



MSc in Behavioural Economics

(One Year Full-Time)

Introduction

This course is devoted to providing in-depth training in the area of behavioural economics. Students will take a range of rigorous economic modules but will also receive training in key concepts in psychology and specialise in learning a range of new models that incorporate the latest evidence on human decision making. As well as being trained in the core concepts and theories of behavioural economics, students will also learn about a range of

empirical methods and have the opportunity to run their own field and lab experiment.

The MSc will also cover the ethical, legal, and regulatory context for the ideas of behavioural economics. Thus, the students will be equipped to apply these ideas in a wide range of academic, business, and policy settings.

Programme Highlight

This is the only MSc in this area in Ireland and it is one of the few worldwide with a strong policy and regulatory focus.

This programme features small group teaching from leading economists and a supportive environment. Students on this programme will be an integral part of a research group at UCD focused on behavioural economics and its applications. They will attend research seminars and receive a wide range of supports to help them prepare for their research thesis or their internship.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits
Taught Masters

60 credits
Taught Modules

30 credits
Dissertation

or

30 credits
Internship

Autumn Trimester

In the Autumn trimester, you will undertake a two-week foundational course in mathematics and statistics. You will also take the following modules:

- Microeconomics
- Econometrics
- Behavioural Economics
- Experiments in Economics
- Research and Career Skills I

Spring Trimester

In the Spring trimester, you will take the following three core modules:

- Behavioural Economics: Policy Applications
- Topics in Psychological Science
- Research and Career Skills II

You will also take two other modules in the Spring trimester from this indicative list:

- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Advanced Econometrics: Micro
- Advanced Econometrics: Time Series
- International Trade
- Development Economics
- Aviation Economics

- Health and Welfare Economics
- Energy Economics and Policy
- Economics of Competition Policy
- Decision Theory

Summer Trimester

In the Summer trimester, you will either do a supervised research thesis on a topic related to behavioural economics or you can do an internship in an organisation working on behavioural economic issues.

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

8,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries



Global Profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Welcoming Campus

Modern parkland campus with 24 hr security. Wide range of facilities, clubs, societies and supports



Career Opportunities

Many graduates of our Economics masters programmes have gone on to complete PhDs in economics and pursue successful careers as academic or research economists. Many others have moved directly to employment in central banks, think-tanks, financial sector institutions and consultancy firms. Behavioural economics skills are also now being widely applied across government agencies, regulatory bodies and a wide range of private-sector businesses.

About the School

UCD School of Economics is Ireland's leading economics department. Our staff are experts with international reputations in a wide range of topics such as macroeconomics, econometrics, applied microeconomics, behavioural economics, health economics, international trade and economic history.

School members play a significant role in debating economic policy issues and in contributing to the formulation of economic policy.

Graduate Profiles



Caitlyn Parsons

Through the MSc in Behavioural Economics at UCD, I gained a deep grounding in economics, psychology, and public policy, along with a broad range of practical skills. My lecturers brought clear enthusiasm, world-class expertise, and moral character to their lessons, making me look forward to lectures. My cohort was made up of supportive students from all over the world, bringing unique perspectives to each conversation and cheering for each other's accomplishments. The degree also provided the opportunity to design and conduct an online experiment from start to finish. This experience served as a great talking point in job interviews and a source of practical skills for real-world projects.

I was also extremely grateful for the opportunity, as part of the MSc in Behavioural Economics, to intern with SCOR Global Life Reinsurance. In this internship, I learned to apply the skills I'd gained in my degree to create better experiences for insurance applicants and more value for insurance companies. This internship led directly to my current position as a Behavioural Science Analyst at SCOR.

I would be happy to recommend UCD's MSc in Behavioural Economics to anyone interested in this exciting field.

Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with a minimum of an upper second class honours or international equivalent in Economics or in a degree in which Economics is a major component.
- We also consider applicants with a minimum of an upper second class honours degree in another cognate area that has a high quantitative component.
- We will also admit applicants with a Higher Diploma in Economics with a minimum of an upper second class honours.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 7.0 (no band less than 6.5 in each element), or equivalent.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters

- MSc Quantitative Economics
- MSc Applied Economics
- MA Public Policy

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