



MA Middle East Politics

(One Year Full Time or
Two Years Part Time)



Introduction

The MA 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

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30 credits
Dissertation

30 credits
Internship*

*Students are responsible for securing their own internship placements. The School provides a list of potential host organisations, and UCD Careers offers support with application writing and related resources.

Core modules:

- Politics and Change in the Middle East and North Africa
- Research Design

Optional modules:

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

- Arabic for General Purpose
- Arab Perceptions of Conflict
- Theories of Global Justice
- Politics of Human Rights
- Gender, Peace and Security
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- Qualitative Research Methods for Political Science
- Politics of Development
- Quantitative Text Analysis
- International Political Economy
- Programming for Social Scientists

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

13,000 graduate students; 15% graduate research, 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

10,000 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 189 countries



Global Profile

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



Sustainability

UCD is ranked number one in Ireland and 50th in the world for Sustainability



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 any discipline. 2H1 is equivalent to 60 percent, B minus or 3.08 GPA - in American system: B or 3.00 GPA.
- Applicants with a Second Class Honours Grade 2 (2:2) in their primary degree may be considered for the Graduate Diploma in Politics and International Relations.
- 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. Other accepted certificates include TOEFL, the University of Cambridge, and the Duolingo English Test. Please refer to **UCD's Minimum English Language Requirements** for full details.

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 a Masters Graduate Scholarship to full-time EU and Non-EU Masters 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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