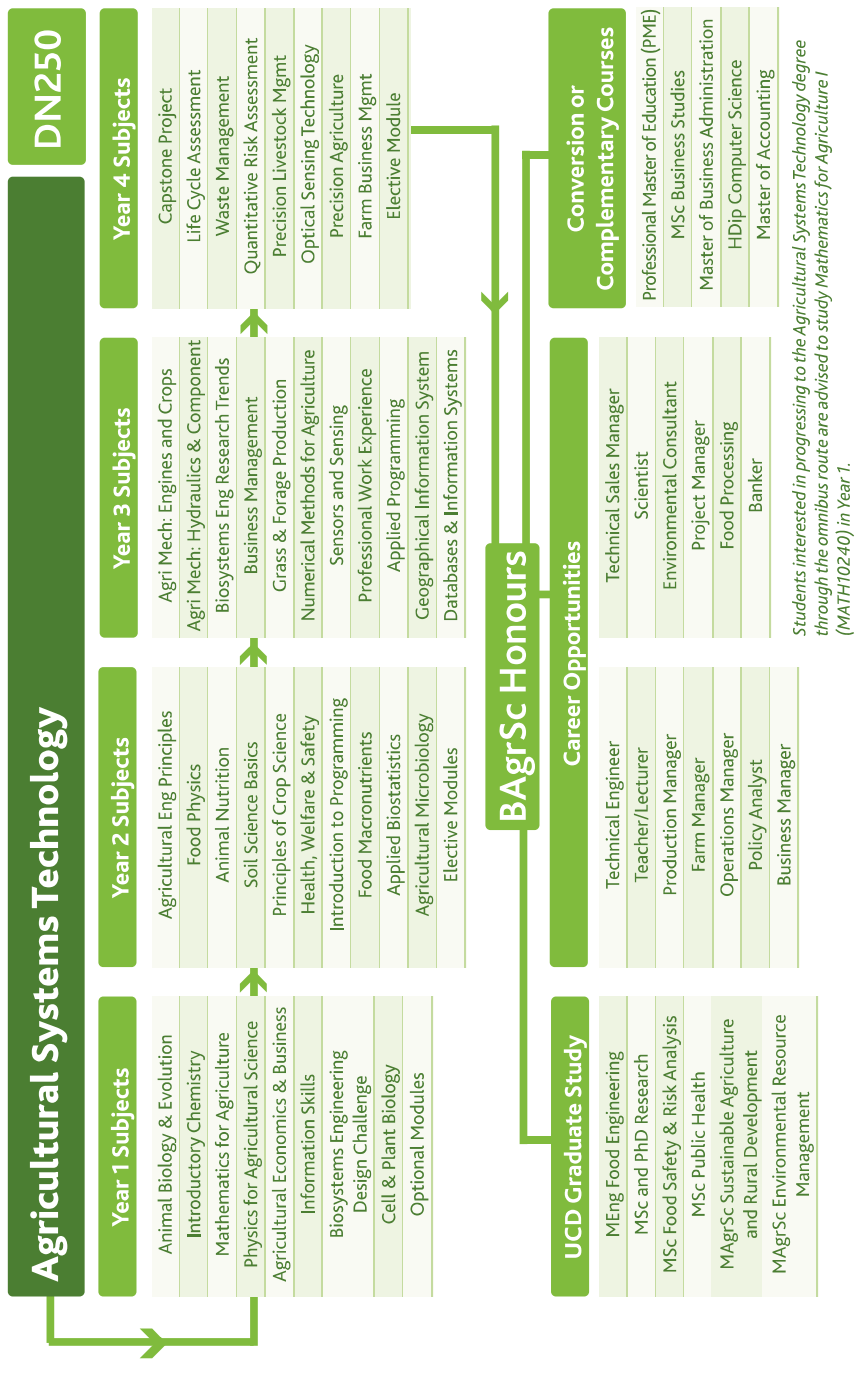




Programme Pathway



Graduate View

Oisín Gryson | Food and AgriBusiness, ifac

Growing up on a dairy goat farm, agriculture has always been one of my major passions in life. So, when it came to deciding which college course I wanted to do, Agricultural Science in UCD was my number one choice. Following first year in omnibus, I chose to specialise in Agricultural Systems Technology. With small class sizes, this degree allowed you to have great interaction with the lecturers and also meant you grew closer to your classmates. I joined the UCD GAA team during my second year. My current job in the ifac Food and AgriBusiness department allows me to work in the sector which I am most passionate about. We work as strategic consultants to food and agribusinesses whether they are looking to start a farm diversification project or an established business looking to access corporate finance. My degree played an integral role in helping me to secure my current position. It allowed me to expand my understanding of the agricultural sector and helped me to develop an alternative way of handling challenges.

My advice to anyone studying Agricultural or Food Science in UCD would be don't be afraid to try something different and step out of your comfort zone.



Student View

Claudia McCormick

Growing up on a beef farm in Co. Offaly, I have always been involved in the day to day farming and felt Agricultural Science was the best path for me. I chose the Agricultural Systems Technology (AST) programme as I have always had a keen interest in not only farming but engineering, technology, and understanding why things do what they do.

The course is a great way to understand the background of our farming practices and

how we can use technology to improve them further. The course is small and close-knit, which means you know everyone, and it makes classes very enjoyable.

AST has given me so many opportunities, including studying for a semester abroad at Queensland University in Australia. I completed my PWE with Self Help Africa, where I worked on projects where technology is used to create better farming practices for third world country farmers. With the way the world is changing and growing, I think studying AST is the way forward.