MSc Environmental Policy

One Year Full Time / Two Years Part Time

Introduction

Societies, governments, and businesses across the globe are faced with increasingly complex environmental challenges, in areas such as climate change and adaptation and local environmental quality in our cities and regions.

The UCD MSc in Environmental Policy arms graduates with the capacity to develop environmental policy choices, analyse them critically, and to provide guidance in regard to their implementation and evaluation. The programme introduces graduates to research-based economic and environmental tools and insights to enable graduates to be effective change management leaders and management leaders and environmental and sustainability experts in both the public and private sectors.

Also for professionals who want to balance their passion for the environment while advancing their career this programme is offered as a two-year part-time degree. The part-time program is scheduled to be completed over two years with one or two modules (10 credits per module) per semester. Part-time students join the full-time students for the classes and hence can meet two cohorts of the full-time MSc programme.

Course Highlight

UCD Environmental Policy has an established international track record as a leading research centre in environmental policy and is in the Top 150 QS World University Rankings by subject area. Students may also chose to undertake either a thesis, an internship, or an academic research project during the Summer trimester.

Course Content and Structure

- **90 total credits**

- 60 credits taught modules

- 30 credits thesis, internship or academic research project

All students undertake 90 credits across a range of modules that help them develop foundational knowledge and skills in policymaking, and equip them to employ these new skills to manage a diverse range of contemporary environmental challenges. In addition to taught modules, students undertake a practice-based studio module, and can also pursue their own specialist interest through completion of a thesis, an internship, or an academic research project.

Part-time students have 4 trimesters to complete the 6 taught modules and complete their Thesis/internship/Research Project in the summer of the second year.

Core Modules include:

- Tools for Sustainable Development
- Environment and Development
- European Environmental Policy
- Environmental Economics and Climate Policy
- Research for Environmental Policy
- Tools for Sustainable Development

Please see www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies for full module descriptions.

Why study at UCD?

Graduate education
12,800 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs

Global community
9,500 international students and a 300,000 alumni network across 165 countries

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

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

* The accredited version of this programme, MSc Environmental Policy (W271) is a 'Specialist Degree' accredited by the UK's Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and is only available to UCD students progressing from UCD's Planning, Geography and Environmental Policy or City Planning & Environmental Policy degrees. All other eligible applicants should apply for the non - accredited version, MSc Environmental Policy (W269).

Career Opportunities

To date, our graduates have been very successful in gaining employment in environment related fields in a diverse range of public and private organisations and NGOs. Recent graduates are now working nationally and internationally for example at Ernst & Young, KPMG, Arup, EnvEcon, ERM, Environmental Efficiency, MyCarbon, AECOM, Kingspan, ERINN Innovation, Wind Energy Ireland, Irish Water, IDA Ireland, Irish Green Building Council, An Post, An Taisce, daa, CRH, European Climate Foundation, and County Councils. The alumni are working in a range of environmental positions such as Sustainability Analyst, Graduate Sustainability Consultant, Sustainability Project Officer, Agricultural Social Researcher, Senior Energy Consultant, Risk Consulting Associate, Carbon Consultant, Sustainable Construction Officer, and Transport Analytics Executive. Our graduates have also gone on to pursue further study (PhDs).

Applicant Profile

- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum upper second class honours (NFQ level 8) or international equivalent in a social science or a cognate discipline such as environmental science, law, business or engineering.

- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 in each element), or equivalent.

- Students who do not meet the IELTS requirement may wish to consider taking the Pre-Sessional or Pre-Masters Pathway. Full details https://www.ucd.ie/alc/programmes/pathways/

International 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 Programmes of Interest

- Masters of Regional & Urban Planning
- MSc Environmental Science
- MSc Urban Design & Planning
- MSc Planning, Development & Urban Design

Graduate Profile

Jiaqi Wu

Academically, this master's programme allowed me to think about contemporary environmental issues from an international perspective. I had the opportunity to meet many students and professors from different backgrounds and countries, driving me to understand the environmental issues in diverse regions and from different viewpoints. My classmates also come from different professional backgrounds, including architecture, economics, computer science, linguistics, etc. We came together to try methods to alleviate future climate change and environmental problems. This is very similar to real society because environmental issues are complex and diverse, which means that we need multiple departments to cooperate. Therefore, students after graduation can go to administrative departments, legal institutions, design companies or NGOs.

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