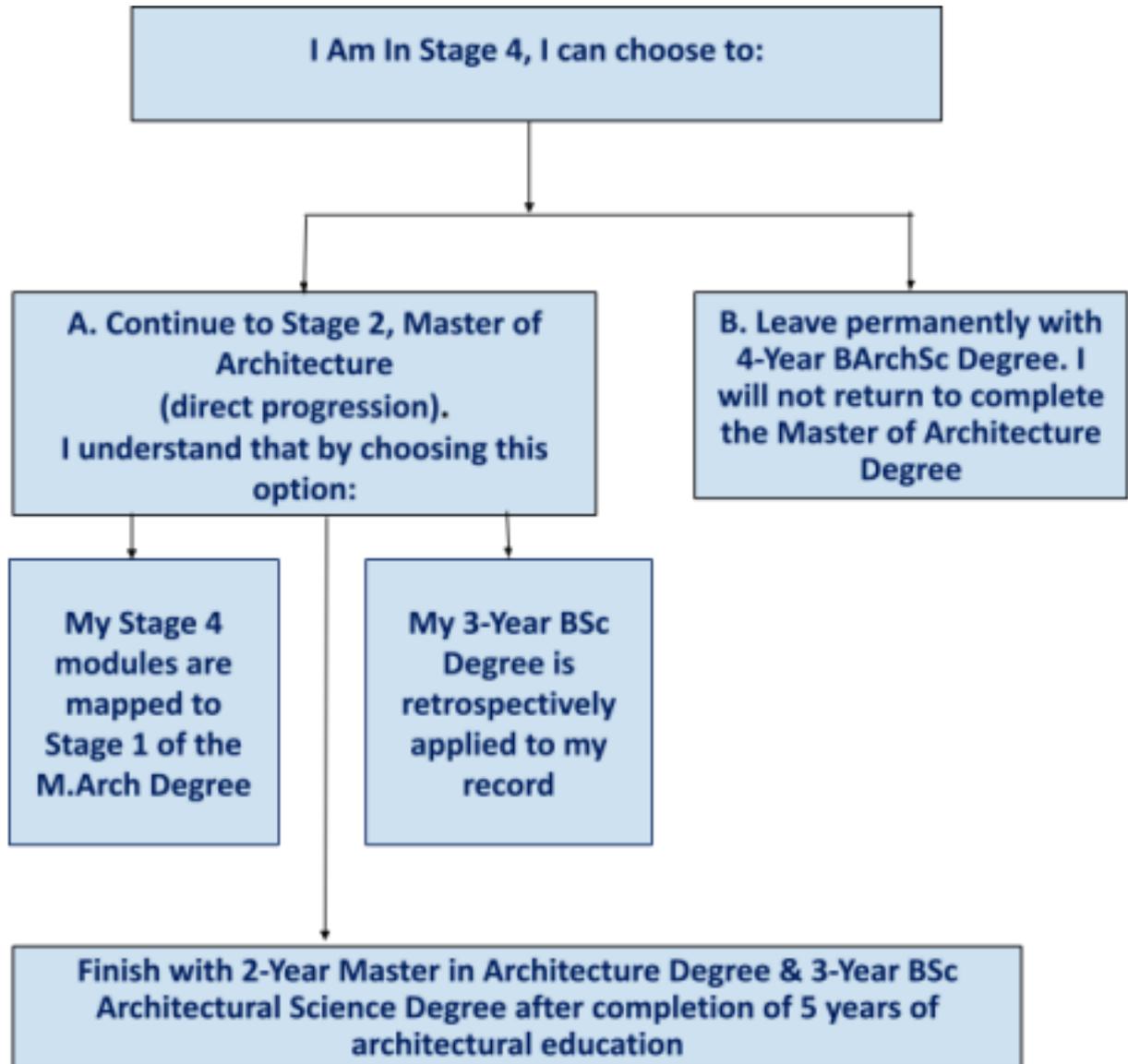


Progression Choices & Exit Routes - I Am In Stage 4 BArchSc, What Are My Options?



