



# MA/MSc International Relations

(One Year Full Time or  
Two Years Part Time)



## Introduction

The study of International Relations examines the causes and consequences of phenomena such as war, trade, regional integration, migration and terrorism.

You will examine theoretical approaches in the contemporary study of international politics and their application. You will improve your skills in research design and qualitative and quantitative analysis. A wide range of specialisations are available to enable you to develop your specific expertise.

In UCD, you may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in International Relations. The MSc track includes additional research components and is particularly suitable if you want a career in research or academia.

The MA track is more flexible and allows you to choose to complete a dissertation or an internship.

## Programme Highlight

Gaining theoretical, historical, and practical knowledge of how and why countries compete and cooperate.

## Programme Content and Structure

90 credits  
Taught Masters

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60 credits  
Taught Modules

+

30 credits  
Dissertation

or

30 credits  
Internship (MA only)

### MSc

#### Core Modules:

- Introduction to Statistics
- Theories of International Relations
- Qualitative Research Methods for Political Science
- International Security
- Thesis (30 credits)

#### Core Options

Choose 2:

- Theories of Global Justice
- Politics of (mis-)information
- The Politics of International Trade and Investment
- EU Foreign, Security, and Defence Policy
- International Political Economy

### MA

#### Core Modules:

- Theories of International Relations
- Research Design
- International Security
- Thesis or Internship (30 credits)

#### Core Options

Choose 2:

- Comparative European Politics
- Introduction to Statistics
- Politics of Human Rights
- IR Theory: Conflict and Identity
- Politics of European Governance

## 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

Graduates work with international private-sector employers, government agencies and non-governmental organisations including the United Nations and IMF in roles such as government social researcher, diplomatic advisor, and public affairs consultant.

## Student Profile



**Angeliki Kourri**

The MA program in International Relations at UCD has been a transformative experience for me. The UCD faculty are highly knowledgeable, friendly, and always ready to advise. Their dedication to their field and to their students made learning deeply engaging and helped me develop critical thinking skills essential for the professional world. The programme offers a diverse range of courses that provide a comprehensive understanding of the international system. This breadth of study has given me a well-rounded perspective on global issues, allowing me to analyze and approach these issues from multiple perspectives.

One remarkable aspect of the program is the opportunity to collaborate with people from diverse backgrounds. This diversity has not only enhanced classroom discussions but also prepared me to work effectively in multicultural environments, a crucial skill in the field of international relations.

I am currently interning with an NGO in Cyprus focused on women, peace, and security. The classes have been instrumental in applying this knowledge to my job, providing invaluable practical experience for my future career.

Overall, the MA program in International Relations at UCD has not only deepened my academic knowledge but also equipped me with the skills and experiences necessary to succeed in the field. I highly recommend it to anyone looking to advance their understanding and career in international relations.

## Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with at least Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2H1). 2H1 is equivalent to 60 percent, B minus or 3.08 GPA - in American system: B or 3.00 GPA.
- Your application will be considered on its individual merits and relevant professional experience will also be taken into account.
- 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.

## Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://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](http://www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships) for further information.

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## Related Masters

- MSc International Political Economy
- Masters in Public Policy
- MA Peace and Conflict

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