

# MA Irish History

## OVERVIEW

UCD's dynamic School of History, the largest in the country, has long played a vital role in leading national debate and research on the evolution of Irish society, culture and politics. This MA enables students to work closely with some of the country's most renowned historians of Ireland to continue the tradition of providing context, insight and originality in the research of Irish history and its communication to a wide audience. Our teaching is informed by a global perspective, situating events in Ireland in an international and comparative context. UCD faculty have diverse research interests and our module choices reflect this, ranging from the mediaeval to the modern period and thematically across histories of religion, the environment, medicine and deviancy, gender and war, and twentieth century Irish society and politics.

## COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The MA in Irish History consists of a mix of core modules focused on historiography and dissemination, three options and a 15,000 word dissertation. Our classes are taught in small seminars with an emphasis on participation and debate. There is a strong emphasis on primary research and you will become familiar with the extensive Irish history collections in UCD Archives and UCD Library. There is a lively and dynamic research culture in UCD and students are encouraged to attend our seminar series in gender history, war studies, global history, the Mícheál Ó Cléirigh Institute for the Study of Irish History and Civilisation seminars, and the Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland seminars. You will also have the opportunity to present your research to our staff and your peers in a friendly environment at our annual MA conference.

## MODULES

- Historiography and Historical Debate in Twentieth-Century Ireland
- Disseminating History
- Popular Culture in Modern Ireland
- Landscape and Environment in Ireland, 1500-1800
- Dangerous and Deviant
- Dissertation
- De Valera's Ireland
- Research Collaboration
- The Body in Modern Warfare

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

The Archives at UCD house an invaluable collection and are a remarkable on-site resource for those interested in all aspects of modern Irish history. UCD is also very conveniently located for the use of Dublin city centre research and cultural institutions, including the National Library of Ireland and the National Archives.

## APPLYING

If you are ready to apply, entry requirements and application information can be found online: [www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)



"In this course we dive deep into Ireland's past. Drawing on our expertise in Irish social, cultural and political history, we will guide you in your explorations of Ireland's complex history and assist you to strengthen skills of critical thinking, communication and analysis that are highly valued in the workforce."

*Professor of Modern Irish History,  
Diarmaid Ferriter*

"Writing a dissertation enabled me to undertake a significant amount of individual research. The support of my supervisor and the other academics in the School was invaluable. Research, writing, editing and presenting are all key for this MA course, and are skills I use on a regular basis in my current role in Outreach at UCD."

*Roisin Guyett-Nicholson,  
Graduate*



## CAREER OPTIONS

Media & Journalism	Govt. & Public Sector	Law & Advocacy
Journalist	Senior Civil Servant	Programme Designer
Radio Producer	Diplomat	Public Affairs Officer
TV Researcher	Archivist	NGO Project Officer
Literary Editor	Teacher	Policy Analyst
Publicist	Academic	Strategic Advisor

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