



# MA/MSc International Political Economy

(One Year Full Time or Two Years Part Time)

## Introduction

The MA/MSc International Political Economy (IPE) is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the institutions, actors, events, and politics of the global economy. Basing itself in international relations theory and method, the course explores the international trade, monetary and finance systems, the processes of globalisation, the impact of emerging economies and the causes and consequences of economic underdevelopment. You will probe the linkages of the global economy with international

environmental, human rights, gender and migration issues. You will study both the 'British' and 'American' schools of IPE.

In UCD, you may choose to study for an MA or MSc qualification in International Political Economy. The MSc track includes additional research components and is particularly suitable if you want a career in research or academia. The MA track is broader and allows you to choose to complete a dissertation or apply for an internship.

## Programme Highlight

UCD School of Politics & International Relations is the oldest and largest school of its kind in Ireland with over 150 years of experience in political studies and a world-renowned staff drawn from many countries.

This programme aims to transform students into specialists in International Political Economy with the capacity to critically appraise cutting edge debates at both national and international level and to be capable of carrying out policy-relevant research therein.

## 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)

### Core Modules:

- International Political Economy
- Global Political Economy of Europe
- Research Design (MA only)

### Additional core modules required for MSc:

- Introduction to Statistics
- Qualitative Research Methods for Political Science

### Option Modules:

MA students choose three optional modules and MSc students choose two optional modules from the partial list below:

- Theories of International Relations
- Politics of European Governance
- Gender in Peace and Conflict
- Comparative European Politics
- Political Violence
- Gender, Peace, and Security
- EU Foreign, Security, and Defence Policy
- Peace & Conflict Studies
- Theory of Human Rights

## 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 NGOs in roles such as: government social researcher, diplomatic advisor, public affairs consultant and political advisor.

Recent graduates of UCD School of Politics & International Relations now work in:

- United Nations
- World Trade Organisation
- IMF
- European Commission
- Asia Development Bank

## Graduate Profile



**Tatjana Krivaltsevits, Netherlands**  
Technical Project Coordinator at South Stream Transport BV

Spending one year in fascinating Dublin was a truly fantastic experience. UCD has much to offer: an extremely interesting selection of subjects, an outstanding and competent team of teaching staff, a balanced combination of independent and team work, and, most importantly, an international and multicultural environment.

Indeed, it was amazing to share the classroom with wonderful people from all around the world – Italy, Japan, China, United States, Poland, Germany, Norway, Canada, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands and, of course, Ireland.

## Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for applicants with a degree 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. An upper second class honours or international equivalent is required.
- 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.

SPIRe also offers EU fee scholarships to graduate students. Please see [www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivemastersstudents/spiremastersgraduatescholarship](http://www.ucd.ie/spire/study/prospectivemastersstudents/spiremastersgraduatescholarship) for further information.

## Related Masters

- MA/MSc International Relations
- MA/MSc International Development
- MA/MSc Politics

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