



MA Middle East Politics

(One Year Full Time or
Two Years Part Time)

Introduction

The MA in Middle East Politics provides students with a rigorous understanding of one of the most important regions in global politics. The Middle East has long been the site of political upheaval with significant impacts within the region and beyond. The long-standing Arab-Israeli conflict, the rise of political Islam, the invasion of Iraq, and, more recently, the popular uprisings of 2011, which challenged autocratic regimes across the region, have transformed the Middle East.

This programme will enable students to engage critically with the historical origins of these events and to gain an understanding of the complex factors that underpin them. Students will study the politics of the region from a number of perspectives.

A wide range of specialisations are available to enable students to select areas in which to develop their expertise.

Programme Highlight

- This programme is designed to deepen knowledge and understanding of the domestic and regional politics of the Middle East.
- It is structured around a set of thematic modules that encourage students to explore political dynamics in the region from a number of different perspectives.
- Students are also offered the opportunity to gain Arabic language proficiency.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits
Taught Masters

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60 credits
Taught Modules

+

30 credits
Dissertation

or

30 credits
Internship

Core modules:

- POL41510 Middle East & North Africa
- POL42330 Research Design

Optional modules:

Students choose from a broad list of optional modules that includes:

- Arabic for General Purposes
- Qualitative Research Methods for Political Science
- Theories of International Relations
- Politics of Human Rights
- Gender, Peace and Security
- The Political Economy of Security
- Politics of Development
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Comparative European Politics
- The Politics of Inequality

Please see www.ucd.ie/graduateadmissions for a full list of modules.

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 of the programme have found employment with the official Irish aid programme, in Irish and international non-governmental organisations such as Trocaire, Goal, Action Aid and Oxfam, and with agencies of the European Union and the United Nations as well as in journalism, education, local community development, and many other areas including:

- Public administration
- Journalism
- Media
- Civil society organisations
- Voluntary sector
- Academic institutions

Graduate Profile



Fahmi Shihabi

My experience in the Middle East Politics program has been truly enriching and enjoyable. The program's modules are shared with other social science courses and the professors teaching the modules are well immersed in their fields. Three core modules must be taken for this program; the other modules can be chosen depending on the interest and goals of the student. I chose to study Theories of Human Rights, Peace & Conflict Studies and International Security in the second semester. I have no regrets in choosing those modules and the knowledge I have gained is significant and I will put it to good use after graduation.

I stayed on campus for half of the course and I enjoyed my stay. The campus had all my needs from grocery shops, sport clubs, green spaces, etc. The James Joyce library is one of my favourite places to study at.

Applicant Profile

- A primary degree with at least Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2H1) in a relevant subject such as political science, international relations, social science, sociology, history, geography, economics, global studies, public policy, development studies, EU studies, law. 2H1 is equivalent to 60 per cent, 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. 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.

SPIRe also offers EU fee scholarships to graduate students. Please see www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivemastersstudents/spiremastersgraduatescholarship for further information.

Related Masters

- MA/MSc International Development
- MA/MSc International Relations
- MA/MSc Peace and Conflict
- MSc Human Rights

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