# **MA Medieval Studies**

# **OVERVIEW**

UCD is a university with real depth and breadth of expertise in medieval studies, located in a city with a rich medieval heritage. The study of the Middle Ages has flourished at UCD for over a century, and the MA Medieval Studies takes an interdisciplinary approach, offering modules across a variety of disciplines, including Archaeology, Art History, Classics, English, History, Languages, and Music. Classes are designed around small-group sessions in which students work with a specialist in the field, and are allowed to develop their own areas of interest and research skills to produce a dissertation. UCD's archives hold some of Ireland's most important medieval manuscripts, and the library's resources include the source collections and databases essential for medieval scholarship.

## **COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

All of our teaching at postgraduate level consists of seminar style debates led by world-class researchers. You will complete a 15,000word dissertation, a substantial piece of original research, which is carefully supervised by one of our experts. The course also offers you the opportunity to disseminate history across multiple media platforms, including blog posts, and you will have the chance to present your research to our staff and peers in a friendly environment at our annual MA conference.

## **MODULES**

- → Approaching the Middle Ages
- → Manuscript Studies
- Palaeography 4 6 1
- Celtic Ireland
- → Early Medieval Archaeology
- → Fourteenth-century English literature
- **Early Music**
- → Byzantine Art
- → Medieval Historical Writing

#### **FACILITIES AND RESOURCES**

**UCD Medieval Studies students benefit from the expertise of more** than 20 faculty members who specialise in various aspects of the Medieval world, UCD Archives and Special Collections house a unique range of Medieval resources. UCD is an ideal base for the research of Medieval Ireland, and the James Joyce Library holds the most important print and electronic resources for the study of the Middle Ages.

#### **APPLYING**

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



"Medieval Studies at UCD gives you the opportunity to pursue your own interests, whether they lie in medieval history, literature, archaeology, languages, art, music, or a combination of these disciplines. This course provides the essential knowledge and skills for careers in such areas as education, heritage, the media, and the arts.'

Professor Michael Staunton. **Course Director** 

"The interdisciplinary nature of this course gave me the opportunity to pick and choose modules according to my own interests, in subjects such as art history, palaeography, languages, and of course history. Having this all-around approach allowed me to develop a better understanding of the Middle Ages, as well as providing essential skills for future research."

Krystal Carmichael, Graduate



# CAREER OPTIONS

Journalist Senior Civil Programme		ovt. & Iblic Sector	Law & Advocacy
Radio Producer  Diplomat  TV Researcher  Literary Editor  Public Affairs  Officer  Archivist  Teacher  Designer  Public Affairs  Officer  Officer  Officer  Officer	A terary Editor ublicist	vant olomat chivist ocher	Public Affairs Officer  NGO Project Officer  Policy Analyst Strategic

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