are available to students through The School of Agriculture and Food Science include Lyons Farm, Rosemount, modern laboratories alongside very supportive staff who have offered nothing but encouragement throughout my four years here.



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



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 an 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.