**Option A: Progress to Stage 2 of the Master in Architecture (Level 9)**

**Continue to Stage 2 of the Master of Architecture – the implications of this decision are:**

- Your 3-year BSc degree is retrospectively applied to your record, Degree Award based on your Stage 3 GPA.
- Your Stage 4 modules are mapped to the first year of the MArch Degree.
- You can't retrospectively apply for your 4-Year BArchSc Degree once your 3-Year BSc Degree is awarded as your modules have already been counted toward a Degree - choosing to progress to Stage 2 MArch is a permanent decision.
- You are charged postgraduate fees for Stage 2 of the MArch Degree

## **Option B: Exit with 4-year Bachelor of Architectural Science Degree**

The implications leaving with a 4-Year Degree are:

- You will be a graduate of the 4-Year Level 8 UCD Bachelor of Architectural Science Degree.
- You cannot return to UCD to complete the Master in Architecture Stage 2 once you leave with your 4-Year Degree as your Stage 4 modules have already contributed towards an awarded Degree and can't contribute to another Degree Award.
- You cannot retrospectively apply for your three-year degree once your four-year degree is awarded so the decision to exit with a 4-Year Degree is permanent.

### **Important Notes**

- **Progression Requirement for UCD Master of Architecture Degree**

The minimum internal progression requirement for the UCD Master of Architecture Degree is a Stage 3 OR a Stage 4 GPA of 2.8. Where students do not meet this internal progression requirement they may still apply for consideration with portfolio and interview.

- **Exiting with 4-Year Degree & Study Abroad Transcript Timing**

If you have chosen to undertake Erasmus/Exchange in Stage 4 and you wish to exit with a 4-Year Degree at the end of Stage 4, you must be in a position to return your official transcript confirming your completed modules/credits before the end of July 2025 in order to be included in the September UCD Conferring Ceremony. Some host institutions do not issue transcripts until later in the Summer so it would be important to consider this when making your decision. Where study abroad transcripts are returned after the end of July, students can still have their 4-Year Degree Award applied to their record and have access to transcripts etc but they may have to wait until a subsequent conferring ceremony so may not graduate with their classmates.

*For more on continuing your architectural education outside of Ireland, please see the RIAI website at:*

<https://www.riai.ie/careers-in-architecture/education/information-for-students-and-graduates>

Continue to Degree Award Calculations...

## Degree Award Calculation (1H, 2H1, 2H2, Pass)

- **BSc Architectural Science Degree** (3-Year Degree, Level 8)

Degree Award calculated based on Stage 3 GPA only.

- **Bachelor of Architectural Science (BArchSc) Degree** (4-Year Degree, Level 8) Students who exit with a 4-Year BArchSc Degree will have their Degree GPA calculated based on Stages 3 & 4 with all modules contributing equally.

Erasmus/Exchange Semesters for UCD students are always GPA neutral so if you go on Study Abroad your Stage 4 GPA will be based on the Trimester you spend in UCD only.

**It is important to note that students continuing to the UCD Master of Architecture Degree will not be awarded the Four-Year BArchSc Degree as the modules completed in Stage 4 will be mapped across and counted towards their Master of Architecture Degree. Students who transfer to the Master of Architecture Degree at the end of Stage 4 will retrospectively be awarded their 3-Year BSc Architectural Science Degree.**

- **Master of Architecture Degree** (2-Year Degree, Level 9)

Degree Award calculated based on Stage Two (Final Year) GPA only.

Degree Award Bands	1H 2H1	2H2	Pass
GPA	3.68 or above 3.08 – 3.67	2.48 – 3.07	2.0 – 2.47

### Questions

We would encourage you to consider which progression route is best for you personally and seek advice from us if you are unsure about your choice via

[www.ucd.ie/eacollege/connector/](http://www.ucd.ie/eacollege/connector/)