



# MSc Food Regulatory Affairs

(One Year Full Time, Online Programme)  
Diploma / certificate options available

## Introduction

Food Regulatory Affairs integrates science, law and food/health policy applying it to the regulation of the entire food chain, from pre-harvest to the consumer.

International perspectives on food regulatory affairs have become increasingly important, particularly since the formation of the World Trade Organisation and the international acceptance of Codex Alimentarius standards.

This course is designed to provide postgraduate training for those already employed or who wish to develop careers in the food sector, regulatory agencies, government departments and trade organisations.

You will develop an understanding of legislative, policy and scientific aspects of food regulatory affairs, acquiring the skills to put this knowledge into practice and increasing your employability in the UK, European and international agrifood industry.

A jointly awarded degree from Ulster University and University College Dublin, European and global experts in science, law, economics and policy contribute to the course.

Students register with the University of Ulster but also have access to all student facilities at UCD.

## Course Highlight

This MSc programme is the first formal training in Food Regulatory Affairs ever developed globally. The programme was developed in response to the stated need of the food sector for specialists in Food Regulatory Affairs.

## Programme Content and Structure

90 credits  
taught masters

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60 credits  
Taught modules

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30 credits  
Minor Thesis

### Modules include:

Proposed modules for students enrolling on this programme include:

- Introduction to the European Union and Food Regulatory Affairs
- Farm to Fork Regulation of the Food Chain
- International Food Regulatory Affairs
- Risk Analysis
- Current Issues in European Food Regulatory Affairs
- Research Design and Statistics
- Research Project (minor thesis)

### Research Project:

Each student will carry out an individual research project of six months duration after completion of the required course work. Students will work on a project of significance to one of the stakeholders in the food sector and will be required to work face-to-face with their individual stakeholder. Each student is assigned an academic as well as a work-based supervisor.

## Why study at UCD?



### Graduate Education

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



### Global Careers

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



### Global Profile

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



### Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



### Global Community

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



### Welcoming Campus

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



## Career Opportunities

There are excellent job prospects for graduates in food and projections for graduates in this discipline are extremely positive. At a time when the importance of the link between food and regulation is becoming increasingly evident, this programme will provide graduates with the skills necessary to function in technical, advisory and management roles in the food industry, public sector and regulatory agencies.

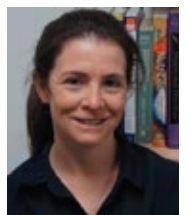
Within the food industry graduates will work in areas such food regulatory affairs, food labelling, product development and innovation,

research and development, technical sales, product quality enhancement, with the distinct advantage of bringing a regulatory perspective to each of these roles.

Graduates from the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science respond to many of the major global challenges such as population growth, global warming, biodiversity, food security and food and health. Consequently, the opportunities for graduates in this discipline globally are excellent.

## Graduate Profile

**Dr Maxine Bonham**  
Monash University,  
Melbourne



I undertook the MSc Food Regulatory Affairs to gain an understanding of the requirements and regulations surrounding the supply of food to the consumer. The course was well structured and a number of the lecturers are quite prolific in the area of food regulation so I found a lot of the content to be very current and topical. Although I have a strong background in nutrition the legal and political aspects behind food regulation were challenging to deal with and I learnt a great deal. Initially I undertook the course out of interest rather than to further my career, however it has turned out to be an extremely useful qualification as I now teach food regulation at Monash University, Melbourne.

## Applicant Profile

- Applicants must hold a second class degree or higher in a science based degree programme.
- Applicants have previously been accepted on the basis of previous relevant experience and prospective candidates are encouraged to contact the course coordinator to discuss their eligibility.
- 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 the costs of travel and subsistence for some fieldwork modules are borne by the student.

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.

## Related Masters

- Food, Nutrition and Health

## How will I learn?

This programme is delivered online through a modular format. A variety of methods are used to support and enhance the student learning experience including: formal lectures, case studies, online discussions, online tutorials, group working, assignments and a research project. All modules are assessed exclusively through the submission of coursework.

### CONTACT US

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