

MA Public History

OVERVIEW

The MA Public History draws upon the established strength and expertise of the UCD School of History. Within this programme you will work closely with historians who are active in the practice of public history and commemorations. This course offers you the opportunity to build a tailored skillset that will allow you to disseminate history across multiple media platforms. You will consider how history can be used to inform public discourse and shape policy in culture, education, politics, and the media. Through a mix of academic and practical modules, you will be guided through the theory and application of public history. The course also offers the opportunity for students to undertake relevant work experience in podcasting, publishing, policy, and print media.

COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course consists of a mixture of traditional history and public history modules. A built-in internship module offers students the opportunity to apply skills learned in the classroom to a variety of real-world settings. Previous internships have been arranged at Marsh's Library, Century Ireland, Newstalk FM, the National Folklore Collection, and UCD's own History Hub. Students will develop the ability to understand historical problems in a comparative framework, while the dissertation module develops significant research skills.

MODULES

- Dissertation
- Disseminating History
- Delving into the Archives
- Practising Public History
- Public History Internship Programme
- Choose Option Modules from across the School of History

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

UCD is an ideal base for the research of Irish history, because of its renowned archives, UCD Special Collections and the James Joyce Library. 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 where an extensive range of Irish manuscripts and Irish state papers are housed.



APPLYING

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



Scan and watch the
MA Public History
video



"Public history trains the historian to take their research and face it outward, delivering the past to multiple publics and new audiences. The historian is an information specialist. The subject teaches you how to interpret and synthesise masses of material. In a data-driven world, the training you receive on this programme gives you the freedom to work across many sectors."

**Assoc. Prof.
Conor Mulvagh,
Course Director**

"While there is a considerable focus on practical tasks, this programme is still rooted in academic training and allows students to research and write a dissertation on a topic of their choosing. This programme is ideal for people wishing to pursue careers in academia, media, politics or the cultural sector."

**Hayley Kilgallon,
Graduate**



CAREER OPTIONS

Govt. & Public Sector	Arts & Culture	Media & Journalism
Teacher	Scriptwriter	Journalist
Academic	Film Director	Radio Producer
Senior Civil Servant	Theatre Producer	TV Producer
Diplomat	Museum Curator	Literary Editor
	Musician	Publicist

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